



FAITH NOTES

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Church Family and Friends,



This is our new headboard we are making. It's not finished, it's a work in progress, but has a wonderful story to tell...

Jamie and I recently bought a new mattress. As you know however, buying one product often means buying others to supplement it. In our case, we upgraded from a queen size mattress to a king, which means the bed frame also needs to be upgraded. Rather than buying a whole new bedroom suite, we decided to build our own bed. The frame is simple, nice, does its job. We are also making a new headboard to round out the project. The new headboard is not quite as simple however, and is taking a while to complete.

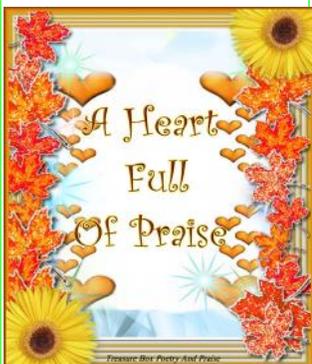
One day when I had a minute or two, I did a little more work on that headboard. As I was slowly fitting pieces together, having to re-do some here and there, not happy with the imperfections that began to show up, I started to get a little frustrated. I want things to work perfectly, to end up perfectly, to never show my flaws. The thing is however, I am nowhere near a master craftsmen, so flaws abound in any project I do!

Now I happened to be working on this headboard the same week we were celebrating our 22nd wedding anniversary. And as I stood back and looked at this headboard, the Lord spoke comforting words to my soul. Yes, I may see the flaws, the cracks, the gaps, the frustration of having to replace or re-do some things. Focusing on one little area of the headboard will reveal some flaws for sure. But standing back and taking the whole thing in, I see how all the pieces are actually fitting together to make a beautiful piece we will be able to cherish for a lifetime.

The same can be said of marriage, of a church, of a job, of any relationship, with another person or even with the Lord. We are imperfect people who do imperfect things. Our marriage, our lives, are not perfect, try as we might. There are still days that are frustrating, ideas or wills that don't always fit together perfectly, cracks and gaps in communication and the need to re-do some things. If we choose to solely focus on the imperfections, we can easily get frustrated and fed-up, sometimes even thinking of throwing in the towel! But if we will choose instead to stand back and take it all in, to cherish all the time spent together, the hard work that has been done to create that bond, focusing not on flaws but on the beauty of a relationship formed by God, we can truly appreciate and continue to work on that relationship that will last a lifetime. Indeed, a relationship that, because of our Lord and His grace, will last an eternity.

Let us not get hung up on our imperfections. Rather, let us, God's people, see the beauty of a life and relationships knitted and formed together by our gracious and merciful God. A work in progress, being transformed more and more into His image as we walk with Him each day, with a wonderful story to tell...

God Bless,
Rev. Daniel





PRAYER REQUEST

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- *Ann Corley
- *Peggy Jolley
- *Rev. Carl Cook
- *Jean Cunningham
- *Marilyn Jones
- *Teresa Walker
- *Gary Starling
- *Doug Johnson
- *Flash Watson
- *Blake Covington
- *Susan Casey
- *Sid & Michael Moyer & family
- *Ken Payne
- *Brook Tidemore
- *Barbara Watson
- *Barry Webb
- *Cody Thompson
- *Donna Smith
- *Don Chandler
- *Eric Beasley
- *Gail Gorham
- *Frankie Jones



LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS

- *Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- *Michael Moyer
- *Walter Westbrook
- *Charlotte Davis
- *Elaine Ray
- *Dale Mayo
- *Larry Gramling
- *Aimee Collier
- *Carson McGraw
- *Our military personnel, police, fire, and rescue
- *The children & families of The Children's Home
- *Ginny Acton
- *George Girling
- *Marie Hendricks
- *Betty Jo Ponce
- *Nell Hall
- *Sonny Brady
- *Greg & Jennifer Dobbins
- *Tim Warren
- *Wesley Lyons
- *Ava Gallahair
- *Janice Spivey

OUR ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME And HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- *Milton Roe— *Piedmont Health Care Center in Piedmont, AL*
- *Willodean Gilbert— *Meadowood Retirement Village*
- *Ann Corley— *Cherokee Village in Centre, AL*



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