

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brenda Cook, Pat's daughter-in-law and wife of her son, Heath, recovering from a severe stroke.

John Cook, taking oral chemotherapy for CLL.

Betty Elswick, in Florida, recovering from knee-replacement surgery

Sarah Greer, Sandra Rummell's daughter-in-law, chemo treatments are completed, radiation continuing; please keep praying.

Joyce Hunt, receiving treatments for cancer.

Alfred Strasburger, dealing with a plethora of medical challenges. Pray for proper diagnosis and treatment.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

We received word last week that Lil Rossow, in Bowling Green, Ohio, had been taken to the ER with internal bleeding. She is receiving transfusions, but nothing has been decided about the source of the bleeding. Just keep praying.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

23—Gene Boone, Helen Nelon;

24—Don Lovett, Alfred Strasberger, David Wilson, Charlotte Young;

25—Gary Hasenfus, Ginny Wilbanks;

26—Bobby Cobbett, Marsha Marlett,

David Robinson; 27—Larry Dorr;

29—Kent Dyer, Howard Handley, James Stoffer;

March 1—**Jenny Chapman (75)**, Gil O'Connell, Di23)vina Stoffer; 3—Priscilla Berry, Bob Bourne;

4—Kelly Newberry; 5—Nate Bare; 7—Binney Miller;

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March 1—Paul and Janet Lussier (

March 9—Kent and Millie Loud (55)

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Ones, Don and I are touched and honored by your many expressions of love and caring throughout our precious daughter's illness and home-going. Thank you for the enormous "delegation" who came for Joan's memorial service. You demonstrate so well that, as a family of faith, we share each other's joys and sorrows. You are an extraordinary congregation, and we love you.

- - Don and Carol Lovett

MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES 2018 BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGREGATION NEXT SUNDAY

Nick Rutherford and his Missions and Ministries Committee have completed making out the M & M budget for this year. It was approved on Monday by the board of elders, and it will be presented to the congregation for discussion and approval next Sunday morning immediately following the worship service. It is included for your perusal and consideration.

NEXT MEN IN MINISTRY BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

Listen up, Lads! We are back to our first-Saturday-morning schedule next month for our Men in Ministry breakfast and Bible Study. As usual, Mike and his Merry Men will offer up a sumptuous repast for us, and then the pastor will continue leading us in a study of Dr. John MacArthur's book, Twelve Unlikely Heroes.

This month's unlikely "heroes" will be two of the Judges, Gideon and Samson. These two represent a case study in "Strength and Weakness." Come, enjoy a wonderful meal and learn more about these two individuals about whom we know a little; there is much more to know. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

MARY REITANO ANNOUNCES A ONE- SESSION SEMINAR ON *RELATIONSHIPS*

Our own Mary Reitano, a Licenced Marriage and Family Therapist, invites men and women alike to attend a seminar entitled "Relationship Tune-Ups" next Wednesday, February 28, at Mountains Branch Library. It will run from 3:00 to 4:30 p. m.

The seminar is free to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Mary writes: "Just like our cars, relationships need ongoing tune-ups to be enjoyed at the optimal level." Come get practical tips on improving relationships.

**THE PASTOR'S LENTEN SERMON
SERIES TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS
"PERSONALITIES OF THE PASSION"**



There were heroes and villains who were a part of the events of Jesus' last week. On the Sundays between now and Easter, the pastor will try to help us know more about them. Next Sunday, he will tell us about Annas and Caiphas, the scurrilous leaders who railroaded Jesus through a false trial and to a crucifixion.

Others to be discussed will be Pontius Pilate, whose hand-washing and side-stepping did not prevent his being named, in the Apostles Creed, as the villain; Mary Magdalene, whom Church history and modern entertainment have erroneously scandalized; Peter, braggart, coward, and forgiven friend; Simon of Cyrene, forced to carry Jesus' cross; as well as a nameless servant whose faithfulness Jesus parlayed into a pivotal spiritual event for Christians down through the ages. Plan to hear all these sermons.

***EASTER LILIES TO GO ON SALE
BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 4***



Each year at Easter, the WOC affords each of us the opportunity to honor one or more loved ones, living or deceased, by sponsoring Easter lilies. On Sundays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, a WOC representative will be at a table in the fellowship hall to take your orders. Let's honor our loved ones and fill the chancel with lovely lilies on Easter Sunday! The plants are \$10.00 each, a small profit going to WOC missions

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**THE CHAPEL CHOIR WILL BE SINGING
"IN THE PRESENCE OF JEHOVAH"**



**THE PASTOR WILL BEGIN HIS LENTEN SERIES,
"PERSONALITIES OF THE PASSION," WITH
'ANNAS AND CAIPHAS:
TWO RELIGIOUS RASCALS'**

***Please Be In Your Place on Sunday and
Invite Some Guests.***