

Life



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February 24, 2021

Devotional and Corporate Prayer Request

1 Corinthians 1:26–29—*For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

Most of us would be offended if we were called “foolish,” yet Paul reminds us that God chose us not because of our wisdom or strength. He chose us because we were not wise or strong.

The reason why is so that those who think too highly of themselves might be humbled, and so that God would be glorified through us.

If we think carefully about it, it makes sense. We have nothing intrinsically good in us apart from the goodness and grace of God. Eighteenth Century American pastor/theologian, **Jonathan Edwards**, reminds us, “*You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.*”

This is true, our salvation is of the Lord. In our wisdom or strength we would never have found him, but when we are humble and lowly, when we are weak and frail, we can come to him and receive his forgiveness.

Let us not be too strong, but trust that God’s power is made perfect, not in our strength, but in our weakness.

Pray for the following needs in the life of SHBC:

Ray Gruber Sr. passed away this past Sunday with his family around him. Please pray for Ray Jr. and family during this time.

Julia Maselli’s brother, Richard, passed away this week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Nathan Billingsley’s, wife, Amy, passed away yesterday. Please keep the Billingsley family in your prayers.

Candace Wagner has two partial tears in her right shoulder. She received a cortisone shot, but still is experiencing pain.

Walt Updike’s wife, Sylvia, who is in hospice care, fell and broke her hip. Pray for comfort and peace for both Sylvia and Walt.

Dani Cooper’s cousin, Sarah, passed away. Pray for God’s comfort for her husband, Adam, and their twin 8-year old girls.

Pastor Jason Hill’s surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his colon was successful. He is expected to remain in the hospital for at least 2 days.

Keith and Sherry Knauer’s daughter is pregnant with twins. Her doctor told her she may experience some complications with one of the babies.

When you pray for someone’s health, remember to pray also for God to sustain and strengthen his or her faith.

Marie Arias, Bernita Blanton, Doris Blackburn, Sheila Burt, the Emile family, Bette Campbell, the Gerdes family, Vivian Hewlett, Billy Johns, Mark McQuaig, Larry Meskill, Bob & Carol Money Penny, Elisabeta Nemes, Edward Nurquez, John Phillips, Verona Plummer, Christine Ross, Andrew Santiago, Sherry & Bob Taylor and Walt & Sylvia Updike.

Pray for SHBC Missionaries

AMERICAN PEOPLES

John & Monica

NAME PEOPLES

Mark & Cathy K.

Kimberly G., Blanca J.

CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES

Tony & Kalyn S.

AFRICAN PEOPLES

Matthias & Karin R.

Ricardo Munoz