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### **Government Agency of the Week**

Let’s pray that the Lord will use the US Department of Health and Human Services to provide for the needs of the American people as needed. Pray for availability and access to their services for Americans in need, especially for veteran concerns, medical assistance, foster care, adoption, childcare and safety. Pray that this department would be used by God to show His loving care for those in need.

### **Military Member Prayer Focus**

*ETN3 Hodge, Austin*  
101 NNPTC Circle  
Apt 2404-02  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

### **Praying With Our Sister Churches**

We are praying with the members of *Beulah Baptist Church* in the Hat Creek area of Brookneal as they continue to search for a pastor. Pray for encouragement for those who attend as they do their best to be a light for God’s Kingdom and consider God’s best for their church.

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

*Nancy Dickerson*  
418 Mountain View Rd  
Pamplin, VA 23958

### **Praying for Elon**

Pray that we would be a holy people living in the fullness of the hope that is available to us by understanding that godly hope is not an attitude to take on but a reality to live by. Pray that holiness would be seen at Elon as “we love one another from a pure heart.” (1 Peter 1:22-25)

### **Other Requests**

### **Church Leadership**

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1 Peter 2:9-12

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Peter speaks of our identity and purpose that is found in the Old Testament priestly tribe, the Levites. Elon’s young people will help review the history of this special group of people and help us understand what that means for the believer today.

Reflect on Peter’s words concerning the rich heritage of the priesthood and our responsibility as New Testament believers.

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**2. A Royal Priesthood:**

**3. Our Priestly Duties:**

Intercession Sacrifices Holiness Declare His Praises:

**Levite Genes**

Introduction

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“A Doorman for the Lord”

“Holy, Holy, Holy “ (congregation will join in)

“Give Thanks to the Lord (David's Psalm)”

“Play Our Praise”

“He Is Good”

“I’ll Boast About Jesus”

“Worthy of Worship” (congregation will sing vs. 2)

”Praise Medley”

(What a Wonderful Lord; My God Is Mighty; Bless the Lord, My Soul; Prince of Peace; With Every Breath;; What a Wonderful Lord)

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