



### Romans 3: 25

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,<sup>[1]</sup> through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

### Prayer Requests

Marg Elliott, Don Krebs , Sherri Sterling, Marg Pinyon, Benny O , Kristi Mattenley, Warren Schultz, Sunday Akpan, for Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are enduring persecution for standing and defending Jesus' name and for Our new Christian brothers and sisters who are faced with many difficult situations.

**Please be diligent in** prayer for those who are struggling with health issues, environmental disasters, homelessness, depression, loneliness, feeling of great loss. I am reminded that we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

### Woman's Shelter

Do you have items that would help the shelter and those who are needing to stay there? (bedding, children's , woman's clothes etc.)

**Welcome** Our worship service includes communion. (10:00 to 11:30). The collection plate is on the projection table. Envelopes are available for me to keep record for yearly tax receipts .

**Kristi Mattenley** has asked for prayer for herself. She has been diagnosed with cancer of the thyroid and will be having surgery during this month to have the thyroid removed. They have told her that it is contained in the thyroid.

**Don Krebs and Marlene** have been informed that he will not be a candidate for a kidney. His health is not suitable for it. Praying that the dialysis will be sufficient to let him have a good quality of life.

**Marg Pinyon** check with **Alvina @ 250-463-3348** to make sure we do not collide with others visiting **J C and Lorraine** Send mail to Darla Peterson and she will see that they get it Box 15, N Weyburn SK S0C1X0. They love getting mail..

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**Fair Board** is drawing up a new lease for us to approve or clarify in the next while. Pray for it to be God's will for us.

**A receipt and a big thank you was received from Chad Wagner**, the missions Co-Ordinator for the Nigerian Missionaries salaries and for organization of distribution of purchased Bible, for the work in Nigeria.

We were sent greeting and a thank you, also a prayer request for the country as they are in the midst of a political upheaval. Pray for a good government where the gospel is free to be preached.

**Zambia Babies Milk Fund Report** - a newsy report of all the babies receiving milk formula with pictures has just been received from Joan Mann and others in the program. It is posted on the bulletin board for all to read. **As always the families express MUCH GRATITUDE for the help from the ZMF-C has provided to them for the health of their babies.**



## I Am Barabbas!

We sometimes think of the crucifixion as being only used on Jesus, but it was commonly used by the Romans for torture and execution. It was probably invented by the Persians, but it was perfected by the Romans, to make it the most brutal and horrendous form of punishment and death ever.

God could have chosen a kinder form of death for Jesus, but He wanted to show His hatred of sin and His love for us by using the Roman crucifixion.

One Passover, three criminals were being prepared for their own crucifixion: two thieves and a murderer. Barabbas was identified as being a murderer and rebel in the gospel of Mark. He was probably destined for the cross.

In Matthew 27:15-26 it says:

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So, when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

Barabbas was probably headed for Calvary with the other two criminals, but Jesus took his place.

Sister cities Posted worship services

Circle Church of Christ, Corvallis 9:30 study & 10:30 Worship:

[2020circle.com/live-archived-worship-video](http://2020circle.com/live-archived-worship-video)

Vernon Church of Christ

[youtube.com/channel/UCml4DBBOK2i2-MqJiftY6wQ](http://youtube.com/channel/UCml4DBBOK2i2-MqJiftY6wQ)

Davenport Church of Christ, Red Deer 10 am Live.

[facebook.com/pg/davenportchurchofchrist](http://facebook.com/pg/davenportchurchofchrist)

Check out our **Facebook group S.A. Church of Christ.**

Barabbas deserved death but was freed. We can only imagine, what he thought of that event? What did he think of Jesus? What was he expecting? Did he appreciate that sacrifice, or did he just brush it aside? Did he realize what Jesus did for him?

**But the question for us,** are we Barabbas? Can we identify with him? We have sinned. We deserve death, but Jesus has taken our place. Do we realize the gift, the love, the sacrifice? We deserve to be on the cross, but Jesus died for us. He set us free. He set me free.

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