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## Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Velveeta Cheese Toaster Pastries (Brown Sugar/Chocoate)
Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) Bathroom Tissue Paper
Light Bulbs Peanuts/Cashews/Sunflower Seed Snacks





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# Family News

- Regina Masters is recovering well after doctors removed a tumor from her brain. They discovered the cause is lung cancer. She will be taking radiation and chemo treatments for a while. Regina and Chip would both like to have the prayers of the church during this time.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

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#### Sackcloth and Ashes

by Robert Turner

Can you imagine a shirt made out of an itchy burlap sack? That's about what it would be like to wear sackcloth today. It would be very uncomfortable and rub your skin raw after a while. When Mordechai mourned for the upcoming death of the Jews, he wore sackcloth with ashes and walked the city streets as he cried with a bitter cry.

In Nineveh, when the people heard the prophet tell of their destruction they fasted and put on sackcloth and Jesus said "They repented at the preaching of Jonah." (Mt. 12:41)

Humility, mourning, and submissiveness are connected to wearing "sackcloth and ashes." It proclaims that, "I am nothing—my former robes of purple (Isa. 37:1) were but tents of pride—I need help."

Jesus said of Tyre and Sidon, "They would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." (Mt. 11:21) Abject humility is not repentance but humility is essential. Where is our humility when we casually repent in a sort of academic pause between faith and baptism? This is not the spirit of "sackcloth and ashes."

Years ago a young lady wanted to be baptized. I said, "You must be overjoyed to know your sins are about to be washed away" She replied, "What sins?" She seemed shocked. Is this "sackcloth and ashes"?

A backsliding saint is encouraged to "make correction." The situation is embarrassing and makes for a "sticky situation" among friends, so he "comes back to attend church". Is this "sackcloth and ashes" before the Lord? Are we kidding ourselves?

Our inability to see and judge the heart of man should provoke grace. This article is completely misunderstood if you think I am calling for repentance. I am challenging you to consider the lesson contained in the ancient "sackcloth and ashes" and apply it to your life.

**TODAY NEXT SUNDAY** 

David Brightwell **SONG LEADER** TBA TBA **OPENING PRAYER** TBA TBA **CLOSING PRAYER** TBA



**Self-Served** 

	Bible Quiz: James 4:1-6
1.	James says wars and fights among Christians confrom for
2.	"Yet you do not because you do not
3.	Some were asking amiss because they wanted to spend it on their
4.	"Do you not know that with the world is with God?"
5.	Who does God resist?
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## **Prayer List**

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington, Blake Johnson

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Mary Kosmitis	Bob & Arlene	Davidson (	Chip & Regina Masters

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud,

Emma Jean Cooper

# **October Birthdays**

Trena Humphrey 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Adkisson 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Phillips 8 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Lawrence 10 <sup>th</sup>	David Brightwell 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Wammack 15 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Washington 18th	Toni Lawrence 20 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Qualls 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sue Campbell 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melanie Crosby 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Hoskinds 26 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Pritchard 26th	Thomas Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Elms 30 <sup>th</sup>

## **October Anniversaries**

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

1 Peter 3:17, "For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong."