



## Hold On To Hope

As I mentioned last week, our kitchen renovation is in full swing. We have had contractors, loud noises, and most of our downstairs uninhabitable for the better part of two weeks now. I made the mistake of not realizing how much I rely on the kitchen every day. I love to cook. It is a hobby that brings me more than delicious meals. It is a joy of my daily routine to come home and cook with Kristin. With everything getting worked on, we are starting to see progress and it's exciting.



On Saturday, we had to clean out all of our cabinets. As we sorted through all the nooks and crannies, it was surprising to see all these little things we have not used in years occupying space in the back dark corners of our kitchen. We threw away ALOT of things we had no use for anymore. There were duplicates, old and new. We went through all of the fine china and silverware that has been passed down to us. We keep those because they have such sentimental value, but we did talk about how we rarely use them. However, there were so many things that had to go. We've held on to them, but we had to come to the realization that we needed to let go of some of these things, sentimental or not.

Today is Easter. Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. The sacrifice made for us was great. His love for us knows no bounds. But, even today, we carry things that have no place in our lives. We hold onto these things and carry their weight and they can wear us down. The Resurrection means that weight has been lifted. The price has been paid. We now carry with us the Light of the World. We can't afford to carry the extra weight. We have a job to do. We must share the Good News to this broken world we live in and come alongside the lost and give them hope. May the Resurrection remind us today that all of the stuff we carry, Christ has taken on. May the Resurrection remind us that there is Hope for the world. May we release that which we hold on to that needs to go and grasp on to the Hope that is in the risen Christ. He is risen. Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor Wade

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8:30AM  
11AM Worship Center  
11AM Bilingual

### Members' Birthdays

**Sun, March 31** – Dorothy Grymonprez, Coralyn Happel  
**Mon, April 1** – Lulu Payne, Antonia Moreno, McKenzie Fowler, Stephanie DeWitt  
**Tues, April 2** – Zoe Koerth  
**Wed, April 3** – none  
**Thurs, April 4** – none  
**Fri, April 5** – Cindy Henderson  
**Sat, April 6** – Mary Hartman

### Prayer Requests (church attendees & families). Please call with updates

Our sympathy to Loetta Dowell in the loss of her sister-in-law, Geraldine Denton

- Kern & Barbara Railsback's granddaughters, Waverly, Kirsten & Skyler Railsback, tubes inserted in ears 3-29/College Station
- Piper Gillert...broken femur/home
- Dwight Millar...back surgery 3-18/home
- Elizabeth Flores' daughter, Vania Maldonado and daughter Aleyah...abdominal surgery 3-12/UT Health, Tyler NICU
- Drew & Lori Douglas' daughter-in-law, Thiana Douglas...cancer surgery 3-28/ Methodist Hospital, Houston
- Josh Moreno...blood pressure issues, cardiologist appointment 3-27
- Claudia Limon...stress testing
- Gracie & Carlos Murillo's son, Max...awaiting kidney transplant match
- Hospice Care: Anita Wiggins' brother, Bill Meadors; Lisa Collins' mom, Glenda Beard; Roger Littleton's sister, Elizabeth Boynton; Tammy Womble's mom, Jessie Dixon*
- Military: Hattie Graham's granddaughter, Karah Lawyer (E5/GSM2) Asian Countries; Judy Ward's granddaughter & husband, Gabriella & Tanner Burtrum, South Korea*
- Cancer Diagnosed: Laura Pool; Bill Hauck's sister, Marie Kirby; Daniela Matchael's sister-in-law, Joana Cortez; Cindi Livingston, mother of Anna Fay Wicker's daughter-in-law; Doris Raney's niece, Stacy Bates; Rusty Morris; Miriam Inestroza's mother, Luce Torres; Trayona Skiles; Mary Boehler's niece, Denise Leach; Kellis White; Jack & Paula Harris' son-in-law, Carlos Banuelos; BJ Davies; Bob & Tonya Foster's son, Jim*
- In Rehab or Recuperating: Lisa Montgomery's mom, Selah Mason; Nikki DuBose's mother, Nancy Kissinger; Nikki DuBose's brother, Donnie Kissinger; Wanda Kinney; Wanda Kinney's daughter, Jeudi George; W.D. Farnham; Rebecca Habibelahian; Bill Dye; David Yarbrough; Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Billy Fleming; Cindy Henderson; Christy Warnock's brother, Duncan Frizzell; Ginny Hedge; Linda Whitmire; Linda Campbell; Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Brady Pollock; Barbara Hearn's nephew, Jeff Shumate; Barbara Hearn's great nephew, Blaise Shumate; Kern & Barbara Railsback's granddaughter, Waverly; Beverly Moore; Shirley Bailey's sister, Charlott Hutson; Win James; Drew Douglas' mom, Pam Douglas; Katherine Hellwig; Marylyn Wright's sister, Jeanne Gage; Laura Pool's sister-in-law, Brenda Bickley; Tom & Catherine Ward's sister-in-law, Elaine Baldwin, Tom & Catherine Ward's daughter, Brandy Shirvinski*

Bible Reading Plan, Grace & Peace		
Day of the	Date	Scripture
Sunday	3-31-2024	Luke 8:21
Monday	4-1-2024	Luke 8:22-56
Tuesday	4-2-2024	Luke 9:1-36
Wednesday	4-3-2024	Luke 9:37-62
Thursday	4-4-2024	Luke 10:1-24
Friday	4-5-2024	Luke 10:25-42
Saturday	4-6-2024	Luke 11:1-28