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## *Please Join Us As We Pray For:*

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, 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, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, James Jackson, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Gordon, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## *Pastors Thoughts:*

### **True Worship is Spiritual.**

John 4:23 - 24 *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

It is good for all Christians to understand how to worship God. So much worship today is false and for show. One absolute truth is that non-believers will never worship God because God is worshipped thru our spirit and not outwardly, lost people have dead spirits. Lost people only have an outwardly form of worship because their dead spirit is dead. Now please understand, I did not say believers has not outwardly worship at all, God's people most certainly in their worship of God should show outward emotions. However, that outward emotion will be an outward passionate response of joy in our inward spirit or spiritual heart. Personally, I think churches lack in outward responses to the inward spirit in today times. Today we look at it as Pentecostalism to show much of an outward response. We have allowed the heathen to control our worship service and our external spiritual response. How can a happy and excited inward spirit be so contained without an outward response? Paul wrote in Romans 8:14 - 15 *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."* The word "cry" means - to "croak" (as a raven) or scream, that is, (generally) to call aloud" - My word you have been saved by God thru the working of the Holy Spirit, scream it to the world in praise to God. Our outward emotion is our showing what the Holy Spirit is doing inwardly. Robert Hawker said *"The leadings of the Spirit, and the witnessings of the Spirit, all manifest in their daily tokens of grace, the sonship and privileges of the regenerate in Christ. It is they, and they only, which have freeness of access to the throne, and to the pardon-office of Christ; and can, and do say, Abba, Father! No servants, no bonds-men, no unregenerate; none but of the family of God in Christ, who are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; can so approach, or claim such a relationship. An union with Christ is the only foundation for enjoying communion with the heirship of Christ."* How can this salvation not be exciting, how can the proclaiming of the word of God in Truth not be exciting? As Christians we have reason to cry out aloud and praise the Lord. Paul also wrote these words, Galatians 4:6 *"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."* Men, lift-up your voices to God in song, worship and prayer, folks let us lift the roof in praise to God for His grace in salvation, let our "hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Where the truth

of God is preached there should be much rejoicing among the saints of God, AMEN! We cannot allow the heretics of false outward worship control our inward true worship of God and Jesus Christ as Saviour.

**Quotes to think on:**

By Horatius Bonar (1808 – 1889)

*“Have I then no work to work in this great matter of my pardon? None! What work can you work? What work of yours can buy Divine forgiveness—or make you fit for the Divine favor? What work has God bidden you work in order to obtain salvation? None. His Word is very plain and easy to be understood, “To him who works not—but believes in Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Romans 4:5). There is but one work by which a man can be saved. That work is not yours—but the work of the Son of God. That work is finished.”*

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*“Faith is not our Savior. It was not faith that was born at Bethlehem and died on Golgotha for us. It was not faith that loved us, and gave itself for us; that bore our sins in its own body on the tree; that died and rose again for our sins. Faith is one thing—the Savior is another. Faith is one thing—and the cross is another. Let us not confound them, nor ascribe to a poor, imperfect act of man—that which belongs exclusively to the Son of the Living God.”*

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*“In all unbelief there are these two things:  
a good opinion of one's self,  
and a bad opinion of God.”*

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*“Christian, your whole life is to be one continuous following of the Lord.”*

**Think about this:**

By John Flavel 1628 - 1691

*"Guard your heart above all else—for it determines the course of your life!" Proverbs 4:23  
The heart is the seat of principles—and the fountain of actions. The eye of God is, and the eye of the Christian ought to be—principally fixed upon it.  
The greatest difficulty in conversion—is to win the heart to God.  
The greatest difficulty after conversion—is to keep the heart with God.  
Here lies the very pinch and stress of religion; here is that that makes the way to life a narrow way, and the gate of Heaven a straight gate.  
The keeping and right managing of the heart in every condition—is the great business of a Christian's life!  
"Oh, for a holier heart!  
Oh for a heart to hate sin more!  
Oh for a heart to love God more—and to walk more closely with Him!  
Lord, whatever you deny me—do not deny me such a heart!  
Give me a heart to fear You, love You and delight in You!"*

**Church News:**

Do not forget to pray for our prayer list every day. If we have proper faith in prayer, then our prayer will not go unheard by God. Please remember to add our sister churches and Missionaries to your daily prayer list. They need all the help God will give them as we do.