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"God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way." C.S. Lewis



Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15, ESV). What commandments? All of them? Everything he ever said? Actually, Jesus had a specific commandment in mind. Just a few sentences prior, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (Jn 13:34). John indicates this further in his Gospel as well as his letters:

**Jn 15:12** - This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Jn 15:17** - These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**1 Jn 3:11** - For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

**1 Jn 3:23** - And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

**1 Jn 4:21** - And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**1 Jn 5:2** - By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

So when we read "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," what we should hear is "If you love me, you will love one another, as I have commanded you."

By Cooper Atkeson

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

The Whartons requested prayers for their granddaughter Erin Wharton, who is 14 years old, and has been diagnosed with hip cancer. She is undergoing testing at MD Anderson hospital.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

The following prayer request was received from our sister **Rona Barrozo**: Hope you're doing well. If it's not too much to ask, I would like to make a prayer request for my friend **Lalaine** and her daughter **Pia**. Pia was recently diagnosed with osteosarcoma. She is 11 years old and currently in the hospital in SA to check the extent of her mass. Praying for a good result of her bone scan tomorrow, good result of her biopsy that they will know in one week's time, for God's healing be upon her, and strength for my friend, who is a single mom. Thank you so much in advance and we appreciate all your prayers. God bless. In Him, Rona Barrozo

Please pray for **Terry Beasley**, who is **Reba Durbin's** nephew. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Bill Fitch,** son of **Katie Fitch,** will have surgery on June 16th. Please remember Bill and his family; as well as Katie, as she cannot be with her son during this difficult time.

A few weeks ago, the **Crenshaw** family suffered a devastating fire in their home. Your loving generosity is greatly appreciated. The Riverside congregation contributed \$2,350.00 towards their relief. Thank you for your loving hearts.

# **Health Updates:**

Please pray for **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Tara Brubaker**, recovering from hip repair surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Sarah Lucas**, (family member of Jeanie Haby) who has some serious health concerns; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **John Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch who is having surgery on 6/16; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **Dennis Lange's** and daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister Cindy, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick, as they continue their treatments.

Continue to pray for all Riverside family and friends facing health concerns.