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We Must Pray

Elder Charles Moore



and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

Summer is here, with vacations, barbeques and 4th of July. But for many of us summer also means that Youth Camp is here! By the time you get this newsletter Independence Day will have past and Youth Camp will probably be over but I still want you to heed the advice of this article and pray for our country and especially pray for us. It is a new campground so we and the campers will have many new experiences that we will have to learn to cope with - but also to grow from. Our jobs get harder each year because the culture that these campers come from and the culture we live in are more difficult each year.

Still we are blessed to have been born and raised in America. God has and still is blessing America. But we want to do our part to bless America! We can do many good things. We can be good citizens, vote, be patriotic, salute the flag, sing the national anthem, and show courtesy. But the most important thing that we can do for the country and for the people that God wants us to reach is to pray.

Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and

prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity

Sometimes we feel like we live in a topsy-turvey world, don't we? So pray. It is said that a teacher went into her classroom about fifteen minutes before class was supposed to begin and caught a bunch of boys in a huddle on their knees in the corner of the room. She asked what they were doing, and one of them shouted back, "We are playing poker." She replied, "That's all right. I was afraid you were praying."

This is a part of the sadness of America. People often huddle together, but it is not for prayer. Instead they huddle together to play something, to attend something, to watch something, but seldom to attend church and pray.

Samuel Chadwick said, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work

Andrew Murray said, "The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history."

Charles Spurgeon said, "I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach."

E.M. Bounds said, "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Spirit can use - Men mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men of prayer." And we might add, through women of prayer. We must be a people of prayer if we are going to see any good come to America or our Youth Camp.

We must pray. We must pray for our spouses, for our children, for our family members, for our ministers, for our church members, for our church leaders, for our country's leaders and most importantly we must pray for the lost.

Timothy 2: 3 This (prayer) is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved

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and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

We must pray at home! We must pray at church! We must pray while driving our cars, while doing our laundry, while cleaning our houses, while doing our chores! We must pray when we get up in the morning and when we go to bed at night! We must pray every chance we get if we want to see some good things happen to America and in our Youth Camp!

James 5:16b "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." Never doubt the power of God or the power of prayer. Perhaps we need to spend more time in prayer and less in eating! More time believing and less straying! We must pray! We must pray for people most of all! We must pray unceasingly that the lost might be saved! If we want to see God move in this country, in your life and in our Youth Camp then we must pray. Paul says, **"Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Ephesians 6:17-18)**

Thank You for your prayers and May God bless you

My Prayer

by Donna Hendrix

I pray for your peace
For your sweet release
I pray for your lead
That I may fulfill your deeds

I pray for your strength
That I may go the length
I pray for your guidance
In every circumstance

I pray that I will be your hands
That I will help my fellow man
I pray that I will be your feet
A light for you, to all I meet

I pray that I will not stray
That daily to you I will pray
I pray that you fill my heart
With mercy and love to impart!

Cyberspace News *Geneva Begeman*



Hello this month from the outlying members. Camp is being prepared for and news will be coming on that.

Jerome Ripley reports that Norma is still struggling with her health and sends regards to all those with health issues across the miles our newsletter touches. He reports that Norma's sister Mary is having some tests for her dizziness she is experiencing. Please keep Mary and Gabe Padillo in your prayers.

I have had my third chemo treatment and I am doing fine. I really appreciate your cards, letters and prayers. God is so faithful to us.

I know I have missed many news items, but I beg your forgiveness as I do not have the energy to keep up on everything. Please note my love to each of you.

In The Early Hours

by Deborah Ann Belk

In the early hours . . .
before the day is born
while the moon still shines
before it is a new morn.

While the stars still twinkle,
before the daylight dawns
while a chill is still in the air
before dew forms on the lawns.

While our minds are calm,
and our hearts are at peace
while our thoughts are warm
and our anxieties have release.

That is when we should rise,
and meet with God in prayer
sending Him our heartfelt praise
and our burdens for Him to bear.

God wants to meet with you,
in the early morning hour
so He can give you strength
and fill you with His power.

In the early hours . . .
before the day is born
look up and praise the Lord
before every new morn.



Michigan Report

Tim Begeman

For Diane and I June is all things youth camp. While I prepared for the few presentations I have to make at camp Diane is trying her best to round up as many unsuspecting adolescence as possible who will be bombarded with the gospel over and over. We are moving our camp to a new ambiance that is a throwback to bygone years of narrow paths through the thick lush green flora. Some of our all-volunteer staff is very concerned because they have grown accustomed to the soft beds of our last venue along with the air conditioned private hotel rooms and hot and cold running amenities. Maybe this new bucolic environment will keep the staff from taking their usual late morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, early evening, and late evening naps to a minimum and then again maybe not.

We started off this month with a serious scathing severe sour sewer stoppage problem at our church. After an emergency call to an unsuccessful plumbing house call, he diagnosed us with a problem that he charged us with a hefty bill to tell us. We ended up having to hire someone to dig up our sewer pipe and repair a broken pipe fitting which ended up with another hefty bill. After large stack of "Benjamin's" changed hands we are free flowing again. Thank God for our next door neighbor Jim, for opening up his home to our frequent but urgent calls of nature. We were letting someone use the basement for a baby shower at the time this was discovered. They fared well and it was still a lovely shower in spite of the inconvenience.

We participated in the Memorial Service for our Beloved Nate Valentine. The beautiful service was held at the Flat Rock Community Lutheran Church. This is the church that Joel his son attends. There was a great video that had been put together for his birthday that Charlie and Aurine did, there was a lot of great music from some of Nate's friends. We are sad that he is gone but glad that we will see him again! Out thoughts and prayers go out to his two remaining sons, Alan and Joel.

In June Elder Moore is continuing his sermon trek through the book of John. He gave a careful exegesis of chapters 9 and 10 on the love, supremacy, centrality, divinity, messiah-ship and example of Christ.

My Mom, Geneva is tolerating her continuing chemo treatments well. Her chronic back pain along with the mass in her back are slowing starting to recede. Please continue to pray for her, my Dad, Dale and their care givers.

A rumor surfaced in June that Laurie's Son Alex Eckles graduated from high school this year. Laurie told us that Alex wanted the ballyhoo and the fanfare kept to a minimum so they decided to keep the news as clandestine as possible, so keep all of your congratulatory remarks at a low whisper. He plans to continue his educational refinement by attending Central Michigan.

Speaking of scholastic achievements, it was also announced that Katie Begeman graduated from high school in June. She plans to attend Monroe County Community College in the near future. Congratulations Katie! We all hope and pray that both Katie and Alex continue to cultivate their erudition throughout their bright and shining future.

Pat Conley has expanded her education by getting her Master's Degree in Nursing. This will allow her to get a better paying job. Congratulations Pat, that was great task finished!

Joe Smeltzer is also continuing his education by taking classes to get his 2nd Master's Degree. He is diligently and assiduously working away at his classes. Good Luck Joe!

David Charles is preparing for another trek to the operating room. He is scheduled to go under the "knife" August 14. Please pray for a successful surgery this time and a quick recovery time for him.

Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation
and a pinch of creativity.

—- Bo Bennett

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THE BIGGEST LIES IN THE WORLD

* I PROMISE TO PAY YOU BACK ON MY NEXT PAYCHECK.

* YOUR HAIR LOOKS JUST FINE.

* GO AHEAD AND TELL ME; I WON'T TELL ANOTHER SOUL.

* THE DOCTOR WILL CALL YOU RIGHT BACK.

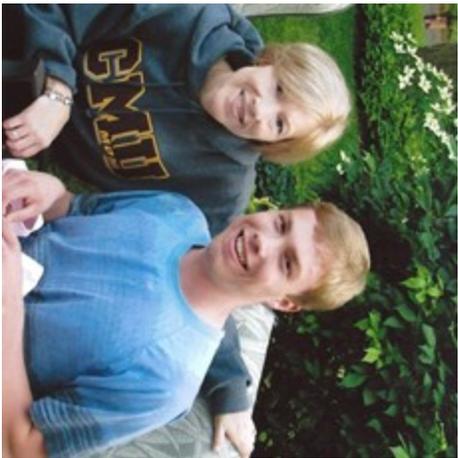
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* I GAVE AT THE OFFICE.

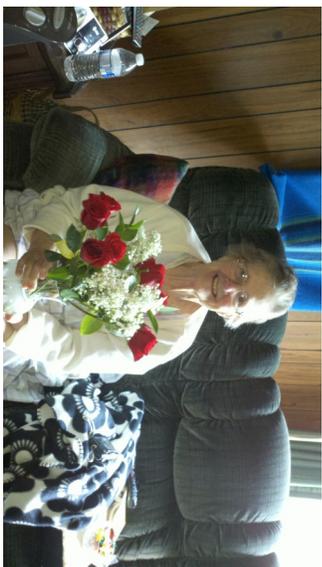
* PUT THE MAP AWAY. I KNOW WHERE WE ARE.

* HAVING A GREAT TIME. WISH YOU WERE HERE.

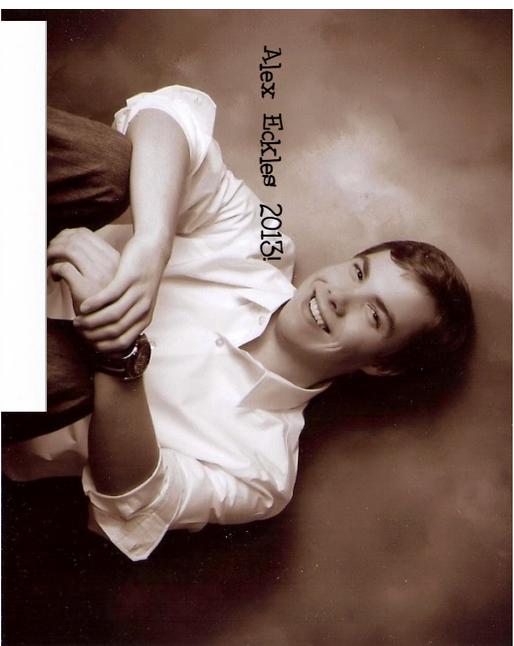
THROUGH THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER COLOR



Laurie and Alex Eckles



Geneva on her wedding anniversary



Roy & Bennie in Trafalgar Square May 2015



Tom & Leslie Miller



Pat, Erin, Raegan & Ryann
Yes they were this little once!