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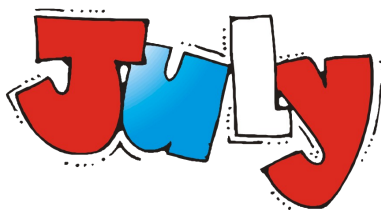
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## Harvest Leadership 2017

### Deacons

Virginia Bathe (Moderator)  
Pat Cousins  
Martha McNamara  
Nawatha Reed  
Linda Sherman  
Myrna Wilhite (Treasurer)

### Elders

<u>Church Information</u>	Patti Arbizu (Personnel)
Church Office Phone:	(209) 537-3519 Susan Bennett (Communications)
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Pastor Jim Stochl—	harvest.pastor.jim@harvestpres.org Staci Edwards (CE)
Prayer Requests—	prayer@harvestpres.org Brandy Meyer (CE/Youth)
Kohl James —	secretary@harvestpres.org Wilson Kailiponi (Worship)

### Office Hours

Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



## **March Sunday School Schedule\***

**7/2 Nursery:** Kendall Meyer, Brandy Meyer

**K-3rd:** Cyndy Cawley, Judy Salyer, Staci Edwards (Alternate)

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\* This schedule may change! Check with Brandy Meyer if you have any conflicts or questions.

## **Regular Prayer List**

*Health Issues:*

John Baughman

Virginia Irons (hospice care)

Dorothy Nelson

Margaret Kuglin (eye)

Alice Visser (English Oaks)

Casey VanRys



1—Myrna Wilhite

7—Clark Pearson

9—Mark Stochl

20—Lee Price

22—Leon Edwards

30—Dorothy Watson



Please join Nathanael, Peter, Mary, and Stella for an Anniversary Party honoring

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Open House from 1pm-5pm

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