

We are always focused on *the other*, whoever, or whatever, that might be. Therefore, anytime is the right time, to expand and sophisticate our communal strategies for cultivating a community of faith with a framework of values that honors the dignity of all persons. In this quest we can gain insight by engaging ancient and contemporary voices. One virtue that has operated as an unwritten law is that of hospitality. The role of hospitality in antiquity was one of the most highly praised mechanisms for ministering to others. The fluidity between the roles of host, guest, sojourner, family, and stranger speaks to the heart of what grace is all about. On Sunday we will delve a bit further in this topic by looking at focused places we can restore hospitality in our households, congregations, and social ministries.

Kevin Angell

*Kevin will be our pulpit guest on Sunday. Gary will be at Sardis Baptist Church in Charlotte, participating in the installation service of Bob Stillerman as pastor.*

Family of JJ Golden. Perry Carter, Caleb Erwin, Don Horton, Family of Ray Berryhill, Karen Irwin, John Rankin, Family of Gail Germain, Mark Sampsel, Family of Teresa Rimmer, Kristin Stiles, Judy Tittle, Elijah Aschbrenner, Sam Pace/Bobi Arnold, Chase - son of a friend of Chris Shuford, Shirley Henkel, Ben Watts, Family of Amber Davis, Ernestine Lanford, Wes Williams and family, Clay Bodenheimer, Mike Nigrelli, Helen - a friend of Louise, Savannah Garrett, Kristen Stokes, Joanna Jester, Peggy Ree Cook, Susie Wiberg, Luke Cashdollar, Donald Joines, Davis Overcash, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, Helen Current, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, daughter of Reponda Powell, Kat Martin, Redallia Freeman, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Sue Walser, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards

Those facing tough times: The Parlier family, Ed and Nancy Clark, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin

#### BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$78,279.20  
Received year to date: \$70,878.01  
Under budget: \$7,401.19  
Weekly needs: \$1956.98

#### CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

- 5 - Mary Whitted Hendrix
- 5 - Tracey Rawls Preslan
- 5 - Nellie Grant
- 6 - Peggy Nicholson
- 8 - Liliana Billings
- 10 - Mason Rawls

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ Continue to hold Kathy Goodman's family tight. Kathy is still in Texas with her daughter and family after the death of Kathy's son-in-law, JJ Golden. Kathy, her mother and another daughter will make the trip back to North Carolina this weekend after the memorial service for JJ on Thursday at Dyess Air Force Base.
- ◆ Remember the Burleson family, friends of Kevin and Marsha. Their 29 year old daughter lost her life due to a drug overdose.
- ◆ Sheri Coarsey has a student at Davie County High School whose mother is in Hospice care.
- ◆ Remember both South and North Iredell students after the collapse of the awning and several students were injured.
- ◆ William Barnard is having back surgery.
- ◆ Hold Kari Johnson tight as she and her husband are expecting their baby this week.
- ◆ Sharon McDougall's uncle died.
- ◆ Louise Grose's dad fell and possibly has cracked ribs. On Tuesday he was admitted to the hospital for a very low hemoglobin.

Mary Ruth is at Autumn Care Visits are welcomed and cards are appreciated!

Mary Ruth Godfrey  
Autumn Care  
2001 Van Haven Drive  
Statesville, NC 28625

Remember all our special folks at  
The Gardens. The address is:  
2147 Davie Avenue

WORDS OF GRACE  
"STRANGER DANGER"  
KEVIN ANGELL

THE HEBREW LESSON  
ISAIAH 58

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS  
Church cleaning before Sunday  
Comer

SECOND HOUR HELPERS  
This Sunday -  
Linda Marshall and Mike  
Shaver; Bryan Starrette and  
Clay McDougall

CALENDAR  
Wednesday: 6pm - Cabinet;  
7pm - Choir rehearsal  
Friday: 8pm - NA  
Sunday - 9am - Education;  
10am - Sunday School; 11am -  
Worship

COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
ICM is in need of canned  
vegetables and fruit.  
Fifth Street is in need of all  
types of food items

Participation at our annual  
Davis Lectures was very  
good. We are grateful to Dr.  
Timothy Tyson for his  
leadership. His presentations  
were thought-provoking and  
challenging. What we  
experienced can help us as we  
look to a future of necessary  
engagement in our community.