



FAITH NOTES

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Church Family and Friends,

What a great way to start off the month, with a celebration of the Resurrection! Of course, our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should not, and does not end with just one day. Because of His sacrificial death, and His resurrection overcoming death and the grave, we who belong to Him become a people of the resurrection.

But what does it mean to be a people of the resurrection? How are we to live in light of His resurrection, and how does it change our relationship and attitude toward others?

Paul, when writing to the people of Colossae, reminded us that because of the resurrection of Christ, we have died and risen with Christ, and now our lives are hidden with Christ in God. So he advises those who are in Christ to live accordingly. Namely, as such:

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (NIV Col 3:12-17).

It is possible to live in such a way. Even in this world that is seemingly getting more violent, more calloused, more brazen in rejoicing in sin. We can live in opposition to the world, exhibit compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, etc. because the same power that rose Jesus from the grave now lives in us as well. God has given us His very Spirit. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." (1 Cor. 2:12)

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, and passed along to us is, "that God would grant you to be strengthened with might (power) through His Spirit...that Christ might dwell in your hearts through faith, that you...may be able to comprehend the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ" (Eph. 3:17-19). This is possible because we are a people of the resurrection.

We must live as though there is hope, even in this dark world. And there is; hope - His name is Jesus! Let us who are sons and daughters of the Risen Lord be a shining light, a people who lead by example. My prayer for you this month, this year, your entire life, is that you may experience the love of Christ anew each day, that you live in the power of the resurrection, which frees you to live as described above, a song in your heart as you work and live in the name of the Lord Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.





PRAYER REQUEST

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

(This list will be purged every two to three weeks, unless indicated otherwise in your prayer request.)

- *Marie Hendricks
- *Shawn Wood
- *Chris Payne
- *Larry Peppers
- *Clint Steward
- *Taylor Edwards
- *Sharon Williamson
- *Tim Meyer
- *Morgan Bone
- *Drake—Jerry Stombaugh's great, great grandson
- *Wesley Lyons
- *Ray Kittle
- *Carla Rivera
- *Lee Bonner
- *Mary Bynum
- *Michelle & Henry Culp
- *Alan Hawkins
- *Jamie Roberts
- *Linda Webb

LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS

- *Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- *Ginny Acton
- *Nell Hall
- *Michael Moyer
- *Aimee Collier
- *George Girling
- *Larry Gramling
- *Dale Mayo
- *Jimmy St. John
- *Charlotte Davis
- *Ava Gallahair
- *Walter Westbrook
- *Our military personnel, police, fire & rescue
- *The children & families of The Children's Home
- *Sonny Brady
- *Marie Hendricks
- *Carson McGraw
- *Greg & Jennifer Dobbins
- *Elaine Ray
- *James Miller
- *Tim Warren

OUR ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME and HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- * Milton Roe— *Piedmont Health Care Center in Piedmont*
- * Willodean Gilbert— *Woodland Place in Southside*
- * Ann Corley— *Cherokee Village in Centre*

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