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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, 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, 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:

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love..."

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3

We sometimes, or most all the time do not understand God. In this flesh our understanding of God is as our faith in this flesh, it is not perfect. Why God would love a single soul after what Adam and his wife Eve did to God is beyond my imagination. Why God elected to love the Nation of Israel after they failed Him so many times. And even we Gentiles have failed God, churches have failed God, every one of God's elect have failed God in so many ways. But God has an everlasting love for both His chosen Nation of Israel, and His chosen people called His elect, even though we continually fail Him. The word "everlasting" means - a length out of mind, practically eternity - it is "*a space of time or of unmeasured time*" - Vines. In other words, our mind cannot comprehend the limitless amount of time because we are limited in everything. But to make it simple, there was never a time God did not love His elect Nation or His elect people. This was written to His chosen Nation but also to His chosen people, "*The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: (8) But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (9) Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;*" Deuteronomy 7:7 - 9 No matter were in life the Lord puts us, or the valleys that God sends us through, or that happenings of life we just cannot figure out what God is doing. But be assured that He has us in His hand and He will never turn us loose because of His eternal love for all of His elect. However, as a believer in Jesus Christ and an elect child of God His love is unmerited, "*The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:*" God loves by His own choosing and with an eternal love, without beginning or ending. It was out of this eternal love that God elected before the world was ever created that He would love a remnant of people and redeem them and call them sons. "*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved*

us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:9 - 10 This is our blessing in life, no matter of anything or anyone else, God loves His children with an unending love. It is through this love that we ought to dwell in this life in God’s love that the Holy Spirit gifts us all with when we are saved. “And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16 Here is the love from God to every elect child, “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.” Ephesians 1:4 - 6 Beloved, we are accepted to God as a child thru Jesus Christ because He loved us and chose us to be His. That is true Lord, that is God’s eternal love.

Thoughts To Think About!

Our sea may sometimes be stormy, but we have an infallible Pilot!

By John Newton

Dear friend,

Your constitution, your situation, your temperament, all that is either comfortable or painful in your lot is of God's divine appointment. The hairs of your head are all numbered! The same power which produced the planets, is necessary to the production of a single hair; nor can one of them fall to the ground without His notice, any more than the stars can fall from their orbits!

In providence, no less than in creation, He controls the very greatest as well as the very smallest things.

Healing and wounding are equally from His hand and equally tokens of His love and care over us. Our faithful and good Shepherd affords to us strength according to our day. He knows our frame, and will lay no more on us than He will enable us to bear; no more than He will cause to work for our good. Our comforts of every kind come free and undeserved; and when we are afflicted, it is because there is a need-be for it. He does it not willingly. Our trials are either beneficial medicines, or honorable appointments, to put us in such circumstances as may best qualify us to show forth His praise.

Our sea may sometimes be stormy, but we have an infallible Pilot, and shall infallibly gain our port! Therefore do not be afraid; only believe!

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.
- As of today, there are no services scheduled for Brother Ronnie Henderson Jr. We will let you know if those changes. Please continue to pray for Brother Ronnie Henderson Sr and Sister Sarah Henderson and their family.

John 17:11 – 13

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.