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Shut-in of the Month
Carolyn Williams
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Pamplin, VA 23958

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For the president and administration officials to seek God's guidance as they determine the best course of action to meet the nation's needs in addressing cancer treatment and cures. He has declared this month, "National Cancer Control Month."
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3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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2. What Has He Suffered?
3. Who Caused His Suffering?
4. Why Has the Servant Suffered?
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