

PRAYING FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

(Part 2), by Tom Cox

Each Sunday during the *Prayers of God's People*, we join our hearts in naming three unreached people groups before the Lord. A gentleman in ECO's North Carolina Presbytery named Philip King serves as Head of Global Engagement and sends me and Carol Bain a weekly email listing the groups we are to uphold in prayer. The names we lift up to the Lord are hard to pronounce and for people who live far away from us. Why pray then, you might ask.

Most of those we pray for are from either Muslim or Hindu backgrounds. There are Buddhists and those of various other backgrounds as well. This month, I'd like to share a few key points about **Hinduism** so that we can all be better informed with our prayers.

On the street where we live, there is a Hindu family from India and many thousands more live in the greater Raleigh metropolitan area. My neighbors are very kind and gracious people. They are part of the 1.25 billion Hindus worldwide that comprise 2,400 different people groups (source: joshuaproject.net).

So then, **why do we pray for Hindus?**

Hinduism is polytheistic and pantheistic.

- 1) Hindus believe in literally thousands of gods. Cows and monkeys are considered sacred, while elephants and insects are thought to be deities of some sort. Yet these are false gods that have no saving power. They believe that an impersonal force, Brahman, is the supreme god (along with Vishnu and Shiva) and that the Bhagavad Gita and many other writings are sacred scripture. They view Jesus as one of many great lights along with Confucius, Buddha, and Muhammad but Jesus Himself says that He alone is the Light of the World and the only way to the Father (see John 8:12 and 14:6).
- 2) In contrast to Hindu thought, the Scriptures teach that "...The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4b). He says of Himself, Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior (Isaiah 43:10b-11).

Hindus believe in reincarnation.

Hindus' concept of eternal life is far different than what the Bible teaches, maintaining that there is a constant cycle of life, death, and rebirth in a different form. The gospel tells us instead that "...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

We want to pray for Hindu people to come to know the One True God. Let's continue to ask that the Lord would show Himself even to people who have not sought Him.



John 10:14-17 (ESV)

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.



FBCPC COMMITTEE CORNER

Worship Committee:

World Communion Sunday will be observed Sunday, October 5.

Homecoming will be held Sunday, October 12. Covered dish meal will follow the morning worship service.

Choir practice has resumed on Thursday nights, 6:00 p.m. New and old members are welcome to join.

Presbyterian Women News

The final PW fundraiser for this year will be the quilt drawing on November 9th at the Veterans Dau Luncheon. In addition to the quilt made by Stella Akers, additional prizes are a barn quilt made by Debbie Hanks and an afghan made by Danielle Twiss.

Tickets are \$5 each of 6 for \$25. See Mary Lasater to purchase your tickets or pick up tickets to sell.



*Thank
you!*



Lloyd,

Thank You for your unwavering dedication to taking care of the repairs to the church. We are so grateful for the updated lighting in our Sunday School classes. You are truly a blessing to our church!

2025 Missions: Together Expo

Grow Up and Go: Biblical Maturity that Leads to Mission

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, November 1, 2025 (9am – 1pm)**, Cornerstone Church Fellowship in Apex, NC will host this year's **M:T Expo**.

This one-day gathering will inspire, equip, and connect believers and leaders from across churches to see how growing in Christ always leads to going on mission for Him (Ephesians 4). We're excited to welcome **Rosaria Butterfield** as one of our keynote speakers. **For more information, go to www.missionstogether.church**



Join us for a day of encouragement and vision—because when the Church grows up, the Church goes out!

FBCPC KIDS CORNER, by Jenna Cox

This fall, God is doing something exciting in our church family. We've seen growth in our children's and student ministries, and we want to share how we're moving forward together.

Preschool

Our youngest learners are off to a great start with Ms. Carole Bain leading the preschool group. She is nurturing their earliest experiences of God's Word with joy and care.

Elementary (K-5)

Our elementary kids are beginning a new curriculum called Two or More. This program is designed for churches our size and gives children more hands-on activities and engaging lessons. It's a wonderful fit for our kids, and we believe it will serve our ministry well for years to come.

Parents, we encourage you to visit the [Flat Branch Kids page on our website](#). There you'll find a Google Calendar with the weekly lesson schedule, plus a kids' version of the sermon for families to explore at home.

We are also introducing Nearpod, an educational tool many children already use at school. Nearpod lets kids interact with the lesson through drawing, quizzes, videos, and other fun activities. It also helps us as teachers see what the children are understanding so we can adjust and better serve their needs.

Best of all, kids can save their Nearpod activities as PDFs through the Notes feature and send them to their email, Google Drive, or OneDrive. This creates a kind of digital binder they can look back on to remember what they've learned and how they've grown.

Nearpod lessons are so fun and engaging that they often hook middle schoolers — and even parents! Families can use them together for devotions or just for downtime. Everyone can have fun learning God's Word in fresh and interactive ways.

Middle School

On September 7, we multiplied into a new middle school class, led by Carolyn, Fraser, Karen, and Grace. This gives students a space of their own with teaching that matches their age and stage of life.

Looking Ahead

We believe God has multiplied our ministry, and this is just the beginning. As kids and parents continue to attend and grow in their faith, we pray for more opportunities to celebrate what God is doing. Families, encourage your children to invite friends — we can't wait to see how God continues to move!

Thank you for praying, serving, and supporting this important work. Together, we are raising the next generation to know and follow Christ.

Happy Birthday

Logan Wilkins—10/2

Diane Felmet—10/3

Joel Frasier—10/3

Erik Rhodes—10/4

Audrey Smith—10/4

(101 years old!)

Alvin McArtan—10/10

Ansley Lee—10/11

Becky McArtan—10/20

Dawson Fux—10/22

Elyse Backus—10/26

Hazel Clark—10/31

(102 years old!)



Memorials

Johnny Beaver

Reggie & Carol Bain

Carolyn Shaw

Tony A. Brown

Wanda Brown

Pamela T. Byrd

Jo Stone-Ash

L. Holt Felmet, Jr.

Lillington Kiwanis Club

Charlie Kirk

Garry & Tracy McArtan

James & Eva McArtan

Alvin & Charlotte McArtan

James William (Bill) Thomas

Alvin & Charlotte McArtan

Carolyn Shaw

Happy Anniversary

David & Erika Rhodes—10/1

Tom & Heather Backus—10/18



Audrey Smith

October 4th

101 Years Young!

**HAPPY, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!
TO OUR
OCTOBER**

“CENTURY GIRLS”



Hazel Clark

October 31st

102 Years Young!

Prayer Requests

Our Pastor, Church Leaders and Church Family

Our Country (and Leaders) for many reasons

Our Military Personnel & Emergency Services

Western NC

The Bill Thomas Family

Tommy Shaw—Illness

David Michael Meek—illness

Charlie Aslund— Cancer

Donnie Hamilton—health issues

Betty Bain—cancer

Evelyn Bordeaux—illness

Carmen Gobern—illness

Paul Dempster— illness

Unspoken concerns

Shut-ins who are alone and lonely

Those who are struggling financially, physically, and mentally.

Those doing Mission work spreading the Gospel of Jesus throughout to World.

The needs are many and these are the ones that we're currently aware of. Please feel free to contact us by the church phone, email, website, or Facebook, should you have a specific request.

(Additional updated Prayer Requests are distributed every Sunday at Worship Service)

Pastor Tom,

We would like to “Thank You” for all that you do for us at Flat Branch CPC!

We are so truly blessed to have you as our Shepherd!



October is

Pastor

APPRECIATION MONTH



*September
Memories Made.....*