



PRAYER REQUESTS

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- **Mark McCollum, Pam Richard's Parents, Sasha Tompkins & La Donna Gammill** all need your prayers as they continue to seek great results.
- **Bobbye Wright** is doing better.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Larry Reeder, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

Announcements

- **Helen Shaw** is making good improvement.
- **Beverly Overton** is continuing to heal from her accident.
- Keep the **Paul family, Kathy Reagan, and Beverly Carter** in your prayers since they are all adjusting to the death of loved ones.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **7:00 PM for our Bible Class. Please join us.**
- **Pam Richard's** father is not doing well in his battle against cancer and could use some extra prayers. He had a stroke and is recovering well at home.
- School starts on Wednesday for our students, so please keep the children, parents and staff in your prayers for a blessed school year. Our college students will be heading off this week and next and they need prayers during this time of transition as well. Time to really go to the throne of God on behalf of our young people.
- Check the back table and box for our donation items this month for the **Portales Christian Children's' Home.** We are collecting **flour and sugar** for the children. Let's make it possible for some baking to happen!

Silas Shotwell will bring the lesson today Men Serving this Month

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

Happy Birthday

August 12—Mary Spence
August 20— Tom Oliver

Anniversaries—

August 15— Dave and Mary Spence

August 20— Bob and Terry Addison

Calendar of Events

- August 20—** First Day of School for Teachers
- August 22—** First Day of School for Students
- September 2—** Potluck Sunday
- September 19—** Working for the Master at 6 PM

POWERLESS? by Tom Norvell

When was the last time you felt completely powerless?

Maybe you have dreamed and trained all your life to swim for gold in the Olympics then you realize you must compete against Michael Phelps. Maybe it was this morning when you welcomed the day then remembered you could not move without assistance. Maybe it was when your boss called you into his office and informed you that you were being terminated. Maybe it was when your bank called and informed you that there were insufficient funds to cover the checks you had written. Maybe it was when your wife admitted that she was having an affair and had talked to an attorney about a divorce. Maybe it was when your best friend called to tell you that her tests results confirmed that her cancer was malignant. Maybe it was when your daughter took off with her boyfriend leaving a note saying they were going to get married. Maybe it was when your doctor called and asked for you to come to her office to discuss an unusual shadowing on your X-ray. Maybe it was when you were called on to speak in a meeting when you were totally unprepared. Maybe it was when the nurse placed your baby in your arms for the first time and the reality of being a parent washed over you. Maybe it was during your first year of marriage when the disagreement turned to an ugly argument and you had that twinge of doubt. Maybe it was when you first realized your sinful nature and that your sin separated you from God.

On any given day we can be reminded of our powerlessness, our inability to save ourselves, and our need for help... especially our need for a savior. The good news is that our God understands our powerlessness and has provided for us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us ([Romans 5:6-8](#) NIV).

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong ([2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#) NIV).

This week when you are reminded that you are powerless, also be reminded that you are a child of the One who has all power and He looks forward to filling you with His power.

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