

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Name Names

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**REMEMBER:** Services begin tonight at 5:00 PM!

**Pray For:** Logan Decker's grandmother, she has leukemia. Abby had surgery on her hip November 20, 2018, Linda Cline, and Peggy .

**Prayers Answered:** Danesa's parents are doing much better but still recovering. Continue to pray for them.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Tina Crawford is traveling outside, she expects to return on December 5, 2018. Hans is driving back up and should be home soon. Paul and Alice Stone are traveling. Eddie and Susan Maxwell are also traveling.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers," **Romans 1:9 (NKJV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised" .**Psalm 72:15 (KJV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 77/44 Record: 101**

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## God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear .....Romans 10:17
- Believe .....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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A lot of times we seem reluctant to name a person, or a specific group of persons, in our prayers. But this should not be the case. Paul writing to the Romans stated that he didn't cease naming them in his prayers. *"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;"* **Romans 1:9 (KJV)** In addition he told the Philippians *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy".* **Philippians 1:3-4 (KJV)** So we see that Paul wasn't bashful about identifying the specific church he was praying for in his prayers. Considering this, or prayers should follow suit. We should not be hesitant in praying for the church at Wasilla.

Neither should we hesitate to pray for a specific person. James tells us that we should pray for the sick (James 5:14), and he tells us to pray for one another (James 5:16). It is not really conceivable that he would tell us to do this, expecting that we would not name names. In fact in James 5:14 the instruction is that the elders pray over the sick person, certainly they would not stand there at the bedside of the sick brother or sister and offer a general prayer for "those among us who are not feeling well". Paul did just this when he told Timothy, *"I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;"* **2 Timothy 1:3 (KJV)** In addition to praying specifically for Timothy, Paul also prayed specifically for Philemon. *"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,"* **Philemon 1:4 (KJV)** In addition to praying for the sick or our preachers by name, we should also pray for our Elders by name. It is appropriate that we ask God to give them the wisdom and the strength of character that they need to guide us in the way that He would have us go as a congregation.

Also, it is not unreasonable that we should request the prayers of our brethren on our behalf, and expect them to name names in their prayers. In the letter to the Hebrews we find this statement; *"Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."* **Hebrews 13:18 (KJV)** It is not reasonable that the author would ask his readers to pray for "us" in a general term. He would not have wanted them to pray "Father bless the missionaries in foreign lands", on the contrary I believe that he was requesting that they pray for them by name. Paul made a similar request when he said, *"Brethren, pray for us."* **1 Thessalonians 5:25 (KJV)**

Of course there are situations where bringing God's attention to a general audience is appropriate. This is what Jesus did when He prayed, *"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known*

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*that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them."* **John 17:6-10 (KJV)** Jesus certainly knew the names of those He was praying for, and so did the Father. But instead of naming each one, Jesus made a general request to the Father for the Apostles. We can and should do that for our teachers, children, teenagers, parents, seniors and the families of our Deacons and Elders.

The next time you are praying, don't hesitate to name names! Don't hesitate to name a group of people, and don't hesitate to pray for the church at Wasilla in general. We can take the examples we have in the Bible concerning prayer and make our prayer life more vibrant and effective. Paul tells us to *"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (KJV)** God wants each of us to have an attitude of prayer. It should be the first thing we do in the morning when we wake up and the last thing we do before drifting off to sleep in the evening. It should be what we do throughout the day, not just at meal times. God wants us to talk to Him, just as any father wants their children to talk with them. He wants us to tell Him what is on our mind, what it is that we are concerned about and who it is that we are concerned about. Pray constantly, and name names!

