

## July/August/September, 2010 Monthly Prayer Letter

\*July Sunday Worship Services

\*\*August “ “ “

\*\*\*September “ “

Pray for good weather, that God would lead to us those whose hearts are open to Him, for His anointing on the service and that people would sense His presence.

**1.\*\* The Lord preserves all who love Him, but the wicked He will destroy (Ps. 145:20).** Pray for the right job for Patricia, a Christian girl who just graduated from nursing school. She's looking for a job in which she can be of most use in advancing God's Kingdom.

**2. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul (Ps. 25:1).** Pray for a job for Jack, a 62-year old man who was laid off from his job in the food service industry. He's been out of work for several months now and his unemployment benefits will soon be running out. Pray, too, that he would see his next job as a gift from God. He's not yet a Christian.

**3. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord (Ps. 145:21a).** Pray for Carolanne's sister, who has degenerative brain disease that has put her in a walker and is now effecting her eyesight, for a miracle of healing. She's being treated at Mass General and so far they have been unable to arrest its development.

**4.\* Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart (Matt 11:29a).** Pray for Carolanne's sister's husband, who is a good husband and very supportive, but is becoming frustrated by his inability to help her and the strain is leaving him short-tempered and impatient.

**5.\*\*\* All your works shall praise You, O Lord, and your saints shall bless You (Ps. 145:10).**

Pray for Scott and Jennifer Capshaw

<http://scottandjenn.wordpress.com/?blogsub=confirming#subscribe-blog> as they start a resort

ministry in Alaska. They arrived at the end of August and are going through their first summer. Pray that God's leading would be clear as they seek to discern the direction of this ministry, that God would protect them from the discouragement that can often accompany new works like this, and that even at this point, they could see God using them to lead people to Christ.

**6. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death (Proverbs 14:27).** Pray for Gene Smith, who has been battling a brain tumor of the type which took Senator Ted Kennedy's life, for four years now. His doctor has been calling him “my miracle patient” and he credits God with the continued victory over this dreaded disease, but things took a turn for the worse recently as a second tumor appeared. Pray that God would minister to his discouragement and exhaustion and stop the growth of this tumor.

**7. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me (Ps. 145:14a).** Pray for Rev. Shirley Marcroft as she seeks to discern God's leading following this summer at Waterville Valley. She's receiving a good response for the summer services, but the doors appear to be closing to a winter and year-'round ministry after two years of labor.

**8.\*\* O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1).** Pray for Sherry's 22-year old niece Alicia, who was involved in a recent accident and sustained a ruptured spleen and broken ribs. She's presently suffering from pleural effusion, where fluid builds up around the lungs, inhibiting breathing. She was recently discharged from the hospital but isn't yet out of the woods.

**9. I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart: I will tell of all your wonders (Ps. 9:1).** Continue to pray for healing from prostate cancer for Phil Gravink. He's been battling it for some years now,

and recent tests have indicated that his PSA count has gone down!

**10. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified, and whom He justified, these He also glorified (Rom. 8:30).** Continue your prayers for Stephen as he battles cancer. What started out as colon cancer has spread to his lungs but is presently being contained.

**11.\* Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).** Pray for Stephen's wife, who is suffering from depression, that the Lord would heal her.

**12. Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame (Rev. 16:15)** Pray for Susan and Scott. Susan's father just died of cancer and things are pretty tough for her and Scott as they deal with the aftermath. Pray for God's protection on their marriage and that they would emerge stronger because of this. They're not yet Christians and don't appear open at this time.

**13. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory (Mark 13:26).** Pray for Jack, a minister in his mid 30's who is looking for a helpmate, that the Lord would provide the right person.

**14. Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day (I Chron. 16:23).** (July only) Robert Ashman requests prayers for God's protection as he and his wife are traveling for the summer until August 7. Pray for Matthew Waly from NYC who shattered his femur and may have brain damage from an accident in NYC on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. His family has already lost both their parents and will need God's strength to deal with their brother's injuries.

**15.\*\* To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins (Acts 10:43).** Pray for Jack, who is becoming reconciled with his wife

(an answer to our prayers) and appears open to the Gospel, that he would see his need for Christ and come to accept Him.

**16. Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant (Matt. 20:26).** Olga asks for prayers for her finances as she's now (at this writing) three months behind on her mortgage. She's a Christian.

**17. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (John 15:10).** Steve asks for prayers for his stepson as he goes through four weeks of radiation for cancer. Pray for strength for him and that the treatments would be effective in destroying the cancer cells and leave him free of this dreaded disease.

**18.\* Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him (Prov. 30:5).** Judy and Dave ask for continuing prayers to help sell their condo in Lincoln after they've relocated to the west coast. Pray too for Olga and her husband who are in the process of reconciliation ("it's a day at a time" following a lengthy separation, that their reconciliation would be complete.

**19. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5).** Stephan, a single Christian and the father of a ten-year old daughter, asks for prayers that the Lord would provide him with a wonderful helpmate.

**20. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:3).** Pray for Brenda and John's daughter Nicole. She recently became a single mom following her husband's unfaithfulness. We were praying for her salvation and she's now beginning to express an interest in church and God. Pray that this interest would bear fruit (her parents are both Christians)

**21. But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were committed (Rom 6:17).** Continue to pray for healing from a rare form of cancer (only 5 recorded cases worldwide) for Marianne Campanella. There's no proven treatment that works. She's turning to the Lord and to diet and as of this writing she's doing fairly well: able to work on a part-time basis and live a near-normal life.

**22.\*\* And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:18).** Pray for Sue and Scott, that they would be able to have children. They're in their late 30's and don't yet know the Lord.

**23. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt. 10:28).** Pray for Jason, that he'd sort out the questions he has about God and Christ and come to know the Lord in his heart. He once served as a youth minister, but went in the opposite direction when his pastor and the person he looked up to got involved in an affair and was fired.

**24. The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, but a good man will be satisfied from above (Prov. 14:14).** Pray for Irene\* a woman in her early forties, that she would come to see her need for Christ and be open to experiencing His love.

**25.\* But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).** Pray for John's daughter Ann, a ten-year old who was molested in her younger years and is starting therapy, that the therapist would receive God's wisdom and be used as a tool of God's healing. Both father and daughter are Christians.

**26. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23).** Pray for Dick's son and especially his wife, who has got it into her mind that he's

been unfaithful to her when it's the last thing he would think of doing and is unable to convince her otherwise. Pray that God would bring healing and deliverance into her life and for his continued patience.

**27. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them (Ps. 34:19).** Pray for Andy, a single man in his mid-30's that the Lord would bring a Christian woman into his life and that would come to see his need for Jesus.

**28. I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins (Is. 43:25).** Pray for Olga's adopted daughter Tiffany, that the Lord would heal her from her addiction to Oxycontin (she's in rehab) and bring her into a dynamic relationship with the Living Lord.

**29.\*\* For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity (Prov. 24:16).** Pray for Wendy, that she'd be able to secure a job and that the pain issues that her husband is dealing with as a result of a back problem would be successfully resolved through a surgery scheduled in October.

**30. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:16).** Also pray for Yolanda\* that she would be healed of the emotional trauma she experienced when she was involved with a very controlling group of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was close to attending a Christian service recently, but got so physically ill from the anxiety that she had to cancel her plans.

**31. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield (Ps. 5:12).** Pray for me (Skip) as I start work on the second subject in my book ski area ministers, that God would reveal the approach he wants me to take in writing about him.

## Praises

8/8, 8/26, 10/8/09 Tests on Roger Bickford reveal that he is cancer-free! (Something that no one expected).

5/4/08 We prayed that Nell Brewer, the 23 year old daughter of Debbie and her husband, would re-connect with their family after moving to Costa Rica and marrying. Debbie just emailed me a picture of her daughter and her daughter's husband after she got in contact with her parents!

### Praises from the last Prayer Letter.

2, 25 Chelsea retained her teaching job!

4,27 Maryanne is doing well at living with her cancer. She's been able to return to work part time and live a next-to-normal life.

5, 28 Ken and Mary's two rebellious sons are doing much better, especially their oldest, who was the major problem. Alcohol and drugs have given way to a permanent job and an attitude of belligerency to one of friendliness and cooperation. He's still living at home at the age of 30, but has become a "changed man."

11. Kurt Christensen continues to improve following his accident a year ago last December.

22. Barbara found affordable housing!

\*Names Changed