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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirley King - Son David – and family, Elder Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Dakota Sutton, Sister Velma Hammond, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family and church, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

Brotherly Love...

"Let brotherly love continue. (2) Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1 - 2

When God causes a person to be "born again" that soul is forever changed. Jesus said, *"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."* John 1:5 Lost people live in total absolute darkness; they are blinded because their spirits are dead. They cannot spiritually see, hear, or even understand the things of the Holy Spirit, nor does the Holy Spirit interchange with them in any way. Lost people never please the Lord they live in darkness, and they do nothing to please God. The Lord said, *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* 1 Corinthians 2:14 The things of God are foolishness to them, why, because they are spiritually unable to connect the dot of God's teachings. The bible is a revelation, it is only attainable if the human spirit is able to spiritually see the Truth. However, once the Holy Spirit quickens the human spirit then the whole person changed, we move from complete darkness spiritually to an unquenchable light and then we are able to comprehend the spiritual things of the bible. God has caused the light to shine in our hearts for us to overcome spiritual darkness and our living spirit is now able to see, hear, and understand God's word. However, even with this greatness there is something even greater, we become the children of God. *"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"* Ephesians 1:5 Once a lost sinner is redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, their whole existence changes, and part of that change is our sonship, we now are God's child. We have a whole new family, an eternal family that is even more important than our human family. We have heavenly family members all over the world, different nationalities, different races, different languages, we have so many brothers and sisters in Christ, we could not possibly know them all. As Christians, as children of God, we are all different, we have a family that is a world. This love is a gift from God that the natural man does not have. The natural man has human love, but that is love that can disappear and can be replaced with hate, unlike Christian love. Gifts of God are eternal and not temporal, because they are sustained by the power of God. The Lord promised us in Proverbs 8:21 *"That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures."* Our, biggest

and most blessed treasure is God gifting us with sonship in Jesus Christ. Our being eternally in the family of God. This makes us special to God, and special to His Son Jesus our Messiah. Earthly families are temporal because once life is over, we are eternally in God's family. We may never see some of our earthly family, and if we do, we are brethren for eternally. We may not know a person on this earth as our brother or sister in Christ, this is why the Lord commanded to "*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers*" because we do not know if that stranger is a child of God, or an angel sent from God. Jesus will tell the lost in their judgment day, "*For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.*" Matthew 25:42 – 43 Christians are to love and entertain out brethren, and if we fail, we fail to serve the Lord. When the Lord said, "*Let brotherly love continue.*" He means for it to never end, and when anyone is in need we are to help. Our life and work of this life is a testimony of the love and work of God in our hearts. Life is a test for us to prepare for our judgment. If we have the opportunity to help in entertain strangers, we certainly need to do just that. Think of it this way, what if God tested you with an opportunity to help and you failed? Why if a brother or sister needed help and you failed to help, how is God feeling about that? Beloved, when you entertain strangers, you never know who you may be helping, a fellow brother of sister, and angel, but you will never fail if you "*Let brotherly love continue.*"

Thoughts for Your Heart!

"For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you." Deuteronomy 12:9

By Author Unknown

These words were addressed to the people of Israel in reference to their entrance into Canaan. A better rest and a more glorious inheritance are in reserve for the people of God—and they are freely bestowed. As Canaan was given to the Jews—so is Heaven, with all its joys, given to believers! God has, in unspeakable grace, given His only begotten Son—and with Him, He freely gives all things. Christian pilgrim, you have not yet come to the rest and inheritance which the Lord your God will give you. You have yet a little longer to tread the wilderness course:

your work is not yet done,
your battles are not all fought,
your trials are not all endured.

But praise your God and take courage!

"He who has helped you hitherto Will help you all your journey through!"

You have not yet come to your rest—but you are coming to it! It is a little nearer now, than it was yesterday.

You are not yet in possession of your eternal inheritance—but Christ is in possession, and you are a joint heir with Him. Where the forerunner is—there all His followers will be!

1 Peter 1:3 - 4 "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*"

Prayer Update.

Pastor Hille Update: From Faith Baptist Church, Seffner, Florida

Praise the Lord, he is Stable. He is off of blood pressure meds. His body is regulating temperature on its own. Be praying for Monday's surgery. There is not a scheduled time for the surgery. We will give an update on Monday evening.

When you pray, praise the Lord for the Grace He has provided. Today was a major victory. We praise the Lord for it.