



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Chance Good** has kidney stones and it has been slowly passing little bits of the stones.
- Continue to keep **Pam Richards'** parents in your prayers.
- **Reagan Kenyon** received an excellent report from her most recent medical tests. Praise our Lord for this excellent news.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Bobby Wright, Larry Reeder, Zell Gammill, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

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## Announcements

- **Ladies' Night Out** will be hosted here on **February 27th** at 6 PM. We will be decorating and doing the pre-work on the food on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM, and could certainly use your help getting things set up. We will also need help on Monday afternoon starting at 4 PM. MANY thanks to **Pam Richards** who has graciously agreed to be our speaker for this community event. You are AWESOME Pam!!
- **McKayla Gunn & JayCee Isler** are both had knee surgery on February 1st. We had great reports for both wonderful young ladies. Keep these girls in your prayers for successful surgery and full recovery.
- **Sasha Tompkins & La Donna Gammill** both need our prayers as they receive aggressive treatment for their cancers. Their families are concerned, and we should be taking them regularly to the Father in prayer.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **7 PM** for our Bible class and mid-week prayer time. Please join us. We have a new Bible study book coming, and you are not going to want to miss this one!

### Benevolence Update

We are collecting **green beans** and **corn** for the Portales Christian Children's Home this month. Our goal is 100 cans of corn and green beans, and surely we can meet this goal!

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

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

### Happy Birthday

February 6— Lecil Richards

February 8— Bobby Wright

### Anniversaries—

February 10— James and Sandy Copeland

### Calendar of Events

**TODAY—** Potluck Sunday— Stay and eat with us, we have LOADS of food.

**February 15—** Working for the Master

**February 27—** Ladies' Night Out at 6 PM here at the church.

March 4— Potluck Sunday

March 21— Working for the Master

## LOOKING BY TIM ARCHER

I didn't find any gold today. Haven't found any all week. In fact, I've never found gold. Nor diamonds. Nor silver. Not once.

I'd be more than happy to stumble across any of those things. But it hasn't happened. I'm guessing that you're not surprised. Neither am I, especially since I've never gone out looking for gold, or diamonds, or silver. I haven't gone to the places where they tend to be found. I haven't done the things people do to try and find them.

So it's not all that surprising that I've never found any of these treasures. Have you found God? If not, it's possible that you're not really looking for Him. It's one thing to say, "I'd like to find God." It's quite another to actually look for Him.

There are some basic things you need to do:

1. Decide that you really want to find God. This has to be more than curiosity. Set out to know Him, not just know about Him. Your goal is to have a relationship with the Creator of the universe.
2. Spend time in prayer. Express your desire to know God. Be honest with Him, but humble. Pour out your thoughts and feelings. Be willing to patiently wait. Relationships take time.
3. Read the Bible. Spend time studying God's revelation of Himself. Try to learn about Him. Look at His people and how they react to Him, both good and bad. Read through the poetry known as the psalms, looking at the range of emotions expressed in that book. Study the life of Jesus to see how God lived as a human being.

Be with others who are seeking God. While it's true that God can be found anywhere, it's easier to find Him in the presence of others who have already found Him. Find a church, a community of believers, and get them to help you in your search.

I probably won't ever find gold or diamonds or silver. But I found God, a treasure worth far more than any of those things. And you can find Him too.

Tell me about your search. Write to me at [tarcher@heraldoftruth.org](mailto:tarcher@heraldoftruth.org) or contact me through the

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