

PRAYER VIGIL
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Let us reset our hearts, minds, voice and hands with
Fervent Prayer

In Christ all things are possible

“Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in this holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god”

Psalm 24: 3-4

The reset that Jesus offers begins with you and me. When we allow our lives to be reset from sin, cynicism, and self-reliance to faith in Jesus – his grace, His love, His transformation – all other resets we want and need can and will follow.

Let us pray for growth in our church community. We have the tools to bring so many to Christ. Let us use those tools to further the kingdom of God.

Make prayer both your lifeline and your lifestyle.

For a solid hour these people did nothing but pray – passionate, personal prayer like I’d rarely experienced in my life. No one looked bored, or hurried as if wanting to move on to something else, to something more important or structured. Because this – this praying- is what they’d come for.

From Sandy James: Pray for healing & strength for her mother Janene Plumm and for her father Bob Plumm for strength. Pray God’s arms around them and Sandy also.

If you are tired of living for nothing more than your hopes, your dreams, your desires and your needs, and you want to start living beyond yourself, Jesus stands ready to reset your faith. If you are bored from praying prayers that you can manage on your own and want to start boldly petitioning all of heaven to radically change your world, Jesus stands ready to reset your faith... If you’ve grown cynical about whether God stills lives and moves and breathes in and through his people, whether there are still miracles in our midst, whether your life is destined for more than a lackluster existence that tragically resembles a gerbil running his scrawny legs ragged on a wheel going nowhere fast, ***Jesus stands ready to reset your faith.***

Peggy Lankford asks for prayers for her husband Hobie. She prays for a miracle for complete healing for him. They have moved into their new home and life will be easier for Hobie. Pray God's will for complete healing.

Something highly important and powerful happens when you put these prayers of yours and these promises of His into words. And into action.

Pray for those in need during this fall/winter season. We are so blessed in all that we have. Pray for those that need our help in their living day to day.

Pray for our church finances. God has given us this tool to reach out into the community and do His will. Let us use what we have to build His kingdom.



Let us pray

It all starts with prayer.

So pray them with thanksgiving. “Be anxious for nothing, Paul said, **“but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” Philippians 4:6** Approach God boldly with every single need. Never with a hint of fear, guilt, or shame. But always incubate those requests in gratitude. You’ll know you’re trusting Him when you’re simultaneously being thankful to Him...thankful for who He is, for what He’s already done, and for what He’s currently doing. If you don’t know what to pray exactly, just start with gratitude. Affirm out loud that you know He is there and that he cares for you, no matter what difficulty may be pressing down on you at the moment. Because the fact is, He is quietly working on your behalf without any fanfare. Preparing, arranging, and planning for your good.

He is all-powerful. He is sovereign. He is right and true and eternally glorious, impervious, to the enemy’s intentions. And whatever comes next in your life, it will undoubtedly be another opportunity for you to be swept up in your Father’s arms and carried through it.



POWER *of* PRAYER

“Father, I need new thoughts. I am tired of being held captive by lies. Would you please draw me to your Word, to the specific books, chapters and verses that I need to write on my mind, so that my thoughts can be reset? Teach me to treasure your Word. Prompt me to read it, Give me wisdom to understand it. And help me think differently from this day on. In Jesus’s name, Amen.”

Pray that the right people are in the right place to bring peace and comfort to this broken world. Pray for the upcoming election. Pray for those who will be taking over the reigns of our country to have You in charge of their hearts and minds. Pray for a reset of the values that this country was built upon. Pray that we can see through all of the ads and let God guide our hearts and minds as we go to the polls. Please God help our hurting nation.

Few things hold the potential to so drastically alter the landscape of your life as when you claim godly authority over the insane amount of unnecessary pressures you face. Be ready to see your eyes opened as you close them in **prayer**.

Pray for Mary and Ron Danks daughter, Sarah, for resolution for employment. Pray for wisdom of those who hold the knowledge for the outcome that is pleasing to all.

“I am at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, I will never be shaken.” Psalm 62: 1-2

From Kathy Mitchell: Pray for her sister, Judy Williams, as she faces increasing health issues. Pray for all that are involved in her care and keep her in your loving arms.

Fervent Prayer: because this is war. The fight of your life. A very real enemy has been strategizing and scheming against you, assaulting you, coming after your emotions, your mind, your man, your child, your wife and your future. In fact, he's doing it right this very second. Right where you're sitting. Right where you are. I say his reign of terror stops here. He might keep coming, but he won't have victory anymore.

Because it all starts failing when we start with prayer. We simply don't have the luxury of playing nice with prayer. Not if we want things to change. Not if we want to be free – from whatever's keeping us held down and held back. Not if we want our hearts whole and thriving and deep and grounded... different. Not if we want to reach our destinies and experience God's promises. Not if we want our family living out what God has called them to do and be and become. Not if we want a fence of God's protection around us. Not if we want the devil and his plans to go back to hell where he came from. But none of that is going to happen – no matter how badly we may want it – as long as prayer remains an afterthought, a formality, a mindless mix of duty and manipulation, something we do but usually don't do, and rarely if ever do with and meaning and vitality, with confidence and clarity. Pray specifically and strategically.

Praying with precision is key.

Pray for Lu Ann Mattingly; pray for peace that passes all understanding. Pray for her in the passing of her son, Dustin, this year. Pray for strength for each breaking day as she moves forward with her life. Pray for Dustin for his peace. God be with this family as they cling to Your word and Your promises. Give them strength and comfort. We know that this is a process and healing does take time and trust in Your healing touch. Hold Lu Ann in Your loving arms and give her peace in Your knowledge of her needs.

As we are ever growing closer to the advent season let us pray for the upcoming church wide advent study. Let us remember this Gift of life from God. Let us remember the sacrifice that was made on our behalf. Please God help us to understand what you have done for us and the love that you have for us. Come into our hearts and minds. Bring us into Your midst. Show us Your way to salvation. He's created prayer as a primary way of putting us in personal contact with Him and with His eternal realities, any hour of the day or night. Through Christ prayer is the portal that brings the power of heaven down to earth.

“Is anyone of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” John 5: 13-16

As we open our Church to the community let us pray for our Upward Program. Pray for growth in the Spirit for those that are involved with this wonderful program. Keep the volunteers ever mindful of the purpose for this outreach program. Give us strength to follow through in building Your kingdom, God. Make this a meaningful and enjoyable event. Keep those involved safe from harm. Bring Your Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who hear Your word each week. We pray the Holy Spirit on those who enter this building. This may be their only contact with the God that we know and love. Pray that the scriptures and words that the children and Parents/Grandparents here will awaken their hearts to Your wonderful ways and bring them peace. We thank you Lord for all that you have given us and help us to please you.

Out of all the things our world needs today, I believe God-honoring, light-bearing, hope-giving speech tops the list.

From Rick and Teri Lauman: Pray for our daughter, Cori Beachler, as she continues to struggle with health issues after her total stomach removal. Pray God's strength for her and the family. Pray for direction in her life. We pray that she would seek Jesus in all of this and for extended family dynamics regarding salvation.

From Pam Komendo: Please pray for my husband Jay. Since he had his stroke in March his life has taken such a change. Pray for peace for him. Pray that he knows you are with him always. Pray for his memory that if it isn't there that he can deal with it and put it in Your hands. Pray for understanding from everyone around him that they know this isn't the same Jay that we have known and loved for years. Pray that he can cope with all that has happened in his life this year, and bring him comfort. Give him knowledge that God does have a plan for him. Help him to discover this plan and do Your will.

A reset voice is a voice of peace and reason that speaks tenderness, compassion, and wise words. A reset voice calls out the name of Jesus often.

Through intentional, deliberate, strategic prayer, you grab hold of Jesus and of everything he's already done on your behalf. It's how you tap into the power of heaven and watch it reverberate in your experiences. It's a key part of your offensive weaponry against a cunning foe who prowls around and watches for your weaknesses, your vulnerable places, for any opportunity to destroy you. In prayer you gain your strength – the power to gird yourself with armor that extinguishes every weapon your enemy wields.

“Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

Ephesians 6: 11

The Armor of God:

The Belt of Truth

The Breastplate of Righteousness

The Shoes of Peace

The Shield of Faith

The Helmet of Salvation

The Sword of the Spirit

And PRAYER

Prayer is what binds the armor together.

We pray because our own solutions don't work and because prayer deploys, activates and fortifies us against the attacks of the enemy. We pray because we are serious about taking back the ground he has sought to take from us.

**Fervent Prayer is fueled by passion
By faith. By fire.**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51: 10

Continued prayer for Marcy Sitter and family. God has been such an inspiration in their lives since the passing of her husband, Lou. They completed a mission trip to Honduras this fall to have a well set in Lou's Memory. Such a wonderful thing for God to lead them to do. Praise God for all that He has done in our lives. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.



Pray for the United Methodist Men's chili cook off on November 12th. This is the men's fund raising event that they do each year. The proceeds from this event funds high school senior scholarships and helps the trustees pay for projects around the church. Pray for a good turnout and that the live and silent auctions are well attended.

Consider the fact that love is a *must* in our Christian lives. Pray for God to fill your heart with kind affection and brotherly love for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Then, out of love, reach out and encourage those around you, thus perfecting God's love by passing it along.

Pray for Charlene and Phil Wilson. Pray for strength for Phil as he takes care of Charlene's needs. Pray that Phil will lean on his church family to give him the strength that Christ has for him. Pray for Charlene as she enters this phase of her life and let Christ's loving arms embrace her and give her peace.

Sometimes it takes a little gentle persuasion to take off our blinders and come out of our prayer closets to see the needs of those around us, Jesus is in heaven now, so He cannot walk among us to touch those who are hurting or in need of encouragement. Instead, He asks us to be His hands and His feet. We are His means of reaching out. God works through us to lift the spirits of those around us.

Pray for our Bible Studies at church. Thank you God for the spiritual leaders that you have given us. Thank you for their leadership and insightfulness. Thank you for Your Holy Spirit that has led them. Pray for additional facilitators to step up and lead our church in Your word.

Pray for the Wells and the Emswellers as they heal from the flu. Pray for strength for them. Give them comfort and peace of mind.

When we do little acts of kindness that make life more bearable for someone else, we are walking in love as the Bible commands us. One way to do this costs only the sum of a postage stamp, a little paper and ink. Every one of us has felt the nudge to write someone a letter or note. Many times we don't follow up on it; we tell ourselves it wouldn't matter anyway. When we think this way, we miss giving and receiving splashes of Joy.

“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:24

From Teri & Rick Lauman: Pray for our grandkids, Jordan & Annabelle Reel to grow in Strength and Stature in Christ. We pray this in Your name Lord. We raise You on high.

From Pastor Mark: Let us pray for abundant financial support for the Lord's work through New Palestine United Methodist Church

“In everything that I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive’.” Acts 20: 35



Opportunities to offer encouragement present themselves every day, but we are so busy trying to keep our own lives going we let them drift right by. Pray for the Lord to open your eyes to those around you and for the spirit to inspire you with ideas for reaching out. God made us to need one another, so don't hide from your place in the Church. You are uniquely gifted to serve as an encouragement to those around you. Even if it doesn't seem like much to you, what you contribute to the family of God is something no one else can quite duplicate. Why not begin by lifting the spirits of those you know and love best. Friends, neighbors, family members, even strangers will benefit from your commitment to show God's love in encouragement.

I don't want to see myself the way the world sees me one minute longer. I want to start seeing myself the way God sees me.

From Pastor Mark: pray for Laura Wesler, Pastor Mark's mom. Also pray for Marci Theobald. Pray God's grace and healing and strength.



Pray for our Military personnel in our community: Josh Garretson, Ben Harvey, Monica Harvey, Justin Vawter, Jason Nevitt, Christopher Whalen, Brent Fiandt, Jessica (Ahrendts) Newberry, Joshua Yelvington, Daniel Denton and Chris Newberry. Pray God's loving arms around each and every one of these that have lifted up. Pray also for all of those that we haven't listed. Our God knows their names. Pray for strength and peace for each and every one. Pray for safety and Your Holy Spirit within their hearts.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36: 26

From Wayne Beck: Pray for Sally Beck for healing of sores, regaining strength and to keep mentally stable. Also pray for Wayne and family as they decide what the best care is for Sally. God we know that she has a heart for You. She wants to restart her bible study at Springhurst again. Give her strength and peace to do this if it is Your will. She just lights up when she speaks Your name. Keep Your loving arms around her.

Fervent **prayer** relies on focus. Focus clears away dead space and clutter. Focus protects your goals and dreams from being consumed in small bites, stolen right out from under your nose in twenty minute segments of compromise. Focus is the antenna that **prayer** helps to keep raised and alert, making you keenly aware if somebody's trying to play you for a fool. **Prayer**, perhaps more than anything, is meant to be an eye-opening experience. **Prayer** is a reminder to yourself, as well as a declaration to the enemy, that you know he's there. That you're on to him. When you bring your concerns and fears and irritations to the Lord in **prayer**, you're aligning your weakling spirit with the full force of God's Holy Spirit.

Pray at all times in the Spirit
Ephesians 6:18

From Becky Pfeifer: Pray for Phil Boring, Becky's dad, recovering from complications from surgery which was on August 24th. He is at Kindred Southpointe. Pray for peace and comfort as he recovers. Give him Your strength.

From Billie Davis: pray for her and Kim's son, Mike Davis, for strength to overcome his weaknesses. May he gain Victory in Jesus' name aver Satan and daily temptations.

Please pray for each cancer patient that is listed weekly in our church bulletin: Chris Gartrel, Ted Thomas, Pastor Bob Miller, Fran Sitton, Steve Gookins, Angel Graves, Kim Whittaker, Reid Brewer. Julie Kitley and family, Ken Polston, Dorcas Renfroe, Todd Lavengood, Kim Elliott, Randy Denny, Vince Kotarski, Greg Druley, Cassie Clark, Kim Higgins, James Scott, Jacky Clayton, Michael Housden, Michael Leslie, Brady Beck. God we pray for each and every one of these names listed. We pray for Your Holy Spirit to be in the hearts of these families that they may feel Your strength and power. We pray for Your healing upon Your children.

“He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else – not only in this world but also in the world to come.”

Ephesians 1: 21

Pray for Jim Petrow. He has heart issues and is at home now. Pray for Bonnie as his caregiver. Pray for Your healing power and strength for the entire family. Lift him up in Your care. 🍎

From Steve and Wanda Matteson: Pray for Margaret Matteson, Steve’s mom, for overall health and wellness. Daily living is a struggle. Pray for coping with physical challenges while keeping her thoughts focused on the Kingdom of God.

From Pam: Pray for safe travels as Steve and Wanda travel back to New York to bring Margaret to Indiana to stay with them for the winter. Pray for Wanda as she becomes the caregiver. Give her daily strength.

“Jesus, please forgive me for the things that I have been turning to instead of you. Forgive me for the sin in my life. Reset me. Reset my faith and allegiance to you. I believe you died on the cross for my sin and rose from the grave. Fill me with your Spirit and lead my life. In Jesus’s name, amen.”

Spend time experiencing the Bible.
And your thought life will be made new.

From Teri & Rick Lauman: Pray for their son, Scott. For his safety in his Miami job situation and for trust in Jesus.

“I came so they can have real and eternal life” (Jesus) says in John 10: 10, “more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” We are left exposed and alone... desperate for someone to show us a better way. Only Jesus fills us up in the end.

Please pray for Sandy Colestock in the loss of her daughter and grandchildren to a plane crash. Pray for peace for the entire family. Especially those grandchildren that were left behind. Pray for your understanding of your will. Let them ever seek you for everything that you are and lift them up in your loving arms.

“Father, thank you for seeing us and knowing us, for accepting us and loving us. Thank you for making a way through your Son, Jesus, for our lives to be reset in full, and for lifting up in your Word the importance of starting with the reset of our faith. Give each of us the courage to take the steps you are prompting us to take. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.”

Pray for our Sunday school and small groups. We learn so much about your ways and of your love by sharing with others and studying your Word. Pray for the facilitators that lead these groups for they are surely filled with your Holy Spirit.

The best part of spending time with Jesus is that we get to know him. As we learn to focus on Jesus, we can't help but become more like him – more self-aware, more confident, more self-controlled, and more content.

Pray for Lula Bonsett as she recovers from her illnesses and fall. Pray for strength for her. We know that she knows your name and believes in you. Give her peace and understanding.

What you are thinking about is eventually what you'll believe, and what you believe is exactly who you are.

Develop the simple habit of calling on Jesus as often and as intentionally as you can. When something hard happens, cry out to Jesus. When someone needs advice, look to Jesus. When you drive, sit, work, exercise, and before you sleep, talk to Jesus.

“Father, you say that as we are faithful to acknowledge Jesus before people, he will be faithful to acknowledge us before you. Please give us boldness as we communicate your truth and light to a world shrouded by darkness and lies. Reset our voices, Father. We want to speak to you. In Jesus’s name, amen.”

Pray for Jim and Dorothy Gunn. As they age and need your comfort be with them every hour of the day. Lead them in your ways and wrap your arms around them and give hem peace.

“He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else – not only in this world but also in the world to come.” Ephesians 1: 21

Pray for Les, Erelene and Brad Brown. They are true servants of you and your Word. No matter what the world deals to them they are always singing your praises and doing your will. We appreciate this family and lift them up in your name.

Pray for Loraine Atherton as she will be turning 104 this January 1st. Her life has been a testament to your love and grace. She is an inspiration to those around her, especially those at Springhurst Health Campus. Pray for all of her family members that she inspires. God is not done with her yet.

Pray for Dave Espich and his family on the loss of his wife. Pray for peace for him as his life has changed. Lift him up and give him strength.

Satan: That's why he doesn't want you praying – not fervently – because fervent prayer keeps your true identity in focus. Reminds us of who we really are and taps into the power we really have in Christ.

That's why you and I need to be praying – to keep the truth about our real identity in constant focus before us. That's why the apostle Paul prayed so fervently that the true identity of those first century believers would be unveiled in their hearts. Hear that again: He wasn't asking God to make sure the early believers *received* these things. They already had them. He was praying they'd *realize* they already had them.

Pray for Carolyn Jean Jonas as she has difficulties fighting her diabetes. Help her body to acclimate itself to the medication and keep her levels in the normal range.

“We are already seated in heavenly places. We’re fully functional with weapons our enemy has no answer for. We are loved by God from before time began (Matthew 25: 34), endowed already with the eternal Spirit of God (2 Corinthians 1: 22), and forgiven of even our most shameful sins (Romans 4: 7-8). If you can’t believe that He’d do that for you, at least believe He’s done it as a testimony to the greatness of His name (Psalms 79: 90)” because He’s God and He likes to show it.

Pray for Judy and Charles Merlau. Pray for Charles as he continues radiation treatment as a preventative measure for his health. Give him the strength that he needs to fight this. Give him strength as he cares for Judy. Lift them up and protect them from harm.

Pray for Dorinda Shelton. You know her needs. Be with her as she struggles. Give wise council to those around her to help her on a daily basis.

Pray for Greg Rominger on the loss of his father. Pray for his mom as she enters this new chapter of her life. Thank you God for the church community that she has and that they are there to help her. Pray for wise decisions for everyone involved. Please lift each and every one up in prayer as they travel this new road.

The peace of God, preserved by the prayers of God's people, is meant to forge us together in friendship and unite us in mission. And when it does, not only does it cause the people around us to sit up and notice, but it declares the manifold wisdom of God through the church **“to the rulers and authorities in the heavens” Ephesians 3:10** Unity among brothers and sisters puts Satan promptly in his place. And that's something that ought to make us eager to be watchful, to be encouraging, and to be merciful. To be unified.

Thank you God for John Hancock and all of the fellow Honor Flight Veterans. Thank you for those that escorted them to Washington D.C. and for their trip and safe return.

Pray for Birdie McKinney on the loss of her brother. Pray for the family and bring them peace.

Lord we lift up Pastor Bob Miller to you. He has been a loyal servant of yours for years. Nothing seems to stop him from living and spreading your Word. He has touched so many lives through the years through his ministry and in the mission field. Wrap your loving arms around him and give him peace. He is ever faithful to you.

Lord, we pray for Brody Stephens. We pray for healing for this child. We pray for his family and friends as they take care of him. He is a child of God and in your hands and your will be done.

Pray for Nancy McCarty's dad, Bob Hoffman. Pray for strength. Pray for family members as they make decisions for him and his wife. Give them peace as they move forward through each day.

Pray for every one that is on our long term prayer list: Sally Beck, Hobie Lankford, Jack Zerkel, Carol York, Virginia Brosier, Jack Gilbert, Justine Handley and Myrna Beck. You know their needs. Just lift them up into your loving arms and give them peace.

“Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person” Colossians 4:6

Pray for Reid Brewer, 7 year old who was re-diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Treatment and trial study were not successful in treating it. Pray for wisdom for the doctors.

Prayer – fervent strategic prayer – can change things. Even unchangeable things. Even things as unchangeable as real-life scenes from your past. He has given us prayer to raise us up above the sea level of Satan’s assaults from our past.

Prayer does a complete end run around Satan’s pitiful accusations, ushering us into an eternal realm with God where “the past” doesn’t even compute.

Pray for the young families of our church and community that they may seek Him as they go about their busy everyday schedules.

“Let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.” Romans 14:13

Pray for the children and youth of our church that they will continue to grow in the Word and the Holy Spirit.

**“He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might he increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”
Isaiah 40: 29-31**

Pray for Kathy Burdette as she battles cancer. Pray for her family as they deal with this. Give them peace and lift them up. Pray for healing for her in Christ's name, Amen.

In fervent prayer, we discover something: our God is fearless. And because He is fearless, we can be fearless too. When His presence is with us and going before us, no Red Sea should faze us or give us pause. So despite your hesitations, say yes. Walk on. Have faith. Fear not.

Prayer is the difference maker. An invitation for honesty, yes, for telling him how you feel – infused with the assurance and fearless confidence that comes from God's promises.

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope” Jeremiah 29:11

“I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you.” Luke 21:15

Purity leads us to fervent prayer, and fervent prayer leads us to purity. And when we start putting this cycle to work, building momentum like a spiritual turbine, surrounding our hearts with the nearness of God's protection, we strip Satan of the power to rope us down to the same old cycle of sin we've always known.

Lord we lift these names up to you in prayer. These are concerns from our Tuesday Morning Bible study. We know that you know their needs. Pray that your loving arms will be around each and every one of them. Grant the doctors wisdom and give them peace.

Donita Jones. Hospitalized, heart

Pneumonia concern, Marlene's son?

Jean's friend having some serious trouble

Cancer, cousin's stepdaughter

Bertie's brother's death from cancer

Brody Stevens, hospitalized

Wells & Emsweller's down with flu

Nathan had his MRI, no results yet

Jenny completed the marathon

Charles M. Having radiation treatments next 28 days

Stacy W health

NPBS Band travel mercies to a Competition on Saturday

NPBS Cheerleaders travel mercies to State Competition on Saturday

Marci doing better

David Hess in truck driving school.

“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” Galations 5:16

From Patty Hall: Lord we pray for Patty's family. We pray for peace, safety, understanding and discernment for all situations. We pray that you will be ever with them and especially in times of need. Keep your Word ever present in their hearts and let the Holy Spirit fill them. Wrap your arms around them and comfort them, In Christ's name, amen.

Lord, we pray for all of those that are no longer at our church. We pray that they have found comfort in you and are being feed through the Holy Spirit. We pray that they are being built up in your name. We do mourn for the loss of our friends in our presence, but for their peace we pray that they are being filled in Your presence.

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear it.” Ephesians 4:29

When we become Strategic and focused in our prayers; God will not only begin the process of tearing us free, but He will weave new threads of peace, rest, and contentment into their place. And once we've experienced the radical difference these liberators can make, well... let's just see the enemy try taking them away from us again. He may get the best of us sometimes, but he'll at least know he's been a battle.

But just as much as the devil loves stirring up trouble in churches, he loves stirring up trouble in families. He knows it's a Christian witness killer, an energy zapper, a time eater, a relationship destroyer. The amount of senseless hurt and distraction he can cause per square inch in your family is one of his most desirable economics of scale. He can do more damage with less effort by attacking us here, within these relationships, than in any other context. But if we're wise, we can use his own geometry against him, putting prayer into effect in places where we're close enough to touch the very people involved.

“Pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.” Romans 14:19

Lord, I would like to praise you for all that you have done for me this year. I thank God for my life. I thank Barb and Denny Woods for being there with Jay to get me to the hospital. I thank God for giving Jay the strength to know to take me to the hospital. I praise the doctors and nurses for not giving up on me. Thank you Lord for your presence at my darkest time. I could feel you and see you there with me. I felt your loving arms around me, lifting me up. You are my healer and my companion. My trust is in you now and forever, amen.

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free.” Galatians 5:1

I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

“Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – nor even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8: 38-39

So one of our most important strategies – a call for our most fervent praying – must be to stand against all forms of disharmony in our relationships and to battle for oneness among ourselves and all of God's people. Together we are a mighty force. Satan knows that. And by remaining united, we let him feel that. Prayer helps us stay focused on bigger things, on much more eternal things than the petty stuff that threatens to puff itself up beyond actual size and become some huge deal it doesn't deserve to be. In prayer we experience the kind of hard fought peace that unites us into an army of soldiers for Christ.

“I am at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my Salvation, my stronghold; I will never be shaken.” Psalms 62: 1-2

At this hour (Thursday evening) we are asking for fervent prayer for **Chris Merlau**. Charles called Pastor Mark and they are taking him to Methodist hospital after a combine accident with severe injury to his hand. Pray for the doctor's wisdom and that they will be able to treat him. Pray for strength for Charles and Judy. Be with them as they go through this. Give them peace and comfort. Wrap them in your loving arms God. Hold them tight. Be with them we pray.

I thank God for each and every one of you as you have attended this prayer vigil. I give Him the upmost praise for equipping my heart to put this together. I pray that the words that have been written on these pages were beneficial to each of you. Thank you God for my life and my prayer life and being able to serve you. You are my rock. Amen.

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