

Donations Request for Honduras Medical Brigade

Our dear sister, Barbara Warnock, is collecting the following over-the-counter medicines for her next volunteer trip to Honduras with the HOPEworldwide Medical Brigade. She will need all items by **January 19**. Thank you for helping those in Central America who are suffering the devastating effects of poverty, malnutrition and disease. Put donations on table in lobby.

- **Adult Vitamins** • **Acetaminophen - Children's Chewable & Adult strengths** • **Ibuprofen - Children's & Adult strengths**
- **Children's Chewable Vitamins (prefer with Iron & no gummies)**
- **Toothbrushes** • **Toothpaste**

DECEMBER AVERAGES

Average Weekly Attendance = 409

Contribution Year-to-Date Weekly Average: \$12,574.83

Events and Activities:

- January 5** *Congregational Fast Started*
- January 12** *Share the Warmth Coat Drive*
- January 17** *7-8:30 PM Mother's Prayer Night*
- January 17-19** *Playmaker's Bowl in Tampa*
- January 24** *Congregational Prayer Night*
- January 25** *Break the Fast*
- February 21-22** *Life After Campus Workshop*
- Feb. 28-Mar. 2** *SE Campus Retreat*

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Let me emphasize that this is not "optional" equipment, as it has become physically impossible for Selena to adequately care for Dakota. He has just grown up and she has just worn out, literally.

You can mail your contributions to:

GROUND ZERO GRACE
211 Saint Martin Drive
Suwanee, GA 30024

OR you can donate on line at: www.groundzerograce.com and our Facebook page, Ground Zero Grace Inc.

We are a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization so your contribution is tax deductible. Please indicate this offering is for The Brand Family. If you have any questions, please email or call.

Steve Gooch for Ground Zero Grace
stvgoo52@gmail.com
770-367-4061

Here is a letter from Selena:

*Hello All,
As you know, it's been hard taking care of Dakota the last 10 years. Unfortunately, my health hasn't been so good since April, as we have had added stress. My husband had to take a new job paying less. We desperately need bathroom modifications (install shower, sliding door, widen entry way) for safety and my continued health. On an average day I lift him at 60-80 times a day if not more, just for his basic care and needs. Dakota weighs 80 pounds and it has gotten harder and harder each week lifting our son. I'm usually out of breath, continued heart palpitations, hurt shoulder, but I try not to complain (just pray for strength each day).
Eternally Gratefully,
Selena Brand*

If you feel moved to help, or want some more information, talk to me or see the contact information above.

Thank you,

Sonny Sessions

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Andy Van Bueren is battling pancreatic cancer and has started a 30 day chemo/radiation treatment. Please pray for his healing and recovery. Address: 1039 Pinfeather Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

Ray and Karen Mims request prayers for their son, Raymond, along with all our troops. He is currently in Afghanistan and there have been a number of close calls. He was very encouraged by all the cards he received from our church. Thank you so much! Address: 1 Lt. Raymond Mims, NTM-A/CST-A CJ8, APO, AE 09356.

Tami Wolf's father and Evan Gilcrest's grandfather, Richard Wolf, had emergency quadruple bypass surgery on Thursday at St. Joseph's. It went well and he is recovering.

Betty Bloom's sister, Diana Sanford's cancer has spread to her bones. She has started more aggressive chemo but needs our prayers. Cards of encouragement would be great. Diana Sanford, PO Box 65, Barker, NY 14012.

Wade William's uncle, Bob Wade Sr., passed away on Wednesday. He was 79. Wade attended the funeral in Kentucky yesterday. Wade's address: 1500 Bouldercrest Circle, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

Four Brothers: Please pray that a great adoptive resource can be found for four brothers, ages 1, 3, 5 and 8, so that they can all stay together, or two resources that are able to keep the boys in close relationship with each other. They have had two adoptive resources fall through, not because of these boys, but because of the circumstances of the potential adoptive parents. If you know anyone who would be interested in considering adoption for these local boys, please contact Rachele Gibson and she could get you in touch with the DFCS case manager.

Betty Jo Wallace's husband, Mark Wallace, is recovering from a major stroke and is now at home. Pray for a continuing successful rehabilitation and recovery. Address: 1641 Flat Rock Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

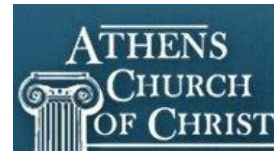
Pat Snow's stepfather, Gene Pruitt, is battling lung cancer. Pray also for **Pat's mom, Mary Pruitt,** who is 80, to have the strength to take care of him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIGQUIDATION BOOK SALE: DPI Books will be going out of business as of March 31 after 21 years. Prices are up to 75% off. dpibooks.org/

SUPER BOWL PARTY: Want to see the BIG game on a BIG SCREEN. Join Athens Church of Christ for our Annual Super Bowl Party. Contact Frederick Arrington at 706-247-2612 for more information. Fliers are on the small table in the foyer.

To place an ad or announcement in the bulletin, please email acocservant@gmail.com.



Sunday Bulletin

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A TIME TO GIVE

As a church we get many requests for financial help. I wish we could help everyone. We all know that is impossible.

This request is on behalf of an amazing couple, Joel and Selena Brand, who are in need. I know them personally. Joel was one of our first counselors at the Swamp. He touched the lives of so many of our kids over the years.

If you are not familiar with **Joel and Selena and Dakota Brand,** let me share with you some of their story. They lost one of their beloved sons, Daniel just a few years ago. He was also a child with Special Needs, much like Dakota. They have been soldiering on, but as Dakota gets older, their situation becomes more challenging.



They are at a critical point and need some things to change to help them face the days ahead with a bit more hope!

This request is from "Ground Zero Grace." Steve Gooch, a beloved brother in the Lord, is the founder.

Ground Zero is in a position to completely remodel their shower to better accommodate Dakota and modify some other things to provide a more spacious, accessible bathroom situation. Ground Zero will absorb all of the costs of materials and labor.

One area that is a bit out of Ground Zero's reach is installing a lift with a ceiling track which will help get Dakota out of bed and into the shower area. You can only imagine the tremendous relief this would give Selena. Our Construction Supervisor, Chuck Rigdon has met with some specialists along with Joel and Selena and this equipment will cost \$8,000.

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