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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, 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, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Elder Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardo 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, Baby Titus Massey, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

Is Jesus Truly Going to Return?

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. (10) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; (11) Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9 - 11

The quick answer is yes, the only remaining question is when? God, who cannot lie promised that Jesus will return one day in a cloud surrounded with angels, saints of God, and much glory to welcome those on the earth to their new life, and to raise the old bodies of the saints with him as new glorified bodies. Ever saved soul on this earth will be caught-up to meet the Lord Jesus in the cloud. At this time our glorification as saints will be complete. Our life of sin in this life and our life of having to live with the sinfulness of this world will be gone. Not only will our bodies be changed but our entire life will be changed. For those Believers who will be here at this time, they will see this same Jesus that was crucified for our sins for the very first time, not by faith, but with our very eyes. We will see His markings of the crucifixion and be reminded of what our Saviour has done for us. We will forever be with our Saviour and our Heavenly Father for all eternity, free from Satan and his workers of sin, forever. This is something every Christian should be looking for every day of our life. Our life should be spent on our preparation of meeting the Lord, making sure our lamps are fully trimmed for the Master's return. If we are not ready, it will be our own fault.

I believe a lot of Believers have lost faith in the Lord's return; I believe some believers doesn't believe He will return in our lifetime. I believe that some Christians doesn't concern themselves with the Lord's return at all, almost to the point they no longer believe He is returning. This is the Lord's promise, *"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."* 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 2 No person on earth knows when Jesus will return, but God's promise is He will return and He will come as a thief in the night, or you will not expect Him. When the Lord returns is in the predetermined will of God as everything is, *"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of*

*their habitation;” Acts 17:26 Jesus promised us with these words, “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” Matthew 24:42 The watching is on us to be constantly ready for Jesus to return. Are you ready? The Lord said two will be grinding in the mill, one will be taken the other left, two will be working the field one will be taken the other left, and so on, allowing us to understand that the Lord will not give notice of His return. I personally believe that all the signs have been fulfilled, with the last being apostasy or a falling away from the truth and churches. “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 This “falling away” is known as the apostasy which is “a great defection from the faith and churches” which we are seeing today. Satan has truly gained a great hold on a lot of Christians and is squeezing them as hard as God will allow him to cause this “a great defection from the faith and the churches”. The churches of truth are getting smaller and smaller almost to the point of being eliminated. The Prophet Danial wrote these words, "And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. (36) And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (37) Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all." Daniel 11:35 - 37 Some bible experts will say this is not about our time, I'm no “bible expert” but it sure looks like it fits our time. The question is, are you ready for the Lord’s return, do you still believe He could return at any time? Folk’s reality is this, there are a million ways you may die before the sun goes down, people die every day, all day. Your life is in God’s hands, and you can be called into glory at any moment. The truth is Jesus could return at any moment and if you are not ready it will be your loss. The Lord is coming, and He is not waiting on you to be ready, it is your job to be ready, **are you?***

Thoughts for Your Heart!

The redeemed are held and secured by a threefold cord which can never be broken!

By Arthur W. Pink

Each of the three Persons in the blessed Trinity is concerned with our salvation:

with the Father it is *predestination*;

with the Son it is *redemption*;

with the Spirit it is *regeneration*.

The Father *chose* us;

the Son *died* for us;

the Spirit *quicken*s us.

Church News:

Please do not forget to continually pray for our upcoming Bible Conference Friday September 15th and Saturday September 16th.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list daily. Please check our list and see if someone needs to be added or removed.

Update on Nate Hille is he is doing better than expected and is going to be moved to therapy.

Update on Baby Titus Massey is he had his surgery and is "fairly stable" but still needs lots of prayers.

Proverbs 30:8 - 9 *"Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:*

Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."