

## Monday Message for July 8

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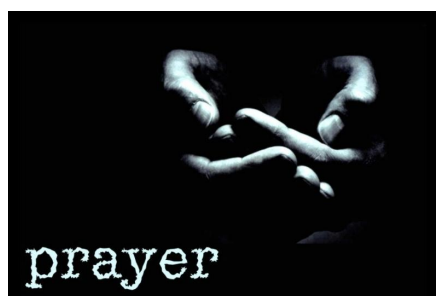
# Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

## Prayer Requests – Week of July 7

### New Prayer Requests

- Beverly Avila requests prayer for her mother, Emma Jasper, who has COVID. Cards and words of encouragement may be sent to her at 505 Trosky Rd. W, # 112; Edgerton, MN 56128; 507-820-0269
- Please keep all those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl, and those who will be affected this week, in thoughts and prayers.
- Please keep Ann Sahadi and family in your prayers. A memorial service for Jay Travis was held last Monday in Houston. Andrea has accompanied her mother to Colorado for support.
- Spud and Jan Brown need prayers as Spud is now requiring oxygen 24/7.
- Healing prayers are requested for Ruth Groves who has been confined to a wheelchair due to ambulation problems.
- Many, many, many thanks to all who worked diligently to clean out Henry McElmurray's apartment last Monday and Tuesday.
- Please keep Dana Friedman in prayer as he is serving as executor of Henry's Will, in the absence of any family members.
- Caly Fernandez requests prayer as she begins two new positions this summer.

- Jan Seale reports that she and John recently visited with former members, Gwyn and Dick Kozma, who send greetings to all from Georgia.
- Prayers for the work of the 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah this week, and for our Commissioners from Mission Presbytery.
- Gayle Ryan requests continued prayers for her friend C.J. who has inoperable brain cancer.
- Beverly Avila reported that Marilyn Schroeder will have cancer surgery on August 1st. Continued prayers are requested.
- Lita Simpson requests prayers of healing for her brother-in-law, Arnie, who fractured his hip in a fall.
- Spud and Jan Brown request prayers of healing for their daughter, Kathy, who had hip replacement surgery.
- David Rowland requests prayers for his loving wife, Ann, and her mother, Barbara, whose condition is failing.
- Wonderful news: Barbara Montemayor announced that she will become a grandmother in December. Her daughter Victoria is expecting a baby!
- Continued prayers of healing and encouragement for Gail Keyes, who has now returned home and is doing much better. Continued Prayers as well for Gail's sister, Margie Karst.
- Mauricia Friedman is home, going to physical therapy, but continuing to use a wheelchair. Prayers are needed.
- Kathy Garfield requests prayers of healing and strength for her cousin, Dan Winn, following recent surgery.
- An update from Kelly Leonard about her father, Bob Houlihan: "He is definitely doing better. He is now on some medication that he will keep taking for a couple of years to keep the cancer from coming back. Thank you for your continued prayers."
- Prayers for Stephanie McCrory, that she might experience protection from adversity, and achieve consistency in her attempts to better organize her circumstances.
- Mac Williams, husband of Crystal Simpson and son-in-law of Lita and Bob Simpson, has been moved from the hospital to a long-term acute care facility, where he will continue to receive treatment to regain full function after liver transplant surgery last year.
- Vinson McLeod has moved to Alfredo Gonzalez Veterans Home at 301 E. Yuma. Please contact Cory Raymond at 956-221-2240 to schedule a visit.
- Dee Trevino reports that her grandson Erik Avila remains hospitalized following recent surgery.



## On-going Prayer Requests

- Prayers of continued healing for David Massey, son of Joe and Jinny.
- Marilyn Travis, wife of Andrea Hudler's father Paul.
- Estelle Davenport; Brookridge Senior Living; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 220, Pharr, TX 78577
- Lou Helt; 956-601-0823; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 229; Pharr, TX 78577
- Elizabeth Gearhart; c/o Diane Albert; 1350 Burnham Lane, Batavia, IL 60510
- Ann Sahadi; 1380 Charles Drive, Apt. 415; Longmont, CO 80503; 956-509-1729
- Rita Cochrane; The Gardens at Brookridge; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 111; Pharr, TX 78577
- Prayers for Chris and Kelly Leonard and their nephew Grant.
- Donna Rowland, David's mother, as she experiences health and memory challenges.
- Dan Eggers
- Melinda Wright
- Duke Dashbach
- Prayers of healing for Richard Kozma, former member of FPC, who is receiving treatment for prostate cancer. He and Gwyn can be reached at 15 Hawthorne Drive, Newnan, GA 30263.
- Prayers of healing for Jim Harriff, Jack's brother, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Prayers of continued improvement for Mel Philips, Kathy Garfield's brother-in-law.
- Roberta Harriff, daughter-in-law of Jack and Carole Harriff.
- Sharon Willets; 316 Hazlett Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.
- Jesse requests prayers for his friend Carlton who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Anna Finn, Mary Ellen Schneider's sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Prayers that Dalton Moes might experience growth toward robust mental health.
- Crystal Simpson
- Jim McLeod, younger brother of Vinson McLeod.
- Carl Walborg, son of Shirley Pippin's good friend Mary Ann Walborg, diagnosed with cancer.
- Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson.
- Mary Ann Walborg, good friend of Shirley Pippin, as she deals with health and cognitive issues.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East.
- Prayers for Moazz Zaid Younes (friend of ZZ Hamilton), his family and all Palestinians.
- Prayers for Sveta, Anahird, Tora, and other Ukranian and Russian friends of ZZ Hamilton.
- Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues
- Cisco Villa
- Anthony Trevino

- Prayers for all who are hungry or lonely or without shelter this day.
  - The people of the *colonias*.
  - Prayers of safety and hope for the people of Cameroon. Gifts for PDA's work in Cameroon can be made at: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/cameroon/>
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## Calendar

- Wednesday, July 10: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Library open for Mid-Week Prayer
  - Sunday, July 14: 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship; Fellowship Hall
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## Link for all FPC Zoom meetings

**WORSHIP IS NOW STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE, NOT ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86050357489>

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Meeting ID: 860 5035 7489 Passcode: 912217

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**Link for Facebook Live streaming worship services:** [https://](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=first%20presbyterian%20church%2C%20mcallen%2C%20tx)

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## July Birthdays & Anniversaries




### **Birthdays**

- 1 – James Collins, Neil Kohl
- 3 – Nathan Friedman
- 5 – Suzanne Stallings
- 6 – Melody Magee
- 7 – Julianne Garza
- 9 – Jennifer Loring Collins, Michael Friedman, Nancy Spivey
- 10 – Mary Lou Anderson
- 13 – John Wright IV
- 14 – Jackson Wright
- 15 – Sophia Garfield
- 17 – Gonzalo Zamora, Jr.
- 23 – Cristina Garfield

### **Anniversary**


Stan & Linda Morris (7/1/1995)

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2024	Revenue	Expenses	Net
MTD (May)	\$14,176.19	\$22,441.38	- \$8,265.19
YTD	\$121,098.20	\$127,565.64	- \$6,467.44

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## **Life of the Church – Week of July 7**

- Sunday, July 14, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and welcome Assistant Chaplain, Doug LaFoille, from the state jail in Willacy County. Every Tuesday, volunteers from Kairos Prison Ministry, meet with 90 to 130 inmates there - listening, sharing, and befriending men who are striving to improve themselves and who are learning about the good news of hope, forgiveness, change, and reconciliation. Once a month, Kairos volunteers prepare and serve a dinner with outside food and dessert. This is a great meal that they look forward to, and this is an opportunity for our congregation to help contribute by baking 260 homemade cookies! For those who wish to participate, we ask that you make and bring one dozen homemade cookies to service on July 14. Cookies must be homemade. Cookies must not contain any nuts. Cookies must not have any sugar sprinkled on top. Contact David Rowland for further information at 956-227-3232.
- Monday Messages will continue through the summer. Prayer requests and other announcements for the Monday Message may be sent to Ann Rowland at [umyayaya@aol.com](mailto:umyayaya@aol.com) or to Brian Pullen in the church office; [fpchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchurch@sbcglobal.net).
- Pastoral care needs can be submitted to Kathryn Henry at [hen\\_68@yahoo.com](mailto:hen_68@yahoo.com) or to the church office.
- The Sunday School class has begun a summer hiatus and will resume in September.
- The choir has begun their summer hiatus. Many thanks to Rob Garza, Ale

Pacheco, and the choir members for so generously and beautifully sharing the gift of their music with us. And many thanks as well to organist Beverly Avila, who will continue through the summer, providing music for worship services and working with worship leaders on hymn selections.

- Speaking of Beverly and hymns – the July 28 worship service will be a Congregational Hymn Sing. Beverly is working to put that together and she would like the congregation's input. Look for an insert in the June 2 bulletin inviting you to share your favorite hymn and the reason it is special to you. If you won't be in worship, you can email Beverly directly with your hymn requests at [bbradburn3@aol.com](mailto:bbradburn3@aol.com).
- **Space for God** has begun a summer hiatus and will resume in September.



## Life of the Church – On-going

- A growing number of people are coming to the church for food and hygiene bags. If you would like to help with that ministry, you can make a financial contribution or purchase any of these food items for our cupboard:
  - peanut butter
  - crackers
  - tuna packets
  - fruit cups / applesauce
  - potted meat / Vienna sausages
  - protein bars
  - cereal bars
  - beef jerky
  - bottled water
- If you'd like to add your voice to the **FPC Chancel Choir's** worshipful praise of God, check out choir practice or contact Robert Garza at 956-720-2301 or [rob\\_grza10@yahoo.com](mailto:rob_grza10@yahoo.com). Choir practice is held at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Choir Room.
- **"Leave a Prayer / Take a Blessing"**. There is a table in the Library with materials to write a prayer and post it on the bulletin board. Prayers can be shared or private. Printed blessings are available for you to take one (or several). Each month will bring a new blessing.
- The **church staff** – Pastor Kathy, church administrator Brian Pullen,

custodian Shannon Pruneda, and facilities manager Martin Davila – have begun weekly meetings on Monday morning. If you have an item for the staff to discuss, please send it to [fpchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchurch@sbcglobal.net) or [fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com).

- There is a **Flower** sign-up board in the hallway near the church office for members to sponsor fresh flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on the first Sunday of a month.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works with communities facing urgent need. Here is a link to their webpage: <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources/list/?situation=hurricane-ian>
- **Church Office Hours** are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.
- The exterior **Parlor doors** are now key-entry only. If you have an access card for those doors, please dispose of it. To request a key for the exterior church doors, contact the church office.
- How to reach Pastor Kathy: [fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com), 512-466-5662.
- How to reach the church office: [fpchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchurch@sbcglobal.net).
- All mail for the church should be sent to P.O. Box 1029, McAllen, TX 78505.

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## Lectionary Readings for July 14

- *Psalm 24*
- *2 Samuel 6:1 – 5, 12b – 19*
- *Ephesians 1:3 – 14*

### Scripture for July 14 worship: Mark 6:14 – 29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

<sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

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