



Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025



God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Deneice Gordon—thanksgiving
 Mark Handley's sister, Cindy, recuperation
 Wayne Hendricks—recuperation
 Deb Meek's brother, Dave, back surgery recuperation
 Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri, China (persecution)
 Claudia Montgomery—chemo/ongoing
 Doretta, sister of Wanda Hixon, health (99 years old)
 Kaylee Rocco—shoulder injury
 Al Vass—recuperation from lung surgery

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom Anderson—health & well-being
 Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory
 Shelley & Allen Cloud—health
 Bette Fehrle—health
 Mark Handley's son Joshua & his brother, Tracy
 Mitzi Hembree—Hospice care
 Carol Kimberlin—recovery
 Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—cancer
 Littleton family—unspoken
 Chris McEver

Tom Montgomery & wife (Bob's brother)
 Pam & Ron Sherrod
 Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
 Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
 Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—declining health

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
Persecuted Christians in Nigeria, China,
and around the world
Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd & Twila Howard's grandson
 Colton Montgomery

Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry (*Legends at Jefferson Gardens,*
 Edmond)
 Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burleson, TX)
 Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)
 Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)
 Bob Sapp (home)

Our College Students & Graduates

Kids at school

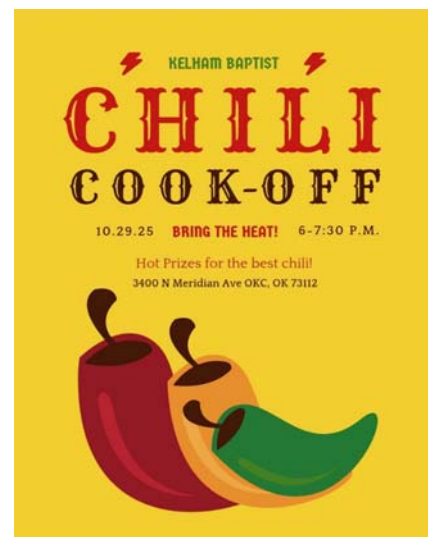
Hallie Benedict—Wichita State University
 Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
 Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
 Mieka Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma
 Kaylie & Mikah Rocco, Harper Montgomery,
 NE Oklahoma State, Friends University
 For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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



This coming Saturday,
9 AM to 2:20 PM, is our last
scheduled work day. Enjoy
the fellowship and help
clean up!

Stewardship for Morning	10/12/2025
Budget Receipts:	\$3,590.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	\$304.57
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Shredding:	\$10.00
OCC Postage:	\$31.00



Mieka noted gifts and givers as
 Ryan and Jessilee opened baby
 shower gifts this past Sunday at
 their baby shower.

Billy grabbed a lawn chair to
 wait with Justine for the
 Embark bus to pick her up
 after church Sunday.



Pastor Appreciation

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts for pastor appreciation month. I can truthfully say I have gained more blessings from my church family through the years than you can possibly have received from me. The love, fellowship, encouragement, and support my family and I have received far outweigh any contributions I may have made to our fellowship. I appreciate your faithfulness to the Lord and to our church family. You are all blessings to me.

Last week I mentioned that Nigerian Christians have been under siege from Islamist Boko Haram with “more than 52,000 Christians” (a figure from 2023) “killed in the country since 2009” (<https://relevantmagazine.com/justice/social-justice/report-more-than-7000-christians-killed-in-nigeria-this-year/>). *Relevant* noted, “This year alone, more than 7,000 have already been murdered and thousands more kidnapped.” Bill Maher, of all people, complained on HBO’s *Real Time*, “They are literally attempting to wipe out the Christian population of an entire country. Where are the kids protesting this?”

I remember missions studies of Nigeria we had when I was a teenager. Southern Baptists sent our first missionaries to what is now called Nigeria in 1850. Yarubaland, the tribal area inhabited by the Yaruba people, covers parts of modern Nigeria, Benin, and Togo. Thomas Jefferson Bowen began in the city of Abeokuta. Four years later, “he baptized his first African convert” (imb.org/175/stories/nigerian-baptists-celebrate-150-years-gospel-witness). His work was made easier by a Yariba (the language of the Yaruba) translation printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Samuel Ajayi Crowther, whose family had been captured by Muslim Fulani slave raiders and sold into slavery when he was around twelve years old, did the translation. The Royal Navy’s West Africa Squadron, specifically tasked with enforcing the British ban on slavery, freed the family, and Crothers settled in Sierra Leone and became a Christian and a linguist.

Islam has had a foothold in Africa since its initial spread in the 700s, particularly in northern and eastern areas, where there was greater exposure to Arab businessmen and slave traders. In recent years, that has crept further. Raymond Ibrahim observed of Nigeria, “The violence has reached the point... that many traumatized Christian children sleep in trees to try to avoid being butchered in the night, when Fulani are most prone to attack” (<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/21033/christians-slaughtered-in-nigeria>). “The murderers are Muslims and their victims are overwhelmingly Christian,” but the mainstream media presents the conflict as being a result of climate change, which is forcing Muslim herders to encroach on the land of Christian farmers.

Nigeria is not the only place Christians are being persecuted in our world today. China is high on the list.

ChinaAid released a statement that China had launched a “‘sweeping operation’ across five provinces, Beijing, and Shangri” the first week in October (https://www.theepochtimes.com/china/beijing-launches-sweeping-crackdown-against-zion-church-in-china-5928252?utm_medium=app&c=share_pos1&pid=iOS_app_share&utm_source=iOS_app_share).

Zion Church had its worship places “‘raided and sealed,’ property was confiscated, and family members of church members were harassed.” Secretary of State Rubio condemned the Chinese Communist Party over targeting Zion Church: “This ...further demonstrates how the CCP exercises hostility towards Christians who reject Party interference in their faith and choose to worship at unregistered house churches.”

The story of Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri got my attention, particularly in light of Pastor Appreciation Month. Mingri moved his family to the US in 2018 after initial government targeting of Zion Church but returned to China, according to his daughter, Grace Jin, who remains in the US. She has not seen her father in six years since he returned to China. He was detained October 10 at his home in Beihai in Guangxi Province. His daughter said, “He felt that, as a pastor, he had to be with the flock. He had always been prepared for something like this.”

ChinaAid published the names of nearly thirty pastors and members of Zion Church arrested (<https://chinaaid.org/news/nearly-30-pastors-and-members-of-zion-church-across-china-faced-raids-lost-communications-and-arrests-drawing-concern/>):

Shanghai: Pastor Wang Lin: Taken at Shenzhen Airport on October 10. Liu Jiang: Taken on October 11 and has since “lost contact.”

Beijing: October 10: Preacher Wu Xiaoyu, Pastor Wang Cong, Pastor Sun Cong, and Sister Li. Shengjuan. October 11: Pastor Gao Yingjia; Sister Ming Li, who serves in ministry in Beijing on October 10, but was taken away in her hometown. Sister Hu Yanzi, who has since lost contact after sending a message on October 10, is believed to have been taken away. Jiaxing, Zhejiang: Preacher Zhange was taken away; the arrest warrant was dated September 26; the family was not allowed to accompany. Beihai: October 10: Pastor Jin Mingri and Pastor Yin Huibin. October 11: Preacher Misha. A city in Shandong Province: Pastor Liu Zhenbin. Fuzhou, Fujian: Preacher Wang Rong: Taken away by police around 10:20 p.m. on October 10; the home was searched, and the phone, computer, and other personal items were confiscated. Chengdu, Sichuan: Preacher Mu Chenglin was taken away on the morning of the 11th.

News of such persecution and such dedication humbles me. There is no Pastor Appreciation Month in China or Nigeria. Hebrews 13:3 says, “Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.” I will be adding Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri to my prayer list as well as remembering persecuted believers in China, Africa, India, Malaysia, and other places in the world in prayer. They are our brothers and sisters and need and deserve our prayer.



Brother Gary