

## UPC Prayer Chain Requests, *cont'd*



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*Prayer Chain Requests are listed by month, in reverse chronological order of their publication in the emailed Prayer Chain. If you have updates to any of these requests, please email [upc@upcaustin.org](mailto:upc@upcaustin.org).*

*Prayer requests will be automatically removed after approximately sixty days, though they may be retained or re-listed when requested.  
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### November

**Delilah Turpin** died peacefully on Thursday evening, and her son, Brad Turpin, was able to be with her. She was an amazingly positive, generous, and loving person. We, her family, thank the Lord for her life and all the time we got to spend with her.

Thomas Baskin's, stepmother, **Debra**, who is currently in ICU after suffering her second heart attack. We appreciate prayers for her, **Thomas' dad, and the family** as we pray for her health to improve.

**Delilah Turpin**, mother of Brad Turpin. She's been on hospice for many months, but now her health is really failing. Brad will be flying to Raleigh, NC for several days. We pray for his safety and hope he is able to be there with his mother and comfort her.

Karen Miller's brother **JC Stromberger**. He fell and fractured his left shoulder. He sees the orthopedic specialist on Tuesday. He has so many health problems he probably cannot have surgery.

### October

**George Parks**, husband of UPC member Donna Parks, who died peacefully Monday morning following a long illness and decline. Donna is surrounded by family, and they are in the process of planning a service of remembrance for immediate family.

Jennifer Bradford's mom, **Kaye Smith**, she's in the hospital for ongoing health issues.

**Joyce Davis**, who is undergoing surgery today, October 23rd for a torn rotator cuff and bone spurs. She is looking forward to having her left shoulder be as pain-free as her right shoulder which underwent the same successful procedure 9 years ago.

**Thaddeus Turpin** (10 m), who will be going under anesthesia Monday for surgery to insert a G-tube, an endoscopy, and a brain MRI. We pray for competent and caring doctors and nurses, and for answers to the baby's feeding problems. Thaddeus is the son of Isaac and Christine Turpin, and the grandson of Brad and Kathleen Turpin.

For Suzanna Caballero's cousin, **Sandra**, who lives in Israel with her husband, who is a Rabbi. She remains in Israel in a bunker because her home is very close to the fighting.

**Lydia Deats**, who is in the hospital with atrial fibrillation. An ablation is planned but not yet firmly scheduled. Please keep **Lydia, Craig, and the entire Deats family** in your prayers.

**Chris Bradford**, who tested positive for Covid on Sunday. He started Paxlovid, praying for a mild, quick case and that Ben and Jennifer won't catch it. William had it a few weeks ago.

**Beverly Knippel**, aunt of Karen Grice. She is in the hospital in Texas City after a heart problem caused a serious fall. She broke her pelvis and hip. She is in good spirits, because her cardiologist has pinpointed the heart issue, but she still has a long road to recovery.

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**Christy Woodfin**, longtime friend of Betsy Boyt who is facing a second battle with mesothelioma.

### September

The family of **Rosanne Becker**, who died peacefully last night following a long decline. She was surrounded by her family, as she has been surrounded in prayer by UPC throughout this journey.

Please pray for **Rosanne and her husband Laurence**, as well as their entire family, as they gather — and once we know of plans for remembering and celebrating Rosanne's life, we will communicate those to you. [Obituary](#).

**Jon Eddison**, who fell today while with his wife Diane in their family home in Maine. Jon has suffered several cracked ribs and is being taken to the hospital in Bangor for further evaluation, including to check against the possibility of internal damage. Please hold **Jon and Diane** in prayer.

**The family of Judybeth Hagerty**. Judybeth Hagerty was Maggi Miller's aunt and sister of Peggy Miller.

Jessie and Josh Hsu's family friend, Ron Miller, in Nebraska, has entered hospice with stage 4 renal cancer. Prayers are appreciated for his wife **Ruth, daughter Rhonda, and son Heath**.

**Mark Canales and his family**. Mark, who is Beverly and Bill Gaventa's neighbor, has entered hospice care.

Sally Baskin's friend, **Nicole Parayno's father** who suffered a heart attack this week. Praying for healing hands on his heart and for a speedy and healthy recovery. Love and support for him and their family.

Betsy Boyt's cousin, **Carly Chase**, who is undergoing tests at Texas Children's Hospital for a concerning illness.

**UPDATE: Elaine Wagner**, is now back in her own apartment at Westminster and is improving daily after about two weeks of hospitalization followed by two more weeks in the rehab unit of Westminster. In gratitude for prayers for Elaine and her continued recovery.

**Elaine Wagner**. Over the last few weeks, Elaine has been in, out, and then back in Seton Hospital on 38th Street undergoing extensive testing and treatment for a variety of issues including severe anemia and extremely low blood pressure.

The family of **Willodyne Walton**, longtime member of University Presbyterian Church, who died recently following a long and faithful life. Willodyne's family is planning for a remembrance of her life at a later date. Willodyne's obituary is now available at [Dignity Memorial](#).

**Rosanne Becker**. Rosanne moved last Friday from Buckner Villas to Silverleaf Eldercare.

Michael Dodd's wife **Mary Dodd**. She is having back surgery this Wednesday.

**Jeannie Wiginton and sons Gideon, Benjamin and Browning and daughter Lauren**. Don Wiginton husband and father, died Thursday of heart failure. Friday would have been his 82nd birthday. He was a fraternity brother of my Karen Miller's brother JC Stromberger. The Wiginton family were members of UPC for many years. Services will be planned in October.

Sally Baskin's, **Yvonne Cullen**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will have to receive chemo and radiation as part of her treatment. Praying for strength, faith, and resilience for her and her family during this challenging time.

**August:** Karen Miller's friend **Ursula Prauss**, who has been treated for cancer for several months and now has been in the hospital in Mannheim Germany for four weeks. Ursula is a friend from the Kreuznach Kontakt Club.

Karen Miller's brother in law, **Dennis Alvoid** had a heart attack Sunday night. He has had bypass and stents before. He is in Medical City Heart Hospital in Dallas.

Karen Miller's brother **John Carl Stromberger**. His Parkinson's is progressing and he has had

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several falls, so he is having to leave his beautiful room at the Gardens of Castle Hills in San Antonio to a skilled nursing room at Morningside Manor in San Antonio.

Joshua and Simone Baskin's friend, **Max** (16), who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Praying for successful treatment and that he is cancer-free and back on the basketball court doing what he loves soon.

The family of **Billie Dawn Smart**. Billie Dawn Smart, Luther Parker's baby sister, passed away Thursday, August 17th in Dallas. She will be buried on August 30 in the National Cemetery of Dallas-Ft. Worth where her husband is buried. Lord willing Luther & Mary Ann will attend.

**Isaac, Christine, and Thaddeus and Brad and Kathleen Turpin**. It seems the eye of the storm has passed and we're in for another storm. We really appreciate your prayers for justice, health, and peace.

Prayers of thanksgiving: Praise the Lord, our situation has been resolved! The **Turpin family** would like to thank everyone for prayers, meals, and support. Thank you so much!

**An update on Joyce Davis' son Van and daughter-in-law Livi** who are on vacation in Hawaii. A road through Lahaina was opened briefly last night so they were able to get to the airport. After spending the night in the airport parking lot, they were able to catch a flight to Honolulu.

Please continue to pray for: **The people of Maui** as they recover from the devastating wildfires. The videos Livi recorded while driving to the airport were heartbreaking.

**The residents of Maui**. Rosca Toulouse's son and his family have lived there for over 20 years in the small town of Hana. Although they are not in an area of Maui that has been affected by the wind and fires, they do have friends both in Hana and on the other side who are experiencing losses and tragedies. Everyone on the island will be affected by the aftermath. It is an island after all and largely dependent on shipping and tourism for supplies and income.

**Chris Bradford**, who is having surgery at MD Anderson today (Thursday). Please pray for the doctors and that they will remove all the cancerous cells. Please pray for temporary, minimal side effects and easy, complete healing and recovery.

Joyce Davis' son **Van and daughter-in-law Livi** who are on vacation and stuck in Lahaina, Hawaii, very close to the wildfires that are raging in Maui. Van was able to get a text message through to say they are safe, but they are unable to make it to the airport. See **update** above.

**He says the whole island is pretty much stranded.**

**Joe**, a college friend of Jennie Chao, whose wife died very suddenly during a hike.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **James Daniel Clare**, born July 29th in Dallas, to Dan and Andrea Ellinor's daughter, Becca, and her husband, Spencer. Everyone is healthy and excited, including 2 yr. old big brother, Nathan!

**Thane Stark**, grandson of Susan and Richard Stark. Thane is now in a Houston rehabilitation hospital, he is healing and has a wonderfully positive, grateful spirit. He and his family thank you for the bounty of your prayers and support.