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Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

- Pastor's cousin, Sandy Pfoutz, stage-four stomach cancer
- Tom Anderson—recuperation, back surgery
- Peggy Eilrich's son Steve—heart issues
- Sam Castleberry—strength
- Allen Cloud—continuing health issues
- Shelley Cloud—strength
- Jerry Deathridge—Bill Harris's son-in-law, health
- Walter Goddard—strength
- Scott Howard, grandson of Floyd & Twila—broken leg
- Justine Hoel—continued strength
- Norma Littleton—severely broken arm
- Glenn Myrick—Stage 4 kidney disease/health issues
- Clarence and Mitzi Warstler—health/strength
- Paul Whatley—increased physical strength
- Rachel Whatley—thanksgiving for safe return and job
- Hope Pregnancy Centers—safety for workers

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Bob and Judy Barker—health
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- Daughter of Debbie Hoel (Rob's wife)—health
- Julia Huntley—health
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
- Bob Sapp—health
- Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)
- Ben and Sue White—health

Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

Our Homebound

- Willis Bottger (Norman VA)
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, TX)
- Billye Murrell—assisted living, Texas
- Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace Living Center, Bethany)

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

- August Birthdays**
- 6** Davi Snipes
 - 7** Shelley Cloud
 - Ann Langham
 - 12** Savannah Hixon Tophoj
 - 15** Gary Adams
 - Grayson Moore
 - 17** Glenda Elliott
 - Deniece Gordon
 - Glenna Littleton
 - 18** Tiffany Cloud
 - 25** Connie Adams
 - 26** Amy Valentine
 - 27** Bette Fehrle
 - 29** Dara Lugafet

Wednesday Dinner



Chicken on the Ritz

August 7, 6:45 PM
First Sunday Fellowship
Hygiene Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child

Stewardship for the week of	7/31/2022
Budget Receipts:	\$2,044.00
Weekly Budget Required:	3,609.52
Over/Under:	\$1,565.52
Hope Pregnancy Center:	40.00



Operation Christmas Child
Suggested Gifts for August:
Scissors, spiral notebooks,
stickers, chalk

\$2005



We more than quadrupled our goal of \$500! Praise the Lord! \$2005 total received.

Guess Who!

The pastor, Janie Allen (WMU Director), and Claud and Verda Holland pose. Verda retired as WMU Director after more than thirty years, and we renamed the offering for the Children's Home, the Verda Holland Offering. This year's total was a record.





Brethren, Pray for Us

Years ago when I was in seminary, I discovered a little book of devotions that I gave to my mother. It was a reprint of Charles Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*, meditations for each morning and each evening of the year. This past year I began reading it again and came across Spurgeon's thoughts for the morning of July 7 on 1 Thessalonians 5:25, "Brethren, pray for us." Spurgeon's thoughts reminded me of that short verse at the end of Paul's little "folly" (2 Corinthians 11:1) in which he recounted his trials as an apostle. Verse 28 summarized: "Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." With this brief introduction, I provide for your meditation, Spurgeon's injunction to pray for Christian workers.

"This one morning in the year we reserved to refresh the reader's memory upon the subject of prayer for ministers, and we do most earnestly implore every Christian household to grant the fervent request of the text first uttered by an apostle and now repeated by us. Brethren, our work is solemnly momentous, involving weal or woe to thousands; we treat with souls for God on eternal business, and our word is either a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death. A very heavy responsibility rests upon us, and it will be no small mercy if at the last we be found clear of the blood of all men. As officers in Christ's army, we are the especial mark of the enmity of men and devils; they watch for our halting, and labor to take us by the heels.

"Our sacred calling involves us in temptations from which you are exempt, above all it too often draws us away from our personal enjoyment of truth into a ministerial and official consideration of it. We meet with many knotty cases, and our wits are at a non plus; we observe very sad backslidings, and our hearts are wounded; we see millions perishing, and our spirits sink. We wish to profit you by our preaching; we desire to be blest to your children; we long to be useful both to saints and sinners; therefore, dear friends, intercede for us with our God.

"Miserable men are we if we miss the aid of your prayers, but happy are we if we live in your supplications. You do not

look to us but to our Master for spiritual blessings, and yet how many times has He given those blessings through His ministers; ask then, again and again, that we may be the earthen vessels into which the Lord may put the treasure of the gospel. We, the whole company of missionaries, ministers, city missionaries, and students, do in the name of Jesus beseech you "Brethren, pray for us."

I read Spurgeon's devotions in an eBook I bought, but if you would like to read them, you can purchase a copy on Christianbook.com or you can read them online at <https://spurgeonsmorningandevening.com/>. I don't believe the online devotions follow the same order as the book, but they are worth reading. The language might seem a little archaic—after all, Spurgeon died in 1892 at the age of 57. For thirty-eight years Spurgeon served the Metropolitan Tabernacle (first called the New Park Street Chapel) as pastor and was a champion of the faith. He began preaching at the age of 19. At his death, he had preached more than 3,000 sermons and written "49 volumes of commentaries, sayings, anecdotes, illustrations and devotions" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Spurgeon). His two-volume commentary on the Psalms is a classic I have had in my library for fifty years.

In "Old and New London," William Thornberry described a meeting at which Spurgeon preached: "a congregation consisting of 10,000 souls, streaming into the hall, mounting the galleries, humming, buzzing, and swarming— a mighty hive of bees— eager to secure at first the best places, and, at last, any place at all. After waiting more than half an hour— for if you wish to have a seat you must be there at least that space of time in advance... Mr. Spurgeon ascended his tribune. ... [T]he preacher held us fast bound for about two hours."

Imagine how people would receive a two-hour sermon today. **In 1857, Spurgeon preached to 23,654** at the Crystal Palace in London, a 990,000-square-foot exhibition hall built just six years earlier. He described preparing for that event by going to the venue a day or two early "to decide where the platform should be fixed." "To test the acoustic properties of the building, [he] cried in a loud voice, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' In one of the galleries, a workman, who knew nothing of what was being done, heard the words, and they came like a message from heaven to his soul. He was smitten with conviction on account of sin, put down his tools, went home, and there, after a season of spiritual struggling, found peace and life by beholding the Lamb of God. Years after, he told this story to one who visited him on his death-bed."

Preaching like that is impossible without the Holy Spirit's presence. Response like that is impossible without God's power. Blessing like that is impossible without God's people praying.

"Brethren, pray for us" (1 Thess. 5:25)



Brother Gary