



# Prayer Concerns



Pray for our church (Elders, Deacons, Ministers, for workers to go into the harvest fields, church growth (spiritually & in number). Pray for the leaders of our country and our country. Missionaries in Haiti and other parts of the world.

### The following people have had prayer requested on their behalf

Mary Sallee, Max Schnake, Mary Walker, M. J. Swortwood, Roy Stoll, Virginia Hendrix, Lorene Clark, Jim Nail, Dorene Rutledge, Purvis (Bud) Carter, Al Boswell, Troy Mikell, Dane Knell, Dora Bell, Will Hawkins, Marie Hall, Robert Daugherty, Dick Cole, Mark Renkoski, Carla Roberts, Debbie Schubert, Nora Rieke, Willa Dean, Jan Hinkle, Jan Barker, Lovelle Coleman, Bill Prater, Chris Espisedo.

If no updates are received after being on the prayer concern lists for 3 weeks, the name will be removed.

### Remember our Service Men & Women in Prayer

James Cunningham (Gladys Cunningham's grandson), Jeremy Guiles (Adair Wright's grandson), k Chast Laporte, Jeremy Lyons, Florence (Flo) Blades and Devin Cloud in Iraq. Curt Gwinn (friend of Dawn Davis and Jared Dyson) in Afghanistan.

# The Messenger

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### Sunday

Fellowship 9 am  
Bible School  
9:30 am  
Worship Service  
10:30 am  
Grace Groups  
6:00 pm

### Wednesday

3:20 After School  
Tutoring  
5:45 Family Meal  
6:30 J.A.M. After-  
shock & Adult Bible  
Studies

### Senior Minister

Mark A. Engler  
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## Harvest Party Hayride Wed. Oct. 31st

### Youth Minister

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## JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

Meet at MVCC  
@ 5:45 pm

Leaving from MVCC  
@ 6 pm

Returning  
@ 8:30 pm

Stopping at Mark &  
Jennifer Lee's for  
camp fire with  
weiner roast, marsh-  
mallows, and lots of  
fun.

### Our Elders

Wesley Dyson  
466-2285  
Jaymie Jones  
466-4501  
Mark Lee  
466-1914  
Paul Parrish  
476-5155  
Rick Phillips  
466-3007  
Bill Weber  
466-7745

### Our Deacons

Adam Boswell  
Dusty Eldridge  
Jackie Moore  
Derek Stokes

Wednesday  
3:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Tutoring  
5:30 pm Family Meal  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Studies,  
J.A.M (K - 6th) &  
(Jr. & Sr. High) Afterschool

Sunday Services  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Grace Groups

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
John 1:1 & 1:14

## Mark's Message



“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” 1 Cor. 10:13 NIV  
Thanks be to God that He will not allow a temptation that we cannot stand up under! Have you ever wondered though, how much you can bear? Many times when temptations come their hardest are at the lowest points in our lives. Satan loves to attack us when we're down. He thrives on those situations and he seizes every opportunity to bring us lower, hopefully pushing us away from God.

That's what he attempted to do with Jesus at the end of Jesus' forty day fast at the beginning of His earthly ministry. Satan saw that Jesus was very weak and very frail. He even knew that this was God in the flesh, yet even God in the flesh was not spared the temptations of Satan. Satan is very smart and crafty and he attempted to use Scripture in his temptation of Jesus, but Jesus defended the temptation with Scripture. Of course Jesus didn't give into the temptations and Satan was cast away. We gain a valuable lesson here, use Scripture to defeat the temptation of Satan.

While I was in Bible College Mr. Reese - Head of the New Testament Dept. at Central Christian College of the Bible taught his students this practice in the defense of temptations. He said the most important thing we could do is memorize Scripture, if we weren't able to memorize very well he told us carry 3 x 5 cards with us with vital Scriptures on them. This was so we could defend against the temptations we encountered from Satan.

We all face certain temptation in life, not everyone faces the same ones, but everyone has areas where Satan tempts us. He picks at us over and over again once he sees a weak point in our faith and over time, if we don't defend ourselves with Scripture, sometimes he is able to break us.

Recently I found out that a man I went to school with and who is now a minister, gave into to the temptations of Satan. Through Satan's craftiness he got involved with pornography; while it didn't end his ministry all together it ended his ministry at the church he was serving. Since then the church has went through turmoil, stress, and disunity. The church is dropping in attendance and the spirits of many in the church are low. Satan struck at a vital point in the ministry of that church and I'm sure he's hoping for complete victory. Satan was given that hope because a proper defense wasn't given by the minister. Could he have successfully defeated Satan and cast him away? Yes! Beyond a shadow of a doubt! With the use of Scripture.

Satan will attack us on every front, at every weak point, in every crease, in any way he can, Many times he will be successful and it's simply because we aren't prepared to defend ourselves properly. Satan will tear apart friendships, families, husbands & wives, siblings, businesses, churches, etc. if we let him. That's a key phrase, "if we let him." God promised us in the above Scripture in 1 Cor. 10:13 that there will be no temptation given to us that we cannot bear and there will always be a way out. There will always be another door to take rather than give into any temptation and the key to that door is Scripture.

I encourage you to know your Scriptures! Come to Sunday school, and Worship, join us for Wednesday night family meal and stay for Bible study, read your Bible at home daily. Don't give Satan a foothold that you cannot defend against. He is roaming this earth seeking to devour anyone he can. We are in a spiritual warfare and Satan doesn't fight fair. If we don't know how to defend ourselves we may very well loose the battle.

Ephesians 6:11-12 says, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

My prayer for you and for MVCC is that we will always recognize the schemes of the devil and that we will never fail to defend against him and cast him away.

Because of Christ, Mark

**National Missionary Convention**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**      **November 15-18, 2007**

The National Missionary Convention is only a little over a month away. This is always a great convention and is worth the trip. The youth and several adults are going this year, if you would like to go Mark has registration information. The registration fee for a family is only \$20.00 and maybe you can catch a ride with someone and carpool.

## 8 Ways to Encourage Your Pastor\*

### 1. *Cut the Criticism*

Unlike most workers who are evaluated once or twice a year, clergy are often critiqued weekly after each worship service. It's not unusual to hear people say "the music was poor," "the hymn selection was awful," or "the sermon was boring." We would do well to remember that most spiritual leaders work hard to make worship a unique celebration each week.

### 2. *Pray Regularly*

Ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage. Pray for your spiritual leader's maturity and growth in the faith. As you pray keep in mind this wisdom from German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "If you treat a person as he is, he will stay as he is; but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."

### 3. *Express Appreciation in Writing*

A spoken compliment is always welcome, but spoken words are forgotten too easily, so send notes of encouragement at just the right moment. Pastors battle to maintain their faith just like other people, and when friends write to tell of their own struggles and God's faithfulness it is encouraging to the pastor.

### 4. *Use Your Skills to Bless*

One Pastor recalls:

"I was ministering to my first church—a small congregation with limited resources. While there, I developed a series of dental problems and could not afford treatment. What a joy it was when a dentist in the church offered to treat me for free. Correcting my dental problem involved nearly a dozen visits. He treated me carefully and cheerfully each time. I have thought of that dentist many times since then and the memories of his kindness continue to bless my life."

### 5. *Squelch Gossip*

If you hear a negative comment, respond with a positive one. If misinformation is being spread, correct it with the accurate information. Or, if people are gossiping, just walk away. Remember the Bible soundly condemns gossip and careless speech. James 1:26 says, "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." And Psalm 34:13 reads, "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies."

### 6. *Offer to Meet a Need*

Some people make their spiritual leaders defensive and angry by saying, "You need to ..." That approach is seldom welcome and almost always counterproductive. If you see a need, approach your spiritual leader by saying, "I'd like to help by ..." If you see an area that can be improved, take responsibility for working on it.

### 7. *Be Openly Responsive*

Nothing excites a spiritual leader so much as seeing people respond to the preaching and teaching. Imagine the surprise and delight of a pastor who, when greeting a visitor to his church, found she came because of the kindness of a church member who was her neighbor.

### 8. *Throw Away the Measuring Stick*

Don't expect that your present spiritual leaders will do things the same way their predecessors did. Lay aside personal agendas and preferences. Instead, focus on how your leader is being used by God to do effective ministry now. By serving your shepherds, you will ensure that they will not only be encouraged but will feel appreciated and continue to minister with enthusiasm and energy.

\* 8 Ways to Encourage Your Pastor main idea came from [www.promiseofgod.com](http://www.promiseofgod.com)

# AFTERSHOCK NEWS



## Up Coming Events



### October

19<sup>th</sup> - Lock-in at MVCC

27<sup>th</sup> - Reverse Trick-Or-Treat

31<sup>st</sup> - Harvest Party

### November

16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> - National Missionary

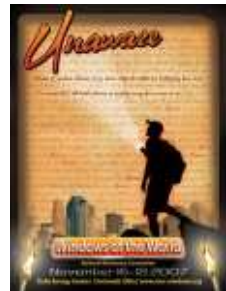
Convention

### December

7<sup>th</sup> - Bowling at Lighthouse Lanes

27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> -Xtreme Winter Conference

31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Lock-in



*Check out the new Aftershock Student Ministries web site at [www.mtvernoncc.org](http://www.mtvernoncc.org) click on the Youth link!*

This Months Puzzle

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked in it while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Victs mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving that she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot... that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help. Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

### ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH:

ACTS, AMOS, ESTHER, Gal. - GALATIANS, HEBREWS, HOSEA, JAMES, JOB, JUDGES, KINGS, LAMENTATIONS, LUKE, MARK, NAHUM, NUMBERS, PETER, PROVERBS, REVELATION, RUTH, TITUS

## Church Photo Directory



Directory picture are being taken on Tuesday Oct. 2nd and Wednesday Oct. 3rd. If you aren't scheduled, representatives from Olan Mills will be calling to schedule a time for you.



We have a need for teachers for the 2 - 4 year olds on Sunday morning with the Junior Church ministry and on Wednesday night J.A.M. ministry. Ideally we would like have enough teachers to rotate on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. If you would be willing to help with this vital ministry please get with Andrew or talk to Rick or Kima Bekemeier.

## Welcome!

We would like to welcome Timisha Hutton as our new Worship Leader! Timisha is the daughter of Tim Taylor. She comes with 3 years experience as a worship leader and with a great heart for serving the Lord. We are happy to have her use her talents serving the Lord at MVCC and look forward to having her lead us in songs of worship and praise.

**Thank you to everyone who volunteers at MVCC. You are greatly appreciated!**



Pastor appreciation day is Sunday Oct. 14th. Be sure to let your pastors know how much you appreciate them.

Check out our web site at [www.mtvernoncc.org](http://www.mtvernoncc.org) today!

## Youth Lock-in Oct. 19th

This will be a split Lock-in, the Girls will be having a night of Beauty and Friendship at Andrew and Katie's House, while the boys will be attending the MVHS Football game and then having a movie night at the Church. Any boys are welcome to attend, while Katie will need a weeks notice if any extra girls wish to attend, since she is making something special for each girl and will need time to prepare it.

## Reverse Trick-or-Treat Oct. 27th

The Youth will meet at the Church at Noon dressed in Costumes. We will then split into teams and go trick-or-treating for can goods and other items for the benevolence pantry. The winning team will receive a prize and the group will end the day with a trip to the corn maze.

**GREETERS**  
Gladys Cunningham  
Carolyn Dyson

## Serving This Month

**COMMUNION TEAM**  
Team 1

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
Ola Belle Parrish

**October 7**

Donuts & Juice - Brenda Dyson  
Opening Prayer - Mark Lee  
Scripture Reading - Dyson Family  
Communion Meditation - Paul Parrish  
Closing Prayer - Rick Phillips  
Nursery - Dawn Davis & Katie Hastie  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Kima Bekemeier  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Rick Bekemeier  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Adam & Cassi Boswell  
Home Communion - Rick Phillips

**October 21**

Donuts & Juice - Ronda Jones  
Opening Prayer - Jaymie Jones  
Scripture Reading - Engler Family  
Communion Meditation - Wes Dyson  
Closing Prayer - Mark Lee  
Nursery - Nancy & Hayley Brown  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Andrew Hastie  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Dusty & Amy Eldridge  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Katie Hastie  
Home Communion - Wes Dyson



**October 14**

Donuts & Juice - Mary Larkin  
Opening Prayer - Jackie Moore  
Scripture Reading - Hastie Family  
Communion Meditation - Bill Weber  
Closing Prayer - Derek Stokes  
Nursery - Sara Engler, Mary Larkin & Alexa Lee  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Beth Budd  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Scott Budd  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Lynna Rathmann & Anisa Jack  
Home Communion - Bill Weber

**October 28**

Donuts & Juice - Brent Engler  
Opening Prayer - Wes Dyson  
Scripture Reading - Vanater Family  
Communion Meditation - Jaymie Jones  
Closing Prayer - Hal Harris  
Nursery - Dustin & Amber Hudson  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Mark Lee  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Jennifer Lee  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Andrew & Katie Hastie  
Home Communion - Rick Phillips

**24-7-365**

God's presence in Christian's lives can be summed up with these numbers: 24-7-365. It's not a very complex code to crack. God revealed through Christ's sacrifice is a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year God. No timeouts, no halftime breaks. God is present for us and with us every moment of every day of our lives.

## Snacks for Tuesday's After-School Program

Oct. 2 - Brenda Dyson  
Oct. 9 - Carolyn Dyson  
Oct. 16 - Amy Eldridge  
Oct. 23 - Terri Stokes  
Oct. 30 - Katie Hastie



MVCC Calendar <i>October</i>																																																							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																	
	<b>1</b> Jeanna Brewer	<b>2</b> After-school program  Olan Mills Photography today for new church directory 3:00 to 9:30 pm	<b>3</b> Olan Mills Photography today for new church directory 3:00 to 9:30 pm  After School Tutoring 3:20 pm Family Meal 5:45 pm J.A.M., After Shock, & Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Linda Bennett	<b>6</b> Cindy Kingsley																																																	
<b>7</b>  Grace Groups 6:00 pm	<b>8</b>  <i>Columbus Day observed</i>	<b>9</b>  After-school program  <i>Fire Prevention Day</i>	<b>10</b>  Alicyn Kingsley Isaac Taylor  After School Tutoring 3:20 pm Family Meal 5:45 pm J.A.M., After Shock, & Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Apple Butter  <i>Columbus Day</i>	<b>13</b>  Makn' Days  7:30 am Men's Breakfast Elder's Meeting following																																																	
<b>14</b> \$25.00 Registration for National Missionary Convention Due! <i>National Children's Day</i> <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i> Grace Groups 6:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Robert Clark  After-school program  <i>National Boss Day</i>	<b>17</b>  Wyatt Graff  After School Tutoring 3:20 pm Family Meal 5:45 pm J.A.M., After Shock, & Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Misty Graff  Lock-in @ MVCC  <i>Revolutionary War Ended 1781</i>	<b>20</b>																																																	
<b>21</b>  Fellowship Dinner 12:00  Grace Groups 6:00 pm	<b>22</b>  Austin Foust	<b>23</b>  After-school program	<b>24</b>  Chelsey Jack  After School Tutoring 3:20 pm Family Meal 5:45 pm J.A.M., After Shock, & Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm	<b>25</b>  Julie Taylor Skyler Moore Charolette Phillips	<b>26</b>  Linda Threet	<b>27</b>  Whitney Wiehe  Reverse trick or treat & going to corn maze																																																	
<b>28</b>  Grace Groups 6:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Jerry Campbell  After-school program	<b>31</b>  After School Tutoring 3:20 pm  5:45 pm Harvest Party Hayride & Camp Fire Returning 8:30 pm	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">November 2007</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			November 2007							S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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