

# The Pastor's Corner

To the saints at Stone Mountain:

Sometime last night (September 20, 2020), my “second mother”, fell and broke her hip. She is 93 and is showing some signs of memory loss and confusion. Add a fractured hip to that and we have a scenario that requires the making of difficult decisions and the walking of paths unknown. Add COVID-19 to that and the matter becomes yet more complex.

This is called life.

Surprises. Emergencies. Unexpected blessings. Frantic phone calls. Sudden losses. Fountains of tears. Sleepless nights. Ear-to-ear smiles. Children’s laughter. A \$20 bill found in a bathrobe pocket. A new car. A new friend. An old friend. Six Flags. Dunkin’ Donuts. Stone Mountain Park. A walk through a farmer’s market. A birthday party. Trial Netflix membership.

If we live long enough, these experiences (and more) will come...some, without invitation.

For Christ-ians, there is a stance to be assumed. We stand in confidence that our God is aware of our 93-year-old mother’s need. God knows our tendency toward anxiety, fear and overload.

God knows the resources we have available: financial, emotional and spiritual.

While the strength of our ninety-year-olds is waning, we in our thirties, forties, fifties, sixties and seventies are thinking there are decades of daylight left.

Let us do life while it is day. Night is coming.

Glad the tomb is empty,  
Pastor Farmer



## Healing *The following persons are in need of prayer:*

Patti Matthews

Dorothy Johnson

Julia Matthews

Michael Hairston

Ralph Eason (Annette Smith’s brother) Doreen Wanliss

Myrna Smith’s, nephew Peter Godfrey

Walric & Catherine Christie

John Gregory (Sharon’s husband)

Paul Settles mother, Alberta and sister, Lavern

Edward & Uvalyn Patterson

Isaac Wood (Roger and Denise Wood’s son )

Veronica Winley and Ruth Daniels’ sister, Virginia Griffin-Chapman

Terrance Haywood’s brother, Holman Haywood

Crystal Joyce’s sister Kiki Joyce

Terrance Heywood

Bereavement: Don Herman family, Wood family (Roger’s brother)



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## Crossroads News

***Tuesday Morning Bible Study***- This Bible study group has resumed meeting at 11:00am on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of the month. You are welcome to join them- either meet in person (social distancing) in the Parlor or on Zoom. Contact Nancy Scott for more information: 404-633-4997 or [nas1131594@gmail.com](mailto:nas1131594@gmail.com).

***Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting***- The Prayer Team is hosting a Tuesday night Zoom Prayer Meeting for our nation and our upcoming election every Tuesday at 7:30 PM until Tuesday, October 27.

If you are interested in joining, please email Deloris Rose at [rose9064@comcast.net](mailto:rose9064@comcast.net). She will send you a zoom invitation for these meetings.

### ***Shoebox Items for Operation Christmas Child***

Samaritan's Purse is still planning on collecting shoeboxes this year. This month the emphasis is on collecting washcloths, but we also need many other items such as toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, and accessories. We CANNOT include used or damaged items, war-related items, food or candy, toothpaste, or liquids. There is a bin in the narthex for the donations. Postage is also needed (\$11.00) made out to Samaritan's Purse which can be dropped off in the mailbox or church office.

***Helping the Homeless***- One of our members, Christine Brown, works within an outreach ministry serving the homeless by making all-weather sleeping mats. At this time they are in need of **clean, dry plastic grocery bags**. The bags are shredded, turning them into yarn, which are then crochet into mats for the homeless. If you would like to help, a container with a lid is located outside the front door of the church building for bag donations.

## Crossroads News

***Outreach*** — Thank You my Crossroads family for all of your support and service to our community. I am hopeful that its brings you much joy to serve. Thanks to all who served yesterday during the voter registration drive.

Here are the upcoming Outreach activities for =October:

October 10th - **Food Giveaway** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

October 31st - **Trunk n Treat**, 12:00 to 2:00 PM. All organizations of the church are ask to decorate a car and give out candy.

All of these activities are outside and we will follow CDC guidelines. Please consider volunteering for these activities. Believe it or not, we really have a wonderful time when we are together.

***A note for housekeeping:*** Slowly and cautiously, Crossroads' building is being reopened. Some groups are now meeting in person and would like to come in and see a tidy place. If you have meetings or events, please be mindful of what is left behind. If your group rearranges furniture, uses carts or tables, please put them back in place before leaving. Same goes with trash or any other objects you/your group used. Also remember to turn off lights and reset thermostats.

Past and current sermons are available on our website [www.crossroads-pc.com](http://www.crossroads-pc.com) at any time.