Announcements and Church News Our Stek AGUNUTURS

John Benson-hip replacement surgery on Wednesday 9/27; Pat Ledford- has shingles; Les Vasterling-recovering from hip r surgery; -Willie Mae Hooks-health issues; Tim Miller-doing better; Shirley Lydic-doing better: Ronnie Sommerville, Jr - cancer trmt; *Delia Schlachter* back issues; *Tere*sa Brovles cancer treatment; Jovce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues. **PRAYER REOUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;**

Kelly Sarver's-father-in-law Don feel needing hip surgery: Mattie Simmons-cousin Lena Marsh/on a ventilator due to a stroke; Molly Burgess'sdaughter, Carrie/needs kidney transplant; The Herman's son, Jared/broken hip; John Core's -father/ health issues; Dottie Curls- son Douglas/health issues; The Adam's-granddaughter Trinity; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/ health issues; Patrick Pinto's-sister Angelina and nephew Joshua need prayers; Lexi Cahill'sgrandfather/lung cancer & mom Kelly/health issues; Carol Untied's-stepmom Emily/shoulder issue-surgery Oct 10th) and son Matthew health issue; Paula Davis- friend Tracey; Carol Mitchell - tumor on liver: The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain'swife Phyllis; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's-brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'-niece's baby; Paula Davis'niece/lupus; Darrell Broking-for health issues. **PRAYERS FOR CANCER:**

Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dvianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; John Benson's friend, Wendell; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons brother Joe Hooks and friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reves (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS — Friday, October 20th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited, see Vicki for more information.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS- Thursday, October 19th in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. For questions see Van Stewart.

LADIES DAY- South Florida Avenue church of Christ on Saturday, October 7th. Flyers can be found in the fover.

GOSPEL MEETING—Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Wade Webster begins next Sunday, October lst through Thursday the 5th. We will have a fellowship dinner on Sunday after the morning service. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Flyers are in the foyer.

SYMPATHY—Our deepest sympathy is extended to Wayne Bishop and family for the loss of his sister. June Hendrickson on September 11th. Our sympathy also to Van and Dianne Stewart for the loss of his 24 yr. old second cousin Spencer Dawes who lost his life in a rock climbing accident. Please remember these families as they mourn the loss of loved ones.

FOYER TABLE- The October Calendar and Schedule For Those To Serve can be found on the table in the fover. Please pick up a copy today.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters–Paula Davis/Deb Adams Announcements—Joe Bonelli Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George Scripture Readers-James George/Joe Bonelli Opening Praver—Van Stewart/David Jones Lord's Table—Max Herman Closing Praver—Dennis Cuckler/Bob Hadsock



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Busy Here, Busy There And He Is Gone-1 Kings 20:1-42



From the Preacher's Pen

PRAYING FOR THOSE IN POWER

Wade Lee Webster

Paul instructed Timothy, and the saints with whom he was working, to pray "for kings" and for "all that are in authority" that they might "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim. 2:1-8).

Certainly, the same holds true for us today. Realizing the great power that government wields over our lives, we need to commit to praying daily for our national, state, and local leaders. In Paul's inspired words to Timothy, we find four reasons to pray for those in power.

IT IS PRESCRIBED

We read, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in authority" (1 Tim. 2:1-2). The word "exhort" means "to call for." By inspiration, Paul was calling Timothy and others to pray for leaders. Paul knew that government was ordained of God to be a minister for good (Rom. 13). However, he knew that government was dependent upon the prayers of Christians (Ezra 6:10; 7:23).

IT IS PROFITABLE

Paul exhorted Timothy and us to pray for those in power so that "we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim. 2:2). "Quiet" means "tranquil" and "peaceable" means "undisturbed." To the captives, Jeremiah wrote, "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace" (Jer. 29:7). Those in positions of authority have a great effect upon the lives of God's children. Some bless our lives while others are a curse. Rulers like Cyrus and Artaxerxes were a blessing. They let captives return to their homeland and rebuild. Other leaders like Pharaoh (Exodus 1), Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 3), Darius (Dan. 6), Herod (Matt. 2), the Jewish authorities (Acts 4:18; 5:42), and Nero (2 Tim. 4:6-8) were a curse. They made the lives of God's children extremely difficult. We need to pray for those in power so that we might have peace and prosperity.

IT IS PLEASING

We read, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3-4). The word "acceptable" means "agreeable." Praying for those in authority is in agreement with God's will. It is consistent with God's desire for all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (2 Peter 3:9; John 3:16). As you know, some governments enact policies that aid the spread of the Gospel while others enact policies that hinder its spread. God wants us to pray for rulers to make the right decisions.

IT IS POWERFUL

Paul wrote, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). The prayers of saints are powerful because they are on speaking terms with the only mediator (Matt. 19:26; 1 John 5:14-15; Phil. 4:12). No one else in the nation has this privilege and source of power. Do you recall the situation in Babylon when Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and couldn't remember it? If you do, then you recall that only Daniel and his three friends could give the dream and its interpretation because they were the only ones who knew the God who reveals secrets (Dan. 2:24- 30). Today, Christians are the ones who have the connection to the God who rules the universe. The prayers of the righteous avail much (James 5:16-18).

Each of us needs to commit to praying daily for those in positions of power. Religious freedom, marriage, and the lives of millions of unborn babies all hang in the balance.

WILL GOD BRING UP FORGIVEN SINS AT THE JUDGEMENT?

Todd Clippard

On the day of Judgment, there will be no recollection of forgiven sins.

In Psalm 103:12, God promises to remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. In other words, never the two again shall meet.

In Micah 7:19, God said He would cast our sins to the bottom of the sea, "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

In Isaiah 38:17, God is said to have cast sins behind His back. That is, never to see or remember them again.

Consider also the following passages:

Isaiah 43:25– "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."

Jeremiah 31:34- "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Jeremiah 50:20– "In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."

There are other passages that teach the eternal forgiveness of sins, but these should suffice.

Yesterday is a cancelled check.

Tomorrow is a promissory note.

Today is the only cash you have spend it wisely!