

## Paul's Prayer is Mine

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As you read the New Testament take time to notice how often Paul tells others he is praying for them. He not only prayed for them but asked that they pray for him (1 Thess. 5:25). It is often in prayer that we see the soul of the one who is praying. This is so obvious in Paul's prayer for the church at Colossae. From Colossians 1:9 -11 we note nine things he was praying would happen in the lives of those great Christians. He prayed that they might:

- Be filled with the knowledge of His will
- Have wisdom
- Have understanding
- Walk worthy of the Lord
- Be pleasing to the Lord
- Be fruitful in every good work
- Be increasing in the knowledge of God
- Be strengthened by His glorious power
- Have patience, longsuffering, and joy

Read the list again and visualize what would happen when this prayer was answered! As we enter this new year together, I want you to know that this is my prayer for you. My life has truly been blessed by the thirty-nine years we have labored together and believe the best days lie ahead of us. Success will not come without effort, but I think I know your hearts. May God help us to accomplish great things for His glory.

Paul's prayer is my prayer. With hearts that are filled with knowledge that is always increasing, may we have wisdom and understanding as to how to apply this in our lives. May we together walk worthy of the sacrifices He made for us and please Him. May we be fruitful because God is working in our midst and strengthening us by His power. May we be steadfast, unwavering in devotion, and willing to suffer because of the joy set before us.

Will you take time today to reflect on your life and see what changes can be made to ensure that Paul's words become a reality? Will you honestly look at where you are and plan the steps which must be taken to arrive at greater spiritual heights? Will you dream with me of the great things that God can do with us and through us in this church? Will you set aside time and pray for this church? Pray for me. Pray for the future and pray that He might work in us even more. I believe in prayer. As I pray for you, will you pray for me?



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Into What Were You Immersed?**

Paul is preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-10**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew, chapter 24.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday):** December 19<sup>th</sup>. **NEXT SUNDAY**
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 4, Day 2.
- ❖ **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- January 30<sup>th</sup> at Ithaca. (?)**



- **Covid 19:** We ask, but don't demand, that we all be **kind and considerate regarding keeping others safe**, including wearing masks if you think you should, staying away if testing positive for Covid, and getting tested if exposed.
- **Keep the MAGI box items and money coming in!** Thank you to all who have been so generous! We have all the T-shirts we need. We welcome ideas for good quality, inexpensive **little boys' shorts**. We also need some **little games or dolls, etc. for 5-7-year-old girls, small rubber balls** for all the kids (50) and **underwear** for 25 little boys and 25 little girls. **Flip flops** too! We have 2 pairs so far.
- **Remember to invite friends to worship next Sunday and to eat the Potluck Meal with us!**
- **Carol Singing on the Porch- Next Sunday following the Potluck Meal. Please join us!**
- **Liz and Abby Barry who have been staying with their grandparents, Sandy and Arthur, will be flying to Lake Charles, LA early Tuesday morning to join their family in their new home there.**

## PRAYERS

- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's), **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer), **Darlene's friend Connie** (advanced stage lung cancer).
- **Pray for our MAGI box project** which will be sent to children in Honduras, ages 5-7. Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Arthur** is planning to have surgery to remove his cancer at the end of December, beginning of January. He will be scheduled for a PT scan first and is still awaiting news of that appointment. We pray for a full recovery.
- **Dawn's niece, Bobbie's, husband, Arthur Hardison** has been in the hospital for 2 months with Covid. He recently had emergency surgery for blood clots and is currently in ICU on a ventilator. Please pray for him.
- **Paul's little granddaughter Mia**, age 6, has a lump near her eye which had been tested for lymphoma. **Thanks be to the Lord, her biopsy was negative for cancer!**
- Arthur and Sandy's granddaughter, **Iris Rivera**, age 10, tested positive for covid last week after staying overnight with her friend, whose mother was taken into the hospital with a bad case of covid the next day. Please pray for Iris to feel better and for **her friend's mother, Kim**, who is still very ill.
- **Steve and Amy's neighbor Henry's niece, Robin**, is in hospital with a serious case of covid.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.