



## 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, Bobbye Wright, Larry Reeder, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

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## Announcements

- Tonight is our community Easter service at 7 PM at the Church on the Hill. We hope everyone can make it for this community-wide celebration of Jesus.
- Both **Windell Bridges** and **Naomi Gunn** had trips to Lubbock this week for heart related incidents. Both have been released from the hospital and both need our continued prayers.
- Keep the families of **Field Irwin** and **Cecil West** in your prayers since adjusting to the loss of these deeply loved ladies will be hard for them. Field's funeral was on Friday and Cecil's funeral was on Saturday.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at

**7 PM** to continue our study of early Christian leaders.

- **Ladies' Night Out** will be on Monday, April 16th at the Church on the Hill at 6:30 PM. Joy Garner will be the guest speaker.

### 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 at the home, so we know you can do that!!

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**Silas Shotwell** will bring the lesson today

### Men Serving this Month

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

### Happy Birthday

April 1— Clifford Gunn  
April 2— Kim McCollum  
April 7— Gizelle Ward

### Anniversaries—

None this week

### Calendar of Events

**Today—** Community Easter Service at the Church on the Hill at 7:00 PM  
**April 16—** Ladies' Night Out at Church on the Hill, 6:30 PM  
**April 18—** Working for the Master  
**May 6—** Potluck Sunday  
**May 16—** Working for the Master  
**May 20—** Baccalaureate, 6 PM  
**May 25—** Graduation, 7 PM

## Is Your Hospital Room Full? By Steve Ridgell

My wife and I were watching television the other night and the show was set in a hospital. It had a strong storyline; the doctors were all very caring and even good looking. But something just did not seem real to me. It wasn't that I have never been in a hospital. I have had lots of family and friends who have been in the hospital and the sets looked real enough. It was not that I do not know caring doctors. I do. I know lots of them in fact. I even know some good looking doctors, though not as many as the show had.

I watched the television doctors speak to the lonely family member sitting by themselves in the waiting room. I saw them be the one their patient turned to when they were scared and emotionally vulnerable. I even watched while these actors sit in the room with a patient because they had no one else. And that's when it hit me. That was what seemed so unreal to me. I did not relate to the loneliness or the pain of having no one with you in a time of crisis.

My experience has always been one of waiting rooms full of family and friends; of visitor sign-in sheets full of names, and lots of support. I see many people asking what they can do, babysitting children, bringing food when people are released, crying together, holding hands, praying together. But I know there are people who are alone in those times. They do not have the support groups I am used to seeing. So I began to wonder why.

It is not that I or my friends are nicer or more popular than other people. It is that I am part of a community of faith that believes we are family. So we show up for each other. We help each other. We care for each other. I am there for them. And they are there for me.

So it leads to the question: who will be at the hospital with you?

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