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Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Mike B. & Beverly—assisted living for rehab
Joan C.—Tuscany Village—rehab
Daughter-in-law of Tom F.—medical tests
Family of Tina I.—bereavement, sister
David L.—health & unspoken
Norma L.—well-being
Mother of Jay M.—health/chemo
Claudia M. & sister—travel & treatment
Family of Tony M.—travel
Madi C. —travel
Family of Clifton P.—bereavement
Pastor's 96-year-old aunt—health/well-being

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom A.—health/well-being
Shelley & Allen C.—health
Gary G. & Judy—well-being
Mark H.'s son, Joshua, & his brother, Tracy
Wayne H.—strength/health
Ann L.—health
Claud & Verda H.—well-being
Chris M.—salvation
Pam & Ron S.
Becca R.'s sister-in-law, Kathy K.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Military

Jamie C.; Heather R.; Floyd & Twila's grandson;
Colton M.; Takoda M. (Japan)

Our Homebound

Mike & Bev B. (Sand Sage, Mustang)
Sam C. (Legends at Jefferson Gardens, Edmond)
Lloyd and Joan D. (Burleson, TX)
Donna S., Carol K.'s mother (Hydro)
Justine H. (Bellevue)

Our College Students & Graduates

Hallie B. and Maddie M.—WSU
Donavon P.—NTSU
Mieka P.—OU
Kaylie and Rae R.—UCO
Mikah R. & Harper M.—Friends University

A.S.K. (Luke 11:9)
Ask. Seek. Knock.

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

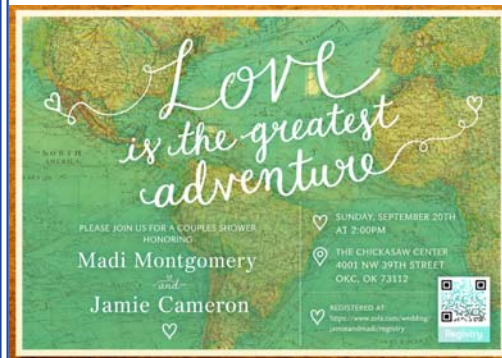
September Birthdays

9 Beverly Beardain
Molly Van Wieren
16 Vickie Macias
18 Kathy Rattan

Stewardship for Morning	9/6/2026
Weekly Budget Required:	\$4,013.03
Budget Receipts:	\$2,550.00
Over/Under:	\$1,463.03
Verda Holland Offering:	\$100.00
Edna McMillan State Missions:	\$200.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

13—Deacons & finance; All-church fellowship
15—WMU monthly meeting and luncheon
18—OCC Packing party and Potluck & Play
20—Wedding Shower for Madi and Jamie
Chickasaw Event Center, 2 PM



Guess Who?

**Can you identify this
beautiful young princess?
Is it Tinkerbell?**

Janie found this among her
mother's photographs and
we got it scanned for the
newsletter.

It's Layla Montgomery
Pietzsch.



911 and 9/11

Most Americans today know “911” as the emergency number to call police, fire, or ambulance service. People my age remember when we had to call “0” for the operator, when our telephone systems had operators. Some older people recall simply picking up the receiver and having an operator in a central station complete the call. We have certainly come a long way in a very short time.

The national 911 system’s origin in the United States began in 1957 “when the National Association of Fire Chiefs recommended use of a single number for reporting fires” (<https://www.nena.org/page/911overviewfacts>). Britain’s “999” system began in June of 1937, again at the urging of fire chiefs (http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/london/hi/people_and_places/history/newsid_8675000/8675199.stm). The English chose “999,” reasoning an “end number” would be easier found by touch in the midst of thick smoke. “222” was rejected because a local exchange already had those digits. In the US, “911” was chosen because the number had never been assigned as an office code, area code, or service code and could be dialed quickly. “911” also fit AT&T’s North American Dialing Plan, created in 1959, explaining how numbers would be assigned. “999” would have taken much longer to dial than “911” on the rotary phones of the day. Additionally, there were regulatory and technical drawbacks in using “999” in the US.

This week we will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, when Islamist terrorists flew hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., with a third plane being brought down in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania by the sacrifice of heroic passengers. It is an irony of history that the date, 9/11, corresponds to the national emergency number. The multiple coordinated attacks killed 2,996 people in the buildings and aircraft, according to Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties_of_the_September_11_attacks). That does not include the long-term effects of the debris and pollution the collapse of the buildings spread through lower Manhattan. *The New York Daily News* reported in 2023 that “at least 1,140 responders and others who were exposed to the toxins at Ground Zero” have related cancers and are receiving treatment for nonmelanoma skin cancer, melanoma, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, thyroid cancers, leukemia, lung, kidney, and bladder cancers, colon cancer, and breast cancer. The total victims murdered in the attacks remains an estimate because we have no way of knowing how many people were in the floors impacted by the planes. Varying estimates of the number of civilians in the towers are from 14,154 (Port Authority turnstile counts) to 17,400 (National Institute of Standards and Technology). We know that 344 members of the New York City Fire Department and 71 members of law enforcement died responding to the attack in rescue attempts. Identified victims include individuals from 102 nations. Wikipedia noted, “Only 174 complete bodies were recovered from Ground zero, out of the about

1,753 deceased.” As of August 2026, the Medical Examiner’s office identified its “1,654th person, an adult woman whose identity was withheld at the request of her family. As of the announcement, 1,099 victims have yet to be identified.

December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, was a date impressed into our minds growing up. In school we heard President Roosevelt’s speech, declaring war: “Yesterday, December 7, 1941 a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.” That occurred a short eight years before I was born, but I was very aware of it. 2,403 Americans died in that attack.

The attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon were almost a quarter-century ago. More than 100 million Americans have been born since September 11, 2001. Estimates are that 125 million Americans (including those aged five and under) — that’s almost one-third of living Americans—have no firsthand conscious memory of those terror attacks. According to Pew Research “83% of adults who were born before 2001... say they recall exactly where they were or what they were doing when they heard the news.” Friday we memorialize and remember those who died on Patriot Day.

Death and war are not new to our planet. God told Adam if he ate the fruit “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” in the Garden of Eden, “in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:17). Death came in with sin, and Adam and Eve’s son Cain killed his brother Abel. World history testifies to the truth of God’s Word. A Mongol named Temujin—we know him as Genghis Khan—is estimated to have killed “somewhere around 40 million” people (<https://www.history.com/articles/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-genghis-khan>). A peasant from the Russian province of Georgia, Ioseb Besarionis dze Jughashvili, Joseph Stalin, is estimated to have murdered at least 20 million people. According to the *Black Book of Communism* Mao Zedong “is responsible for the death of an estimated 65 million Chinese” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Black_Book_of_Communist).

“Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” a popular antiwar folk song by Pete Seeger, asked the question, “When will they ever learn?” As Christians, we look at the deteriorating world around us and wonder “when will they ever learn” the only way to peace is faith in the Prince of Peace. We must tell them that He is individual peace, societal peace, world peace. Long ago, the Prophet Isaiah foretold the good news of the birth of a Child, a Son, who is the Prince of Peace. He wrote, “Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end” (Isaiah 9:6-7). “He is our peace” (Eph. 2:14). One day the Prince of Peace will return to reign, and there will be no more need for the 911 emergency telephone number and no more 9/11s. For that we can give thanks and say, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).

Gary

