



The Untouchables

Dan Richardson lost his battle with cancer. A fervent Christian, he wrote the following to be distributed at his memorial service.

Cancer is limited . . .

- It cannot cripple love,
- It cannot corrode faith,
- It cannot eat away peace,
- It cannot destroy confidence,
- It cannot kill friendship,
- It cannot shut out memories,
- It cannot silence courage,
- It cannot invade the soul,
- It cannot reduce eternal life,
- It cannot quench the Spirit,
- It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection. *

“You have cancer.” So many have heard these devastating words. Fear is the most common response. These are sobering, life-altering words. The medical profession has made many advances. We pray for our loved ones who have heard the somber diagnosis. We long to hear the words after surgery and treatments: “You are cancer free.”

Even children of God are not immune from this disease. But Dan Richardson’s words remind us of what cancer cannot touch. May his words that are based on Scriptural truths bring strength, comfort, and peace to you, if you are battling cancer or going through some other difficult struggle.

Neither cancer nor any other trial in life can touch the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ. That is because Jesus has won for us the victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:57). Unforgiven sin is the only real reason for despair because it separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and puts us on the path to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

But God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16) so that we can receive the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 1:7) and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin and prepare for an eternal home those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Are you struggling with the difficulties that plague us in this world? Consider the untouchable blessings that are found in Christ. He died to make these things possible for you. Embrace these blessings on His terms. They will sustain you now and for eternity.

-- David A. Sargent

* As shared by Joe Barnett in “Defeating Despair,” *Today’s Walk in the Word* by Joe Barnett, January 9, 2024. Pathway Evangelism, Inc.

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Wednesday	Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM	Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM	6:00 PM

January 21, 2024

WELCOME TO CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to welcome all our visitors to Creekwood! Please sign the guest register in the foyer. We also invite you to stay for our Bible classes immediately following morning worship services.

TODAY’S MESSAGES:

AM – TBA

PM – “One”

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Know Your Bible on the WHBR station on Mediacom channel 13/Comcast channel 7; Sundays at 6:00 PM CT.

Getting To Know Your Bible on Sunday on DirecTV-Uplift Channel 379 10:30 a.m. & Dish-Folk TV Channel 218 8:30 a.m.

Both of these broadcasts are co-sponsored by the Creekwood Church of Christ.

Please remember those listed below in your prayers and with other expressions of love (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)

OUR COUNTRY & THOSE SERVING: Chris Campbell - Navy (Italy), Nick Marcet – (Air Force), Lt. James Chapman III (Kuwait), Harry Lehman – (Coast Guard), Mitchell Englund – (Marine Reserves), Dylan Butler – (Navy), Jacob Jones - Navy (Charleston, SC), Pam Bradshaw - (Air Force), Charley and Neecy Burch – (National Guard), Kelly Leverett – (Army)

EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hannah (Presley) Newcomb (?), Britney Mitchell (?)

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jaya Paul (India), Michael Fordjour (Ghana)

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE WAR IN ISRAEL!

PRAYER REQUEST for Rowena Leekley, who has been diagnosed with cancer. She will see an oncologist soon for treatment options. Please pray for Rowena, Phil, and their family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Derek Shelburne, nephew of Terry Shelburne. He is battling pneumonia and was admitted to the hospital after suffering with it for weeks. He lives in Virginia, in his mid-forties, and has Down Syndrome. Please pray for Derek and the Shelburne family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Briana Burkett, daughter of Darrell and Penny Davis. She has been diagnosed with colitis pending biopsies. During her hospital stay her oxygen level dropped and they put her on oxygen due to some clouded areas in her lungs. She has been discharged and sent home with oxygen. She is very weak and unsure about her lungs. Please pray for Briana and her family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Julie Todd, friend of Brook Oglesby Grice, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer (non-smoker). It has metastasized to her lymph nodes and possibly more places. Please pray for Julie and her family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Taylor Cowan, Jennifer Yost’s daughter, underwent tests on her unborn baby. The baby boy has anencephaly. There is no skull, no brain, no neural tube. Please pray for Taylor, Jennifer and all the family.

PRAYERS FOR THE FETNER FAMILY. An email from Jennifer: We have been waiting for months for a court date to finish the adoption. We recently discovered that our case has been rejected by the court because of a child support case against an aunt, and that the aunt is listed as an additional parent. Our attorney informed them that it’s biologically impossible to have 2 female parents, and that there are no court documents supporting their claim, but they will not back down on her being a parent. Apparently, we will now have to get this aunt to relinquish her rights to the children and of course we hope that this will not cause any problems. Please pray for this situation. Thank you! Please pray all things will go well for the Fetner family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Makenzie Hall who was admitted to USA Children's & Women's due to severe abdominal pain. She has been diagnosed with Mesmeric Adenitis. She is in a lot of pain but is improving. Let's pray for Makenzie and her family!

PRAYER REQUEST for Sheila & Fred Hudson. They have stopped the sedation medication, but she hasn’t woken up. The swelling has gone down and she will nod her head when asked a question. They hope to take her off the ventilator again soon. The pneumonia is improving. She has opened her eyes and is more alert. Let's pray fervently for Sheila and Fred.

MEMBERS: Jacquelyn & Norman Newberry, Omer Oglesby, Ryan James, Sara Sargent, Bernice Fables, Dawn Sims, Kitty Morris, Shirley & Betty Gunnells, Esther Boulanger, Nancy White, John Bogle, Valary Smith, Tom Busby, Sharon Bogle, Patti Mitchell, Kathy Stacy, Ken Grisham, Richard McDonald, Pat Parenteau, Martha & Bill Franks, and Jeannie Aldred

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS: Dairica Odom, friend of Heather Bell, Diane Glover, Logan Moore, Kruz Kohrumel, 1st grader at Mobile Christian, Trish Patterson, friend of Sandy Hall, Rick Gray, Penny Davis’s brother, Carolyn Parham, cousin of Susan Thomas, along with Tara (received an all clear from her biopsies Callaway, John & Betty King Fuller, Daniel Mitchell Brabham, the brother of Stephanie Hulon, , Lisa & Albert Andrews, sister and brother in law of Sheila Marcet, A.J. Brown, nephew of Fran & Wayene Buzbee, Barbara Bradford, grandmother of Erin Cunningham, Larry Tart, brother of Jerrol Sawrey, Betty Thompson, Donna Allsup’s mother, Betsy McCaskill, friend of Larry Duncan; Nelda Carr, former member;

Dawson Moorer, former member, Diana Pierce, Shawn Cobb’s mother; Vic Johnson, friend of John Bogle; Bennett Gibson, member living in Omak, Washington; Donna Lucas; Sally Tindell (sibling of Nancy Moorer); Boots Carson (mother of Gina Englund and Ka Kinman); Alona Gobble (Penny Davis’ mother); Kellen Franks, (grandson of Bill & Martha Franks); Don White, brother of Celeste Chandler; George Smith, (friend of John Bogle)

SHUT-INS – Martha Irvin, Esther Boulanger, Barbara Roley, Hurley Crews, Betty Wheeler, Pat Parenteau

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS. Many are struggling with health issues. Some of which are: Betty Arnold

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL – We host a devotional on Sunday afternoons at Mobile Nursing & Rehab at 2:30 p.m. Please come and visit with the residents, sing a few songs, and have a brief Bible study.

AS WAS ANNOUNCED, Dawn will be retiring as church secretary. We are thankful for Dawn’s dedication, her willingness to go the second mile, and her hard work. We are accepting applications for the position of church secretary. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please see one of the elders and submit a resume’. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the duties of the secretary.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT will be held on February 18-21 at 6:00 p.m. Sunday night and 6:30 p.m. Monday – Wednesday night at Azalea City Church of Christ. The theme for the Series is: “Behold Our God.” More information will follow soon.

COUPLES BRIDAL SHOWER for Lauren Williamson and Tate Bivens on Sunday, February 25th in the Creekwood fellowship hall at 4:00 p.m. They are registered at Amazon, Target and <https://www.zola.com/wedding/becomingthebivens>