

MINDFUL MONDAY March 4th

*When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away. Mark 12:12*

A conversation started this week questioning what did Jesus do to get himself in so much trouble to be killed? The verse above could be one of the reasons. This is just a tiny portion of the scripture reading from Sunday's worship. This is the part that shows Jesus showing defiance to those in power. Jesus did other things to get himself noticed and have those in authority questioning what to do to stop him. Jesus performed miracles, raised Lazarus from the dead. He didn't keep company with the so-called best people. He showed mercy to all, not just those with money and status. Jesus showed those around him and even us today that we can be sinners, make mistakes, yet we are forgiven. Today Pastor Jason asked us, what have we done to be uncomfortable to display our faith? What could we do to show our faith in a public way? What is God nudging us to do? How can we show others that our God shows love and mercy, and they are welcomed. That is our challenge this week.

*Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6*

We ask that the prayers for Lucy Walker continue. We pray for her to continue to recover and heal. Our WOW kids have come up with an idea to raise money for the family with a coin drive. We pray they have a successful fundraiser, and they are able to bless the family with a donation to help with any financial burdens the family has during this time.

We pray for Jan's mom as she deals with issues with her medications. May the doctors find a solution to regulate her medications.

Gray Fredericks has suffered a back injury and is using a cane. They are still trying to find answers so we pray for those answers and for healing.

We pray for Hazel's friend, John, that will undergo surgery. Prays for a good recovery and successful outcome.

We've received an update on Virginia that will be sent out. We ask to pray for her as she deals with difficult ailments keeping her from activities and more assistance at her place of residence.

We pray that the prayers that are unspoken and in our hearts be answered. We pray that You know the needs and You provide.

We ask that you pray for the members of our prayer list. Many of the members we lift up in prayer are no longer able to attend church. We hope they feel Your love and know we miss them. Please pray for Lorraine, Jerry & Bea Gilland, Craig Horrigan, Judy Helm-Burns, Joanne Reiman, Floyd & Dona Seiberling, and Virginia Thomas. We pray for any ailments and for good health.

Please pray for the following congregations, pastors, and ministries from the weekly prayer calendar from the Region. We pray for these churches, pastors, and the members of the retreat to feel Your presence, Lord and that they are blessed.

First Christian Church, Nevada, IA, W. Mike Albert

Islanders Fellowship Church, Sioux City, IA, Retnick Suta

Mark Hall

Brad Thornton

Stephanie Stovall

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