

# Family News



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to keep **Pam Richards'** parents in your prayers. Mr. Isler is doing MUCH better and continues to receive treatments.
- The **Kenyon family** continues to need your prayers for **Reagan** to remain cancer free and Molly is recovering from foot surgery.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, JO and Bonnie Vick, Joy Garner, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Bobbye Wright, Larry Reeder, Zell Gammill, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

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## Announcements

- Wednesday evening we will meet for class at 7 PM. The women will continue their study of the book "So Long Insecurity" in the Fellowship Hall and the men will meet in the large classroom to continue the attributes of godly men.
- The churches of the community are going to do the drive through nativity again this year. We offer our deep thanks to Lecil and Les for attending the organizational meeting this last week. They will be requesting some help from members of the congregation to pull our display together, so please be ready to say "yes" when they come to ask for help.
- Today is our Potluck Sunday and after we eat, we will be preparing Friendship Plates

for delivery around the community. Please plan on staying for lunch and to help assemble and deliver the plates as part of this outreach program.

- Les Miller's father had a fall this week and the ambulance had to be called to the house to get him up and to staunch the bleeding. He is badly bruised, but is able to be at home.

### Benevolence Update

During **December** we are collecting \_\_\_\_\_ for the Portales Christian Children's Home. Our goal is \_\_\_\_\_ items, and Steve is confident we can meet this goal for the Children's Home.

**Silas Shotwell** will bring the lesson today  
**Men Serving this Month**

- **Announcements:** Les Miller
- **Scripture:** Bob Addison
- **Song Service:** Mark McCollum

### Happy Birthday

December 2— Tricia Marshall

December 3— Sandy Copeland

### Anniversaries—

November 26— Pow & Renee Carter

### Calendar of Events

**TODAY—** Potluck Sunday and we will prepare Friendship Plates after lunch and deliver them.

**December 18—** Miguel will be here. We will have a Potluck. Drive Through Nativity

**December 21—** Working for the Master

**December 25—** Christmas Sunday



## LISTS BY RUBEL SHELLY

I operate from daily to-do lists. Do you? Making out my list not only helps me remember the things ahead but to prioritize them. Deadlines are their most menacing when you've let them get so close that they smother you into inactivity.

The list I'm working on right now actually covers more than just today. There are some complex and interrelated issues that are going to take several days to unravel -- if they can be unraveled. So they are on the list in priority positions.

I try to keep each list reasonably short. As the number of items on my to-do list grows, the ability to manage my time effectively diminishes. Referring back to the list imposes discipline on my day and holds me to my tasks. "Planning is of no use at all," says Peter Drucker, "unless it eventually degenerates into work."

There are two other lists I keep as well. These aren't always written down in a notebook. Yet I carry them with me everywhere I go. And the strange thing is that each has the power to cancel out the other. One shrinks as the other grows.

My worry list tends to be composed of things that are beyond my power to control. So crisis events, others' demands on me, and things I'd like to bring under my control make this list. These are the things that distract me during the day and keep me awake at night. They seldom generate anything productive, for the idea that I can bring life under my personal control is only a delusion.

My prayer list is made up of the people, situations, and events I choose to surrender to God. These are the things I know I can't handle. They are too big and too important for me to try to force them to an outcome I can dictate. See why they cancel out one another? Anything I've given over to God doesn't have to be fretted over. He's competent enough to handle it. So long as I am trying to bring things under my personal control, though, I run the risk of fighting not only the defiant realities around me but God's will for my life. The more praying I do, the less power worry has to interrupt my strength or sleep.

The Bible presents this challenge:

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV).*

The more items that get moved off your worry list onto your prayer list, the better off you'll be. God will graciously replace your anxiety with his peace.

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