

In Our Prayers...

Click's House will sell
Angie Rose- Back surgery
February 16

Lavonne Boyle- Covid-19
at Sunshine Gardens

Jimmy Mooring- Heart,
stint surgery Feb. 25

COVID-19-

Dorian and Adrian Chun-
mother died of COVID-19.

Koben Puckett- Paralyzed

Cancer- Andy Smith,
Sharon, Denny, Paula

Powell, Sarah Wilmon,

Linda Ragsdale, Cheryl Lin

Recovery- Kim Provost,

Mary Orbison, Linda

Johnston

Health concerns- Rosa Lee

Cundiff, Ruth Sutherlin

-Evangelistic opportunities

-Sanctification

-Pray for our nation

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Worship & Studies

Sunday

Bible Study- Suspended

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Worship-

Suspended

Wednesday

Bible Study- Suspended



Happy Sunday!



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I Am an Imperfect Christian

Have you ever wondered what was happening to Peter when Paul had to confront him? Paul related this story to the Galatians as part of a strict rebuke to show the church that they were headed the wrong way. Paul told them this, *“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”* (Galatians 2:11-14 ESV).

What happened to Peter? We see him slipping back into a pattern of behavior that he should have known was wrong. It is likely that he did know better but was afraid of being persecuted. But hadn't he seen worse? There are some things we can learn from Peter from this. *(Continued inside)*

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Scripture Reading: Colossians 3

News & Announcements

- **Mikie, and the kids** have COVID-19.
- **Bob Felton** passed away last week. He was an elder from Elk City, OK, and a friend of the McKessons, that has been on our prayer list.
- **Mary Orbison's** checkup was good. She will have another checkup in 10 weeks.
- **Kyle and Lyndsey's house** is under contract again. They have asked for our prayers that it will close.

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; (NASB)

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Feb 1	Mon	Matthew 21:1-22	Exodus 27-28
Feb 2	Tues	Matthew 21:23-46	Exodus 29-30
Feb 3	Wed	Matthew 22:1-22	Exodus 31-33
Feb 4	Thurs	Matthew 22:23-46	Exodus 34-35
Feb 5	Fri	Matthew 23:1-22	Exodus 36-38
Feb 6	Sat	Matthew 23:23-39	Exodus 39-40
Feb 7	Sun	Matthew 24:1-28	Leviticus 1-3

I Am an Imperfect Christian

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First, we see that Peter was, like all of us, human. He was not perfect. He had his failings just as we all do. Sometimes we want our leaders to be perfect, to have no flaws, but there is only one who had no flaws. If we were to go about tearing down every monument of men and women who had flaws, there would be no monuments left except the one we celebrate and remember each 1st day of the week: The Lord's Supper. Peter's flaw was his weakness in facing confrontation. He had that weakness from the beginning, and we see that even well into his serving Christ as an apostle, he still struggled with that same past weaknesses. What about me? I find that weaknesses I had before entering the Kingdom still rear their heads at times. I have to continually ask for the Lord's help.

Second, we can see that being "in Christ" does not mean that we still won't have to work on our own flaws. Faith is something that we grow into. We see that with Peter. Tradition tells us that Peter was executed in Rome somewhere around the time that Paul was executed. If Peter really did request to be crucified upside down, we see a man whose faith has grown. The question I ask myself is, "has my faith grown?" Am I closer to what God wants me to be today than I was yesterday? Paul told the Philippians this concerning perfection in Christ.: *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

So, let us together, as imperfect Christians, forget what is behind and press on toward the goal.

-Ray Sherman
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