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Prayer Support Groups

NO Prayer Support July or August ~ SAVE THE DATE ~ Prayer Support Kickoff Thursday, September 8th 6:30 pm Hayworth Miller on Silas Creek Parkway at Robert Miller bldg in back Tim Greene our first Hope House resident will share. Please come and invite others to come with you.

> River Oaks Church Clemmons, NC 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Room #4

Ladies Bible Study

Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall August 9th We will have a fellowship luncheon to share what God has been doing in our lives over the summer

> August 16th A 40 Minute Study "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times" by Kay Arthur



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At each monthly Board meeting we begin with a scripture that I sense God is leading us to and then we pray it back to our Father. We have also developed a time of prayer at the end of the meeting with each Board member praying over one of the agenda items we have discussed. It is a powerful time as we wait to hear from the Lord on each issue.

This month we are fasting and praying for the Lord's direction in future areas that we believe God is leading us into. I want to share with you what God shared with me on our first day of fasting:

First, we prayed Deuteronomy 8 at our meeting which speaks about the life God blesses and ends with the challenge that when the blessings come, don't get prideful but remember from whence those blessings came, because when we get our eyes off that truth then the curses come.

While rereading the book, "The Life God Blesses" by Jim Cymbala, I came upon the passage in 2 Chronicles 26 about King Uzziah. It said the reason God helped him was that he sought the Lord and if he sought Him, he prospered. In the Hebrew the word 'helped' means surrounded. God surrounded him with His wall of blessing. We also find that the word 'prospered' in Hebrew meant, to push ahead.

As long as the king humbly looked to God for guidance and protection, he was pushed forward, surrounded, helped, and blessed by the Almighty. God rewards those who diligently seek Him and give Him all the praise and glory. We must honor and glorify our Lord which gives Him pleasure. We had talked about that very thing at our meeting......we want to give our Master pleasure as we follow hard after Him.

We can see in the Deuteronomy passage that we must obey all the commandments God gives us. If we obey, we will not only live but go in and take over the land He promises us. I love verses 6-10, "Obey the laws of the Lord your God. Walk in His ways and fear Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of brooks, pools, gushing springs, valleys, and hills. It is a land of wheat, and barley, of grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, olives, and honey. It is a land where food is plentiful, and nothing is lacking; it is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills. When you have eaten your fill, bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you".

I believe God is going to continue to give us an abundance as we obey and follow Him in the days ahead. He has always been faithful to provide our needs and as we take in more territory He promises to provide IF we remember to acknowledge that He is our Provider.

At the end of the passage, it gives warning: "But if you forget about the Lord your God and worship other gods instead and follow evil ways, you shall certainly perish".

King Uzziah in the 2 Chronicles 26 passage ended up becoming proud---and corrupt. He sinned against the Lord his God and was afflicted with leprosy. He was cast out of his kingdom and separated from everyone till the day he died.

What a warning it is to all of us, that we need to apply this teaching to our individual lives. Obedience to our Father is key. When we are seeking hard after Him, we will be blessed. Pray for God to continue to bless us all.

~ Sandra



- with the resident on occasion.
- let us know If any of these opportunities is
- something you would be interested in.
- If that is something you feel you can do on anon-call basis, please let us know.

Prayer Thoughts

Let Wisdom Guide You

May God give you rest on all sides. May Jesus lead you into a season of replenishment and restoration. May your good days outnumber your bad days. May your dreams speak louder than

your dreams speak louder in your fears. Where once you continually braced for impact, may you now live with holy expectancy, knowing that God gives good gifts to His children even during tumultuous times. He never stops being God and you never stop being His

beloved child. May every trial you've endured serve you well in the days ahead. May your healed heart speak to those who are still in the storm. May your wisdom guide them safely through their battle. May your sleep be sweet, your rest restorative, your work be fruitful, and your laughter come from your toes. May God work wonders in your life even now.

Psalm 103:1-5 (NLT) ~ Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!



Mercies

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

How many times have I heard or quoted this verse and mentally agreed with its clear reminder? God is indeed merciful and faithful.

I was pondering this a few days ago. Though I know God shows me His mercies, am I intentionally making myself aware of them? More than merely acknowledging a beautiful sunrise, colorful blossoms, sweetly-singing birds or a gentle breeze, do I consider how the LORD is revealing Himself to me each day? And, when I am again aware of His revelation of Himself and His glory, do I then respond with worship, praise, thanksgiving?

My word for the year last year was the Hebrew word bracha, which means, "to intentionally recognize God's blessings". I started to write them down daily. God showed Himself through kind words of a stranger, casual words about prayer spoken over the phone, sharing of His miraculous works through friends, songs that speak to me over the radio. My list could continue.

What stands out to me is that it is not the issue of God being merciful and faithful – it is an issue of me recognizing it. If I am not "experiencing" God's faithfulness, that is a hint that I need to shift my gaze off my circumstances and look to Him. On Wings founder, Sandra posted on Facebook a couple of weeks ago, "Dwell on the things you have to be grateful for today, not on what you don't have. You might list them down, then praise God for them. Praise drives the enemy away."

A good practice to try today!.

We are so proud of Tim Greene for being honored with a certificate from the Parole Office recognizing his outstanding journey after release. Seven probation officers met him at the On Wings of Hope





house to present the reward to him which took him by surprise. He is an outstanding example of dedication in doing his best post-release both as House Manager and by his shining light in the community. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use Tim in the coming days.

Taken from Daily Blessing by Susie Larsen