

# PRAYING

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In Turkey, pray for the local churches and believers to respond as the hands and feet of Christ. Pray for Turks who are feeling lost and hopeless—that the God who Sees would meet them where they're at and reveal the unending love of Christ.

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*Brookneal Baptist Church*  
Brookneal, VA

## **Shut-in of the Month**

*Irvin Crump*  
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