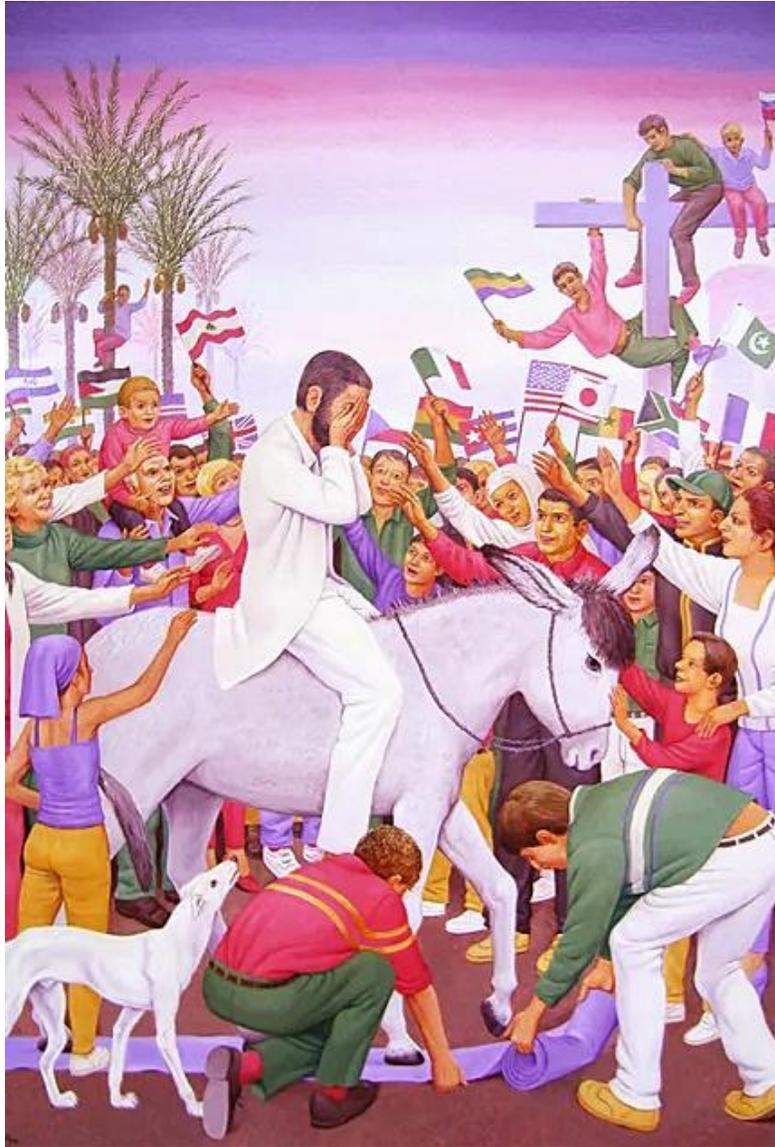


THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2026
PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY



Palm Sunday by Peter Koenig

"Holy Week reenacts the final days of Jesus' life and his death at the hands of the Roman Empire...It is the time in which the imperial violence of Rome and peace-able dream of God collide, whereby the powers of evil seem to have the final word. God is dead. Long live Rome.

Holy Week is for those oppressed by injustice, weighed by suffering, and lost in grief. This is the week for victims, the poor, the mourning, and the persecuted. You are not alone. God experiences it with you, for you. There is, at least, some solace in that.

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'.

-Diana Butler Bass, *A Beautiful Year*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING IN THE GARDEN

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PALM PROCESSIONAL

As we process into the sanctuary you will be prompted to say:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

READING THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of Christ

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL INTROIT

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

PALM PROCESSIONAL

Banner bearer -Dejanae Johnson

Children and parents/grandparents

Choir

Congregation

Clergy

ENTRANCE INTO SANCTUARY

*VOCAL INTROIT

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Kit Rice

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand:
one of his heralds, yes I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
**we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts**
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will decide to follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.
We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk
**Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.**
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who opens before us
the kingdom of God.
Amen!

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Dillashaw

*Please pass the Friendship Registers found on each row.
Complete the requested information and then pass it back down the row.
Thank you for worshipping with us at Binkley!*

*Infants through Kindergarten are invited to Nursery care in the Sunroom.
Parents, please pick up your children at this location following Worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Luke 23:1-12

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.” When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief

priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

For the word of God in scripture,
and for the word of God in and among us,
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER

Kyrie

Antonin Dvorak

Largo

Ky - ri-e, ky - ri-e e - le - i-son, Ky - ri-e, ky - ri-e e - le - i-son,
Chri - ste, Chris - te e - le - i-son, Chris - te, Chris - te e - le - i-son,
Ky - ri-e, ky - ri-e e - le - i-son, Ky - ri-e, ky - ri-e e - le - i-son.

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE AND MORNING PRAYER AND MAORI LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Eubanks Hill

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

A Hosanna for Our Time

Karen Marroli

When the world cries for power, will our souls cry for peace?
Does the kingdom we're seeking comfort with refuge and release?
Does the realm of our longing reign with riches or welcome with grace?
What kingdom shall we choose?

Hosanna, sing hosanna! Behold the King of Peace,

Riding lowly among us, conqu'ring the reign of fear!
Hosanna, sing hosanna! Behold the King of Love!
Now the light of justice shatters the bow and spear! Hosanna!

Will our souls cry for healing while the world cries for war?
Does the kingdom we're seeking rule with a peace that shall endure?
Does the realm of our longing boast of power or soothe with love?

What kingdom shall we choose?
Will we choose to rage with strength and strife?
Will we choose to heal with words of life?
Will we bow to riches and might? Will we reach for the crown of light?
Let the stones cry out in song of praise,
As we turn from earthly power to walk in humbler ways!



SERMON

“No to Kings! Yes to God’s Kingdom”

Marcus McFaul

*HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Blessed is the one
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the one
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.

Blessed is the one
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.



The flowers on the communion table today are given in memory of Joy Wood, missed by her friends on the Banner Committee and coffee group.

Descant

3. Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Ho - san - na!

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Our ho - san - nas raise!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You heard their prais - es now hear us as we pray.

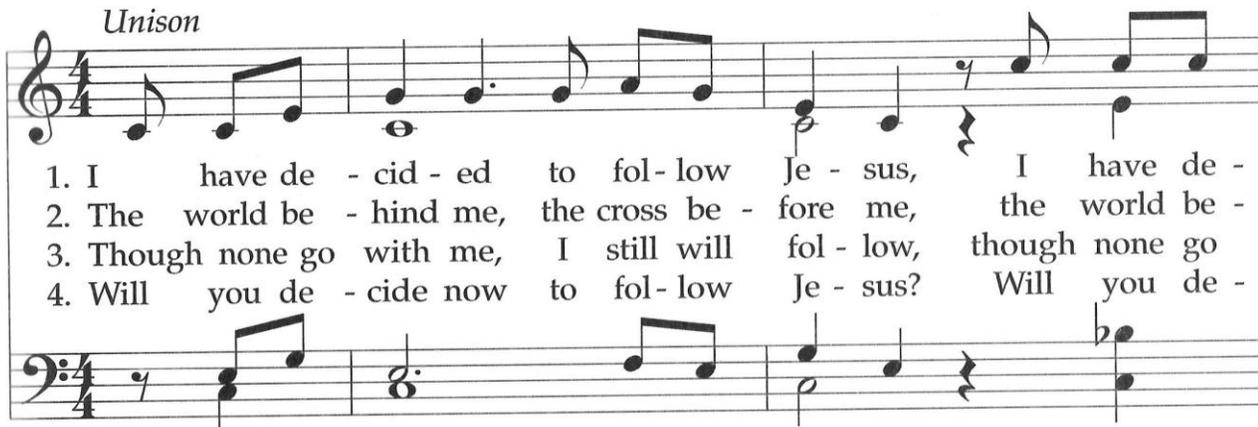
You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da - vid's great - er son;
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 As you re - ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.

Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Rule in our hearts to - day.

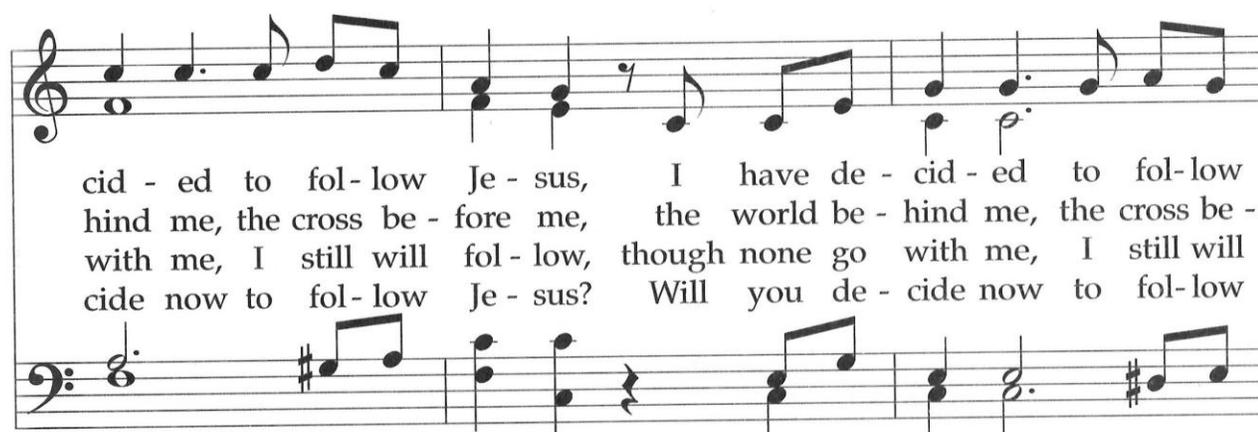
you ride in low - ly tri - umph, Mes - si - ah, bless - ed one!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 Since you de - light in good - ness, rule in our hearts to - day.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Unison



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Next Sunday: Easter!
 The 11am service will feature brass, choir anthem, children's sermon and the "Hallelujah Chorus!"
 Dr. McFaul will preach, "Great Fear, Great Excitement." An egg hunt for children follows the service in the large playground. Bring fresh cut flowers for the flowering cross.



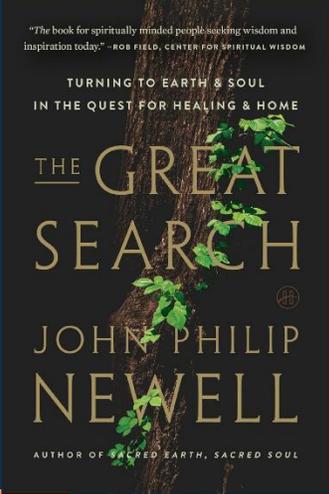
Register TODAY! for the 2026 BINKLEY WOMEN'S RETREAT: THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE.
 May 15-17, 2026, at the Beach! – The Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. To hold your space, a \$50 Deposit is due by Monday, April 6. Register online [here](#), use the QR code above, or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk or the mail box on Susan Rogers and Diane Hill's office door. Completed forms can be returned to the church office.

Eastertide to Pentecost
Book Read

The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home
 by John Philip Newell

Thursdays, Noon
 In the Lounge starting 4/9

For week one please read: Intro and Chapter 1.




Maundy Thursday
April 2
 6 pm Simple Meal & Service
 with Communion
 Meditation from Brent Bissette

Good Friday
April 3
 Noon Service
 Meditation from Stacy Gunter

Easter
April 5
 9 am Courtyard
 9:30 am Breakfast
 (Bring flowers for the Cross)
 11 am Worship Service with a Brass prelude at 10:45
 12:15 pm Egg Hunt

An Ecumenical Holy Week Tradition

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Walking the Labyrinth

in the Sanctuary of the

Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church

1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Open to all – Socks or shoe coverings required – Masks

Labyrinth Walking Schedule

Sunday, March 29

3:00 PM – 7 pm

Monday, March 30-Thursday, April 2

9 AM – 6 pm

Friday, April 3

10 AM – 1 pm

Good Friday Service

12:00 - 1:00 pm

People may walk during the service and afterwards, until 1:00 pm when the Labyrinth closes.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer.

Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer.

You'll find prayer stations around the perimeter which support your intentions with tangible symbols. Gentle, contemplative music will accompany you as you take this pilgrimage of the heart.

You are invited to reaffirm your baptism (according to your tradition) at the baptismal pool.

Please feel free to share your reflections in the community journal.

Thanks to the Sponsoring Congregations and Organizations

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church
United Church of Chapel Hill*

*New Hope Presbyterian Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, Chapel Hill*



Sojourners: will meet this week as part of the Beautiful Year class this week.

“A Beautiful Year” - Understanding and Reflecting on the Liturgical Year: led by Charles Coble and Matthew Ripley-Moffitt will meet on March 29th and again on April 12th. For March 29th, please read the chapter on “The Holy Week.” Binkley Lounge @ 9:45

Mindful Parenting: At each weekly meeting in the Chapel, the class discusses ideas about parenting from current resources. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome. Ty Hagler facilitates this class.

Upcoming Adult Christian Formation classes:

April 12th – “A Beautiful Year” Diana Butler Bass’s chapter on “Easter” led by Charles Coble and Matthew Ripley- Moffitt.

April 19th - Earth Day! Outside in our Peace Plaza – Avery Davis Lamb from Creation Justice Ministries leads an adult class and will preach.

Wednesday Night Potluck

with special guests

The Old Time Gospel Band

Lasagna(both meat and veggie) will be provided as the main dish. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Dinner: from 5:30 6:30
Entertainment from 6:30 7:30

Sign Up here.



Wednesday, April 15, 2026
5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall



Easter Lily orders

Easter Lilies are \$20 each. Order forms are available in bulletins and on the welcome desk. You may order online [HERE](#). All orders must be completed by March 30.

On Sunday, April 5th, we will have our annual Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

On Easter morning, one of our traditions is to bring a breakfast item to share with each other.

If you would like to sign up to bring something please click the link below.

Please keep in mind that you do not need to bring an item to share in order to enjoy breakfast. **Please come EVERYONE! Bring your neighbors!**

Another tradition is to celebrate with a flower cross. This is a large cross that we fill with Spring flowers from your garden, flowers from the store, or anywhere you gather flowers, really (that's up to you!). Some other traditions—we will sing and pray.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up to bring a breakfast item.



Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates

From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults

The coming months bring new opportunities for community and learning and inspiration.

Aging in Community led by April Kemper. This group is invited to **meet at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, April 9 at 11 a.m.** to stroll around a bit and enjoy each other and the beautiful spring gardens. Recent studies have confirmed that getting out in nature is a stress reducer. Drop-ins to this group are always welcome! See April with questions.

Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing -Is there a hymn that has been especially significant in your faith formation? Or one that brings a flood of memories every time you hear it? Or one that inspires or challenges you in a particular way? Join with your fellow Binklers on **Sunday afternoon, May 3 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall** to enjoy singing a few of our favorites. Start thinking of your requests, then fill out the insert found in your worship bulletin starting April 12, and return it to Sally or Diane by April 26. Plan to stay around after the Hymn Sing to enjoy ice cream and conversation with your Binkley friends.

Back Porch Brunch and Book Discussion -Monday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. Gather on my back porch to discuss Joan Chittister's fascinating book *The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully*. The book is composed of about 40 brief chapters on topics such as transformation, fulfillment, learning, loneliness, and nostalgia. In her introduction, Chittister writes: "This a book for those who are on the brink of old age, ...for those who are concerned about their parents, ...and for those who do not 'feel' old, whatever their chronological age, but who one day realize with a kind of numbing astonishment that they have not managed to elude it. They are older than they ever thought they could possibly become." I hope you'll find a copy, enjoy it, and come to think about it out loud with your friends, but feel free to come even if you've not read a single page. I'll furnish sour dough sweet rolls, OJ, and decaf. Bring any brunch item you'd like to share with your friends. No registration needed.



All events offered by Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Senior Adult Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, Dennis Will or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults) Next planning meeting May 13th.

Church in Conference

Sunday, April 26th
after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall to **vote on Council.**

A Service of Remembrance
and in Celebration
of the Life
of

Harry Jensen

Saturday, April 11
11 am

Binkley Baptist Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

(reception will follow service)

Say it with Flowers

Sign up to provide flowers for the communion table

2026 Flower Sign Ups are NOW available.

Sign Up [Here](#),
email Janet O'Neal at joneal23@nc.rr.com
or scan the QR code below.

Celebrating an occasion?
Honoring a loved one?

Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
March 29	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11
April 5 Easter	Breakfast @ 9 Worship @ 11 Easter Egg Hunt after Worship	Breakfast @ 9 Worship @ 11 Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Medefesser	Chet & Verla Insko	Al Wheless & Melissa Moore	Martha Smith & Allison Smith
Maribel Bruno	Howard Tate	Deborah Tippet	Elizabeth Eagle
Sue Wallace	Bo Lloyd	Susan Rogers	Kay Maltbie
Mike Ennis	Lori Barbier	Art & Gwen Sherwood	Lillian Lee
Jerry and Eileen Richards	Gary Stutts		

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Laurence & Rachel Avery Lyn Lamont	Betty Bean	Nell Morton	Ruth Ann Ross	Yvonne Holt
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EXTENDED FAMILY

Renzo Hernandez (Maribel Bruno)	Joe Grieshaber (Karen Long)	Lillian Moneyhun (Gloria Lightsey-Lewis)
Antonio Faria Bonano (Maribel Bruno)	Luisa Euwema (Julie Lentz)	Ethan & Charlotte Zolit (Martha Hutt)
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Marlene Gual (Maribel Bruno)	Keith Siegel (Kimberly Eastman Zirkle)	Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker)
Anthony Taylor (Dorothy Pennell)	Valerie Harper (April Harper)	Ben Armfield (Susan Rogers)
Jerry Nettles (Phala Gellert)	Penny Freeman (Wendy Gellert)	Kathy Gregory Bell (Myra Knight)
Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)	Rowan Caraway (Dennis Will)	Charles and Joyce Ham (Angie Hutto)
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Jan & David Edwards (S. Ketchin)	Tom Dagenhart (Diane Eubanks Hill)	Debbie Hawkins (Mike Hawkins)
Mark Price (Jan Young)	Joyce Davis (Karin Mills)	Betty Hillman (Martha and Ginger Greene)

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries) The People of Iran Hope Flowers School – Issa Family Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence	Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros & Wellington Santos, Pastors People of Sudan Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh Men of Orange Correctional Center The People of Ukraine
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