



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to keep **Pam Richards'** parents in your prayers.
- **Reagan Kenyon, Sasha Tompkins & La Donna Gammill** all need your prayers as they continue to seek great results.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Bobby Wright, Larry Reeder, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

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Announcements

- **Mark McCollum** has prostate cancer and also has some additional cancer in his spine. He will be undergoing some highly aggressive treatment during the week and then be home on the weekends. Keep **Mark** and **Kim** in your heartfelt prayers.
- **Bobbye Wright** had a serious fall and is in the hospital in Albuquerque. Keep this dear sister in your prayers.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **7 PM** to continue our study of church leaders from history. This has been fascinating, so please join us.
- **Molly Kenyon's** and **Sherrie West's** father is in the hospital and is facing holding his own. He has decided against dialy-

sis at this time. Keep this family in your prayers.

- Continue to keep **Robyn Drake** in your prayers as she heals from her foot surgery. This has been a chronic issue for her for the last several years, so resolution of the pain would be wonderful.
- We are collecting donations for graduation gifts for **McKayla** and **Meagan**. You can give your donations to **Clara Oliver** or **Patricia Miller**.

Benevolence Update

We are collecting **cake mix & frosting** for the Portales Christian Children's Home this month. Our goal is to make sure we have a birthday cake for every child.

Silas Shotwell will bring the lesson today

Men Serving this Month

- **Announcements:** Les Miller
- **Scripture:** Les Miller
- **Song Service:** Allan Sparks

Happy Birthday

April 29— Katelyn Gunn

Anniversaries—

May 1— Steve & Joyce Roberts

Calendar of Events

May 4— No School for State Track

May 6— Next Sunday is our monthly Potluck, so bring a dish and plan on enjoying a fantastic time together.

May 13— Mothers' Day Sunday

May 16— Working for the Master

May 20— Baccalaureate, 6 PM at the school main gymnasium. Our congregation needs to provide some cookies for this reception..

May 25— Graduation, 7 PM at the school main gymnasium

Living Life in Balance by Steve Ridgell

You read a great deal these days about living a balanced life. Many sociologists and counselors emphasize the need to have balance in all areas of your life. And many people are realizing that there is more to life than just making a living. It is important to put attention on the important relationships of your life, to take care of yourself physically, and to stay mentally sharp. In fact, many are even emphasizing the need to pay attention to the "inner man."

Long ago, Jesus gave us the pattern for a balanced life.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." ([Luke 2:52](#) NIV)

This passage illustrates the perfect example of a balanced life. Jesus developed mentally and physically -- *grew in wisdom and stature*. Our minds are a wonderful gift from God, and we need to keep learning all of our lives. Read widely, talk with those who know more than you do, keep up with events in our world. That is one of the secrets to living a rich and full life even into your golden years. Take care of yourself physically. Exercise, eat right, and get enough rest. You will find that you are healthier and more productive.

Jesus grew in his relationships -- *favor with men*. Spend time with the people that matter to you. Invest time in your family. Work at nurturing the relationships that matter. And Jesus grew in his relationship with God -- *favor with God*. Cultivate this relationship. You will be incomplete without it, and it will bring depth to the other areas of your life.

If I can help you grow in *favor with God* ... let me know -- [email steve@hopeforlife.org](mailto:email_steve@hopeforlife.org)

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