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Spurring God into Action?

Nowadays many people are taking their prayer requests to the masses with the help of technology. Thomas Strock, a 16-year-old student from Pennsylvania, wanted to use his gifts in the business world to serve God and so he created an app called “SharePrayer”. “SharePrayer” allows believers to instantly post their prayer requests in a newsfeed so as many people as possible can see them.

It’s a pretty neat idea and I’m certainly for intercessory prayer. But it does raise a couple of questions. Mainly, does the sheer number or volume of prayers offered somehow spur God into action? It makes you wonder doesn’t it? Does God wait and only act when a prayer concern gets 10,000 ‘likes’ on Facebook? Based on what I read in Scripture related to prayer, I don’t believe that’s the way it works.

It seems to me that prayer isn’t a tool we use to convince or change God but a tool we can use to share our concerns with Him so that He will change us. When we pray, things start to happen and things definitely change. Hearts are changed, eyes are opened, and people become more compassionate, caring, and sensitive to the needs of others.

Is it good to ask as many people as possible to pray for a certain concern? Absolutely, and prayer sites can be a good way to inform the masses about a particular concern. However, as believers we can know that we don’t need to ‘rally support’ to get God’s attention or to convince Him to act. Who knows, from God’s perspective a single, humble prayer maybe just as powerful as a multitude of people praying.

Prayer is a powerful tool but at the end of the day we don’t know how it influences God’s heart. We do know however, that prayer helps our hearts and eyes to get in sync with God’s heart and eyes. It enables us to begin to see things from His perspective. When that happens, hopefully we will be ‘spurred into action’ to bring hope and healing on His behalf.

Grace and Peace,
Jay

PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Denton Nuckolls, David & Jeanine Clark, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Mildred Dreschel, Beverly Bates, Sis Damron

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother

Kathy Hedrick-Vicki Hedrick's sister-in-law

Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton

Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad

Andrea Walters - Kathy Watts' sister

Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother

Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Wells' aunt & uncle

Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother

Rick Fehrenhach - friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb

Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton

Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt

Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Gabarb Vaughn Summers

Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece

Don Gribble

Crystal Watts Grishaw-Ben Watts' Sister

Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother

Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Mitzy Denson-Friend of Kathy Watts

Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee

Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts

Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts

Jim Campbell

Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons

Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins

Jerry Alberson-Friend of Butch Middleton

Jackie Neel - Anne Monk's Sister

Nathan Gaddy - Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Emily Case-John Case's daughter

Carol Eastwood-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Sylvia Martin-Valerie Cleaver's aunt (Valerie is requesting prayers for strength and comfort for both Sylvia and her husband, Andy.)

Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee

*The Amelia Edwards Family

*Jim Orr-Friend of Mike Hampton

(*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!



Thursday, July 21

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Sunday, July 24

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 26

5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 27

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Sunday, July 31

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 2

6:30 PM Combined UMW meeting of Groups I and II
(This will be a picnic or dinner out)

5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 3

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Thursday, August 4

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Sunday, August 7

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF RALLY (FH)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Monday, August 8

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR WHITFIELD COUNTY

12:00 PM Young at Heart "Cookout Eat In" (FR. CL.)

Tuesday, August 9

5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary



Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 7th at 9:00 AM for a Sunday School Kick-off Rally. Coffee, juice, milk, donuts, etc. will be served. The purpose of this event is to highlight the variety of Sunday School Classes that are available and to encourage everyone to take part.

Hope to see you there and please bring a friend!

VAN FUND UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that a total of \$16,200 has been given to the van fund to date. This means that we exceeded our goal! In addition, the Trustees recently sold our bus and added the proceeds of the sale to the van fund. They have selected a new 15 passenger van and will be purchasing it soon.

Many thanks to the Trustees for their work on this project and thank you for your generosity!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 6:30 PM. This is a combined meeting of both Groups I and II. The plans is to either have a picnic at the church or go out for dinner. Please know that all ladies of the church are cordially invited to join us!

Contact Pat Anderson, UMW President, at 673-5107 to sign up.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will not meet in August. This group will resume their regular schedule on Sunday, September 11th at 7:30 AM for a breakfast meeting. All men of the church are invited.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL SCHEDULE

We will resume serving meals on August 17th at 5:45 PM. Followed by B&B Club, God Followers, Oasis Youth Ministry and the Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UMC

Every four years, five United Methodist Jurisdictional Conferences (Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central and Western) are held across the United States. The primary purpose of these Jurisdictional Conferences is to elect and assign Bishops in each region. These conferences were held over the last few weeks and a total of 16 new Bishops were elected and consecrated.

Last week, the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC, which has been increasingly active in attempting to change the church's position on homosexuality, elected Rev. Karen Oliveto as a Bishop in that region. Rev. Oliveto is an openly gay woman who is married to her partner which by church law should disqualify her from serving as a pastor in the UMC. She has also performed more than 50 same-sex unions, which is also a violation of the UMC Book of Discipline. The Judicial Committee did not bring charges against Rev. Oliveto for her violations and therefore, she remained eligible to be elected to the office of Bishop.

Many United Methodists believe that this election will be the tipping point that will lead our denomination to divide into a liberal and conservation branch but it's too early to tell what the final implications will be. Rev. Oliveto's election has been appealed to the UMC's Judicial Council which is similar to the UMC's Supreme Court. This body will decide whether the election is legal according to UM church law. Please keep this situation in your prayers.

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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, JULY 24

USHERS: David Helton, Ken Helton,
Matthew Blackwell & Kyle McCutcheon
NURSERY: Gidget Griffin
OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton &
Chuck Davidson
GREETERS: Evelyn & Larry DeFoor

SUNDAY, JULY 31

USHERS: See Sunday, July 24
NURSERY: Anne Monk
OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., July 24
GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

USHERS: Lee Grimmett, Larry DeFoor,
Aaron Sewell
NURSERY: Kay Henderson
OFFERING TEAM: Vicki Kauffman &
Kim Amos
GREETERS: Judy & Butch Middleton

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Operating Budget Report through 7/17/2016

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$147,726.00
Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$127,947.53
-\$ 19,778.47

GIVING FOR JUNE 26

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4988.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1185.00

GIVING FOR JULY 3

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6194.83
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$710.00

GIVING FOR JULY 10

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4344.05
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$419.00

GIVING FOR JULY 17

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3340.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1241.00

VAN FUND

Total Received to Date - \$16,200

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 26

Sunday School - 69
Worship Service - 143

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 3

Sunday School - 69
Worship Service - 140

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 10

Sunday School - 74
Worship Service - 142

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 17

Sunday School - 49
Worship Service - 135