



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

- We've had a number of families who are struggling with the loss of dear members in our community. Keep those who are grieving in your prayers as they adjust to the new life without their family members.
- 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 some difficult health decisions. Keep this family in your prayers.
- **Robyn Drake** had surgery on Friday in Roswell for the chronic pain in her foot.

Please pray for full healing for Robyn.

- We have a number of church family members who are struggling with health issues that seem huge without the Lord's intervention. Please keep them in your prayers.

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!!



Silas Shotwell will bring the lesson today

Men Serving this Month

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

Happy Birthday

April 29— Katelyn Gunn

Anniversaries—

April 24— Tom & Clara Oliver

Calendar of Events

May 6— Potluck Sunday

May 13— Mothers' Day Sunday

May 16— Working for the Master

May 20— Baccalaureate, 6 PM

May 25— Graduation, 7 PM

What Do I Do Now? By Bill Brant

It still haunts me, not the question but my lack of a profound cure-all answer.

He sat across from me, tears on his cheeks and desperately asking the question. His choices had messed up his life, the lives of his family, the lives of other families and his friends. Now a year after everything hit the reality fan, after seeking forgiveness, trying to put the broken pieces back together, coping with the consequences of the sin, he was hanging on, but barely. Still adrift in anger, doubt and pain he looked me in the eye and begged me to tell him, "What do I do now?"

I wanted as desperately as he to have THE magical answer, offer the concise cliché that implies wisdom, thought and experience.

But all I could offer was "I don't know, but survive one day at a time and it will get easier." Pretty weak words to a guy whose fingernails on the tight rope of life are slowly being pried loose.

David, the King of Israel, is the example of adultery, murder, lies, and poor parenting, yet whom God thought enough of to claim that he was a man after God's own heart ([1 Samuel 13:13-14](#) and [Acts 13:22](#)).

And while David says, "My sin is always before me" ([Psalm 51:2](#)), he is also attributed as saying, "Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you" ([Psalm 119:11](#)). If you know the story of David, his choices had consequences to the end of his life. I assume there were days when he asked "what do I do now?" Yet, in spite of his actions he was still a man after God's own heart as he struggled each day.

I know that my friend has God's word in his heart. I know he will grasp, crawl and struggle. I know I will continue to walk with him, inadequate though my answers to his desperate questions may be. I know he and I, as frail human beings, will always desire to be men after God's own heart.

If you have questions to life's struggles, join the conversation on our blog at www.hopeforlife.org; no clichés or pat answers, just real people trying to live for a real God.

http://www.heartlight.org/cgi/simplify.cgi?20120418_struggles.html

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