

Prayer needs:

OVCF law enforcement friends & family: Caleb Hutchison; Ryan White; Shauna Wetzell; Nikk Wood; Ashley & Le'Von Griffin (Dawn Murphy's daughter and son-in-law); Clay McBride (Dan's son)

OVCF active military friends & family: Logan Cain, Virginia; Robert Herrington, Georgia; Christopher Erb (son of Heather Keith), Missouri; Nick Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), Colorado; Shane & Elise Hickman (Linda's nephew & his wife), Terre Haute

Educator of the week: Carol Watson, Principal, Gosport Elementary School

Our friends battling cancer: Debbie Calhoun (Mike Basey's sister); Mayo Knoy; Steve Schunk (Jacob's father); Nolan Miller (Paul & Kelsey's son); Fritzie Sips; Julie Butler (Karen Turner's sister); Wanda Klass (Marilyn Hill's sister); Christina Corder; Diana Saunders (Anna Katz's grandmother); Jane Schneider (Will's mother); Kay Fatheree (Tiffany Groomer's aunt); Matt Truesdel; Lt. Col. Dave & Julie Allen; Maverick Pendleton (4 y.o. friend of Hutchisons); Rick Ennius (Holli Truesdel's relative); rare blood cancer; Brooks Sharp (friend of Tami Grandi); Max Schneider (friend of Karen Anderson); Bobby Porter (Sharron Barger's nephew); Kelly McVicker (Paul & Marilyn Hill's daughter); Drew Hennessy (friend of Stacy Wood); Kris N. (Adienne Robertson's brother)

Other health concerns: Terry & Lois Roadruck; Theresa Reed; Alexander Mauder (newborn); Ruth Beach; Amy Anderson; Berkley Groomer; Tim Huffman (Sarah Schneider's father); Tiffany Groomer; Rita Sampson (friend of Madi Arnett), stroke; Janice Higgins; Jiji (Gavin & Jenna Wells's foster daughter); John Owen (Don Taylor's brother-in-law), Parkinson's; Carma Mason (Kris Samick's sister); Marilyn Hill; Emily Wyatt; Karen Warner; Jackie Helderman; Anne Basey; Jasmine St. John; Alexander Chambers; Chris Wainscott; Ray & Marge Monticue; Rusty Turner; Divya Sengupta (Kartik Srinivasan's cousin), kidney issues; Wayne Keene (Ryan's father); Steve Potts (Shelby Van DerMoere's stepfather); Claudia & Karen, (Bruce Davis's sisters); DJ Bault; Carole Smith (Kris Samick's mother); Al Akerson (Wayne's father); Dale Nicholson, migraines; Taylor Kay, Hashimoto's disease

Upcoming surgeries: Kindall Stewart (Natalie's daughter)

Recovery: April Chandler; Maverick Hyde (3 mo. old gr. grandson of Mike & Anne Basey) heart surgery on 11/14; Frances McFadden (Westin Linville's grandmother); Rosie Bault; Betty Hendricks (Lori Warner's grandmother)

Healthy pregnancy: Caleb & Gabrielle Corder, due in June; Jake & Brandi Markland (Jim and Diana's son & daughter-in-law), due in July

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Rachel Nicholson and family on the loss of her grandmother, Maxine Burks.

We extend our sympathy to Tony Taylor and Kierstyn (Mason) Bain on the loss of their wife/mother, Danay'e.

Owen Valley Christian Fellowship

January 7, 2024

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Our mission: Connecting people to Jesus

Our vision:

Pursuing Jesus Passionately

Demonstrating Jesus Visibly

Revealing Jesus Clearly

Preparing Disciples to Obey Jesus Faithfully



Run with the Horses



Pastor Bill's theme for 2024 is *Run with the Horses* and is based on Jeremiah 12:5.

"If racing against mere men makes you tired, how will you race against horses? If you stumble and fall on open ground, what will you do in the thickets near the Jordan?" (NLT)



Deeper (MS/HS Bible study) will resume meeting at the East's on Jan. 10.

Roots (MS/HS youth group) is taking a break and will resume meeting on Jan. 14th.



Pastor Bill's Route 66 Bible study will resume on Jan. 10th.



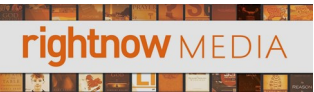
Ladies, you are invited to join us!

OVCF Connection Women's Ministry: Coffee & Chocolate
Saturday, January 20, 2024 at OVCF from 2-4 PM

Please bring a coffee or chocolate-themed treat to share! We will provide the coffee!



Online giving is an option! You may visit <https://ovchristianfellowship.churchcenter.com/giving> to give via a bank account or debit card. You will receive full tax credit for your giving. The system charges OVCF a small fee for processing.



If you have not created an account, please take advantage of the OVCF subscription to Right Now Media! It's free and has many resources from Bible studies and videos to children's features! Scan the code or text OVCF to 49775.



We need singers for the OVCF Worship Team. If you have a passion to praise and worship the Lord with singing, can sing on key and flow with others as a team, we can use you! Please contact Vicki Hogan by texting 812-821-6907 or call to leave a message.



Weekly statistics: December 31, 2023

Attendance: 175

Roots: NO Roots

Est. Live Stream attendance: 32

General Fund: \$7,200.05

Building Fund total: \$330,439.25

Weekly need for 2024: \$4,147.38

(what is needed for weekly operating expenses)

For Your Information: If we are here alone, the door will be locked for security. Please knock or call us and we'll come to the door! Pastor Bill & Pastor Ryan are available whenever there is a need. Church office: (812)828-9840

Diana: M-F, 8 AM-1 PM secretary@ovcf.org

Pastor Bill: 812-821-1752 His day off is **Friday.** pastor@ovcf.org

Pastor Ryan: 812-585-0545 His day off is **Tuesday.** youthpastor@ovcf.org

*Please keep our elders (Wayne Akerson, Jeff Carlson and David Robertson), as well as Pastor Bill, Pastor Ryan and Diana in prayer as they make ongoing decisions for OVCF.

January 7, 2024

THEME: Run with the Horses

Title: Dark Horse- Jer.12:5; I Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1-2

Run with the Horses



I. RUNNING HINDERED

Solomon's kingdom divided-> Israel (northern kingdom-10 tribes) and southern kingdom (Judah-2 tribes). Northern kingdom fell to Assyria. Manasseh became king of Judah for 55 years-> pattern of apostasy until Josiah became king at 16. During his reign that Jeremiah called by God.

Jeremiah had a (_____).
See chapter 1.

II. RUNNING FREE

To run the race of faith, two things we must do (Heb. 12:1-2)

1. (_____)

2. (_____)

Paul's imagery in I Cor. 9 is stark.

1) (_____)

2) (_____)

The terrible threat is "that we might die earlier than we really do die, before death has become a natural necessity. The real horror lies in just such a *premature* death, a death after which we go on living for many years." (Peterson-p.19)

NEXT WEEK: THEME: Run with the Horses **SERIES:** WELCOME HOME...where...

Title: The Gospel is Preached-Col. 1:3-14; I Cor. 1:18-31; Rom. 1:16-17