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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, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, 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 Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Dakota Sutton, Sister Velma Hammond, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

God will never forsake His Children.

"For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you." 1 Samuel 12:22 - 24

What a beautiful truth, God will never forsake His people which are His children. While the world wants to believe that Eternal security does not exist God has promised to never forsake His children. "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5c How could He ever forsake His children? We are God's children by God's own work and power, we are God's adopted children, and He tells us what this means "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..." Romans 8:17a This means as God's children we are "a co-heir" with His own Son Jesus. We did not become joint-heirs on our own, God made us His own when He Elected us before the world began to be part of His own Family as children. Samuel wrote these words, "For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake..." What does "for his great name's sake" mean, God will not forsake us because it would be forsaking His own honor. We did not choose God, we did not just come to Christ for salvation, we did not make ourselves God's children, **God made us His children.** "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12 When we became God's children by adoption, we became part of God. We are as much God's children as Jesus is, that's why God said, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..." A child can forsake their Heavenly Father, but their Heavenly Father can never forsake His children, because He is God, God cannot lie, and **He promised He would never leave nor forsake us.** Forsaking His children would be like forsaking Jesus His own Son.

As children of the King, we must have standards in our life, "God forbid that I should sin against the LORD" It is the duty of each child NOT TO SIN AGAINST THEIR HEAVENLY Father! However, sometimes we do, we all do, some more than others, but we ought not. But look what sin he was talking about, "God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you" He said it is a sin not to pray for each other, Jesus said, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them

which thou hast given me; for they are thine." John 17:9 Even if a Christian sins, falls away into sin, or doesn't believe the truth as you do, it is our duty to pray for them. We are God's children and God will never forsake us, nor will He ever leave us, and neither should we forsake one another. "Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart:" Believing the Truth of God's word is not optional, it is a command and if we fail, we sin and if we sin we ought to fear God. We are to search for the Truth of the bible, never denying the truth, even if we do not totally agree with it, it is not optional. We are God's children and God has made us His children therefore we are in debt to God to be good children. "for consider how great things he hath done for you." Think about what God has done for you and me, we are children of the King because the King has made us His children, be ye thankful. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful**. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:12 - 16

Quotes of Truth

From John Newton

"I feel like a man who has no money in his pocket—but is allowed to draw for all he needs upon one infinitely rich. I am therefore, at once both a beggar and a rich man."

"Some preachers near Olney dwelt on the doctrine of predestination; an old woman said, 'Ah! I have long settled that point; for, if God had not chosen me before I was born, I am sure he would have seen nothing in me to have chosen me for afterwards.'"

"The Lord has reasons far beyond our view, for opening a wide door, while he stops the mouth of a useful preacher. John Bunyan would not have done half the good he did, if he had remained preaching in Bedford, instead of being shut up in Bedford prison."

"God deals with us as we do with our children; he first speaks; then, gives a gentle stroke; at last, a blow."

"Worldly men will be true to their principles; and if we were as true to our principles, the visits between the two parties would be short and seldom."

"If an angel were sent to find the most perfect man, he would probably not find him composing a theological treatise—but perhaps a cripple in a poor-house, whom the church despised; a man humbled before God, with far lower thoughts of himself than others have of him."

"If it were possible for me to alter any part of God's plan—I would only spoil it."

"I know not a better rule of reading the Scripture, than to read it through from beginning to end—and when we have finished it once, to begin it again. We shall meet with many passages which we can make little improvement of—but not so many in the second reading as in the first, and fewer in the third than in the second—provided we pray to him who has the keys to open our understandings, and to anoint our eyes with His spiritual ointment!"

Church News:

Happy Birthday to Sister Marilyn Lavina Wednesday November 23rd