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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Todd Church, Anne Doub, Patricia Dragos, Alice Edmondson, Berry Forest, Lawrence Grubb, Finley Gunter, Aroua Hagan, **Jack Henderson**, Bristol-Hope Hagan, Linda Johnson, Mason Jentsch, Issac Kohl, Hazel Lineberry, Margaret Love, Jessie Pearl Marler, Robyn Martin, Christi Matthews, Lynn Myers, Steve Nixa, Betty Saylor, **Sharon Shore**, Nita Thomas, Triston Turoski, Randy Vestal, Lucy Vriesema, Caleb Williams, Nate Wolford, East Bend Elementary, Israel

#### Deaths

**Ann Kirkman Family, Amber Miller Family, Tracy Paul Family, Sherry Dockery Family**

#### Long-Term Care

Kenny & Betsy Brown, Zola Speer, Ruby Murphy – church member, Bettie Ratledge – church member, Ruth Wooten – church member

#### Armed Forces

Michael Kranzburg, Daniel Lunsford, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson



**STONY KNOLL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**East Bend, NC**

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**February 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

Minister: All the People                      Pastor: Rev. Arnold P. Gosnell  
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Call to Worship                      “Seek Ye First”                      choir

Greeting

Christ died for our trespasses  
but was raised for our justification.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Welcome

Opening Hymn                      “The Old Rugged Cross”                      #504

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles’ Creed                      #881

Psalter Reading                      Psalm 22:25-31 5                      #753

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
(Silent prayer of Confession)

Hymn                      “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”                      #301

Offering

Doxology

Prayers of the People

Anthem                      “How Beautiful”                      choir

Pastor’s Pals

Message                      “Take Up Your Cross”                      Pastor Arnold  
**Mark 8:31-38 (NLT2)**

Hymn of Commitment                      “Take Up Thy Cross”                      #415

Benediction

Benediction Response                      “Shalom to You”                      choir

## **Announcements**

Join us for our **Dinner Church** this Monday night at 6:00 pm for great food and fellowship. We will have Chicken Casserole, potatoes au gratin and green beans with chocolate pie for dessert.

Choir practice this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Journey into Biblical Problem Solving with our Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We will study 1 Corinthians 1. Come join us!

East Bend United is planning a road side trash pick up for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for Flint Hill Road. We will meet at East Bend Elementary School at 8:30 am. All are encouraged to help.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**March 1 – Joel Cornelius**

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