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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Ryan D. & Family—father declining rapidly
Dick C.—hospice care
Bette F.—well-being
Charles H.—well-being
Wanda H.'s daughter, Linda—health
Kade M.—continued rehab
Claudia M.—treatment

Debi T.—health (Mark and Carol's daughter)

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom A.—health & well-being
Beverly & Mike B.—health
Shelley & Allen C.—health
Joan C.—Anita's mom, health
Gary G. & Judy—well-being
Mark H.'s son Joshua & his brother, Tracy
Wayne H.—strength
Mitzi H.—Hospice care
Roger H.—strength
Margaret K., wife of pastor's friend—cancer
David L. family—unspoken
Chris M.

Pam & Ron S.

Al V.—health

Sawyer V.—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
Becca R.'s sister-in-law, Kathy K.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Persecuted Christians around the world
Military

Heather R.; Floyd & Twila's grandson;
Colton M.; Takoda M.

Protection for our sailors, soliders, airmen, and
marines

Our Homebound

Sam C. (Legends at Jefferson Gardens, Edmond)

Lloyd and Joan D. (Burleson, TX)

Donna S., Carol K.'s mother (Grace, Bethany)

Justine H. (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students & Graduates

Kids at school

Hallie B. and Maddie M.—WSU

Donavon P.—NTSU

Mieka P.—OU

Kaylie R.—UCO

Mikah R. & Harper M.—Friends University

A.S.K. (Luke 11:9)

Keep on Asking; Keep on
Seeking; Keep on Knocking

"The effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

March Birthdays

4 Megan Newman

5 Dawn Kuykendall-Reed

6 Jaxson Davis

9 Mark Eilrich

Cole Hixon

14 Quilla Lovely

Sara Rattan

18 Alan Kimberlin

19 Olivia Thompson Mauro

20 Robert Macias

21 Michael Macia

Takoda Macias

31 Carole-Marie Nix

Stewardship for Morning	3/1/2026
Weekly Budget Required:	\$4,013.03
Budget Receipts:	\$3,366.80
Over/Under:	\$646.23
OCC Postage:	\$25.00
OCC General:	\$200.00
TAB:	\$20.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$45.00



March 8—Next Sunday
Time Change
Spring Forward One
Hour



How We Got
The **BIBLE**

Strengthen your trust in
the reliability of God's Word.
Sunday Nights, 5 PM




North American
Mission Board

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100% of your gifts
fuel missionaries
and their ministries

Week of Prayer
for North
American
Missions
Annie
Armstrong
Easter Offering

Anita and Wayne
at
the Valentine
Banquet



Is This the Last War?

The saga of Middle East wars once more has captured the imaginations of students of prophecy and end times. I write as one who has always been interested in what the Bible teaches on “things to come” (the title of an excellent book on prophecy by J. Dwight Pentecost). J. Barton Payne’s *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy* catalogued 1,817 direct prophecies in the Bible, nearly 27 percent of Scripture; so it is of no small concern (<https://www.pastorjasonelder.com/bible-facts-all/how-many-prophecies-are-in-the-bible>). One pastor explained, “The light of prophecy reminds believers that history has direction and meaning.” Contrary to much secular philosophy of history, the Bible presents human history and destiny firmly in control of the transcendent, sovereign God, moving toward culmination in the exaltation of Jesus Christ and ultimate reign of God over His universe. Ronald Nash pointed out, “William Hordern observes, ‘Where other religions have looked to nature and mystical or rational experience to find the revelation of God. The biblical faith finds revelation primarily in certain historical events.’” Further, as Cambridge historian and philosopher Herbert Butterfield observed, “History is a historical religion because, ‘it presents us with religious doctrines which are at the same time historical events or historical interpretations’” (*Christian Faith and Historical Understanding*).

To understand a little of Middle East events, we must know a little about Islam, the religion of roughly “24% to 25.6% of the total global population,” according to *Wikipedia*. There are three basic sects of Islam—Sunni (85-90%), Shia (10-15%) and Ibadi (.16-.37%). The Ibadi sect predominates in Oman. Shia Muslims are more fundamentalist, believing the succession to Muhammad must be from among his descendants. Among the Shia are the Twelvers, who believe history will culminate when the Twelfth successor of Muhammad, the Mahdi (“Guided One”), as he is called, comes to rule (https://www.answering-islam.org/Authors/JR/Future/ch04_the_mahdi.htm). In the *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, Robert Gleave asserted that Twelvers believe this individual is currently alive and in hiding (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelver_Shi%27ism#cite_note-Imamat-102). Ayatollah Khomeini, who died in 1989, promulgated the doctrine of *Wilyat al-Faqh*—the “Guardianship of the Jurist,” an assertion that in the absence of the Hidden Mahdi the Supreme Leader (who just happened to be him) functions as the Mahdi’s representative. Twelvers link Jesus, whom they call ‘Isa, to helping the Mahdi in achieving Islam’s ultimate conquest. They even have their own version of antichrist, the Dajjal, and many Twelvers believe that is Donald Trump (iranintl.com/en/202502146682). If Islam looks like a heretical perversion of historic Christian faith, Tom Holland’s book *In the Shadow of the Sword: The Birth of Islam and the Rise of the Global Arab Empire*, makes a fascinating historical case.

The government of Iran claims 99.5% of Iranians are Shia; yet a 2020 online survey by Group for Analyzing and

Measuring Attitudes in Iran concluded only 32% identify as Shia, while 5% said they were Sunni, 3% claimed Sufi (a mystic sect), 9% claimed to be atheists, and 7% claimed Zoroastrianism, a Persian legacy. “Over 60% said they did not perform the obligatory Muslim daily prayers” (<https://theconversation.com/irans-secular-shift-new-survey-reveals-huge-changes-in-religious-beliefs-145253>), which a state-backed poll confirmed, “reporting 60% not observing the fast during Ramadan.” “68% agreed that religious prescriptions should be excluded from legislation, even if believers hold a parliamentary majority, and 72% opposed the law mandating all women wear the hijab.”

The goal of Islam is implementation of Sharia law, the laws promulgated by the Quran and Hadiths (oral anecdotes of the actions and sayings of Muhammad). We have countless sources documenting that. At the Masjid As Sunna An Nabawiyah in North Miami in January of 2024, Dr. Fadi Kablawi said, “We are not here to kill anyone, if we can take your country and implement Sharia law, we will do it, but only according to your laws, by becoming the majority; I am here to convert America” (<https://rairfoundation.com/islam-spells-its-objectives-sharia-are-we-listening/>). Omar Ahmad, of CAIR (the Council on American-Islamic Relations), was reported in *San Ramon Valley Herald*, July 4, 1998, as saying, “Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Quran should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth.”

Temple University Students for Justice in Palestine leader Rishi Arun said, according to *The Lid*, May 9, 2025, “It is our job to destroy imperialism, destroy the United States, and destroy capitalism. We will do it by organizing that actively (sic) undermines and destabilizes the legitimacy and the power of [the United States] and the power and legitimacy of capitalism.”

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Robert H. Jackson, US Chief Prosecutor in the Nuremburg Trials, wrote in the preface to Khadduri and Liebesny’s *Law in the Middle East, Origin and Development of Islamic Law* (1955), “In its source, its scope, and its sanctions, the law of the Middle East (Sharia) is the antithesis of Western law. American law does not prescribe religious duties; indeed, it consciously omits them. Islamic law, on the contrary, finds its chief source in the will of Allah as revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The state itself is subordinate to the Quran, which leaves little room for additional legislation, none for criticism or dissent. Since God (Allah) is Himself the sole Legislator, there can be no room in Islamic political theory for legislation or legislative powers, whether enjoyed by a temporal ruler or by any kind of assembly.”

Is this the last war? Paraphrasing Amos 7:14, I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet. I know one day that the kingdoms of this world will “become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Rev. 11:15). Be ready. Be always ready to share a reason for “the hope that is in you” (1 Pet. 3:15). Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6).



Gary