



FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER Feb-Mar 2011

Anchored in the harbor of Charleston is the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. The museum inside pays tribute to Medal of Honor recipients. The state of South Carolina has invested millions of dollars and man hours to establish the Patriots Point memorial so we will **never forget the sacrificial acts of rescue** on our behalf. The **Medal of Honor** is the highest military award bestowed by our government and recognizes "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty." Since its inception under Lincoln's presidency during the Civil war, this prestigious medal has been awarded to only 3500 individuals. In many cases, their heroic act was one of dramatic **RESCUE** of fellow soldiers who were as good as dead. Often, the rescuer sustained mortal injuries.

Imagine the gratefulness you would feel towards your deliverer if you were the object of such a life or death rescue. Because we have such short memories, we, too, need to anchor in the harbor of our heart the powerful reminder that we are, indeed, **objects of a dramatic rescue!**

*"The Father **rescued** us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* Colossians 1:13-14

Not only were we the objects of this great rescue by Christ, but we were the **enemies** of the One rescuing us! (James 4:4; Rom 5:10) And Christ didn't **just** happen die while rescuing us, His death **was** our rescue! "*He gave Himself for our sins so that He might **rescue** us.*" (Gal 1:4) And His motive went far beyond idealistic patriotism. His motive was love. "*For God so loved the world...that the world might be **rescued** through Him...*" (John 3:16-17) "*He **rescued** me, because He delights in me.*" (Ps 18:19) So join us in honoring Christ, our Great Rescuer! And pray for us that we would be motivated by His love as we participate with Him in His grand rescue operation to the men of Columbia and beyond.

Prayer Requests:

MEN'S FORUMS. We continue our "*Living In Hi-Def*" theme from the *Sermon On The Mount*. Pray that the men in the daily forums would be overwhelmed by God's grace and increasingly live the Hi-Def life!

SALT Pray for the many discipleship pairings in Columbia that are launching as a part of our SALT discipleship ministry, that there would be a divine mixture of encouragement, strengthening, and challenge. Starts **Feb 3**.

DAYBREAK CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER. Pray for Willie Simmons and Chad Dorman as they spearhead a man-to-man Bible focused equipping time for the Daybreak boyfriends. First bi-weekly gathering is **Jan 27**. Pray for 10 men.

OUTREACH Pray for lasting fruit from our marriage tune-up wired event on **Jan 22** hosted by Patrick and Scottie Daley.

CALENDAR ITEMS FOR PRAYER

- Jan 27** Core (Board) Meeting
- Feb 4-6** David facilitating Chapin Pres Men's Retreat
- Feb 15** Perry speaks at a Roundtable outreach
- Feb 18-20** Focused Living Ministries Core retreat in Georgetown, SC
- Mar 13** David preaches at Columbia Crossroads
- Mar 18-20** Perry speaking at Riverbend Community Church Men's Retreat
- Mar 24** Perry speaks at a Roundtable outreach

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PERSONAL PRAYER & PRAISE

BOWERS FAMILY

Perry: Mostly I want you to simply praise God and rejoice in His lavish grace demonstrated to me through his extreme faithfulness as February 11th marks my 42nd spiritual birthday! ***“In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace.”*** Eph 1:7

Janet: pray for God's grace to enable me to quickly and effectively switch roles in this season of my life. I am going up to N.C. monthly to care for my mother who has increasing dementia then returning to re-engage as Perry's wife and administrative assistant for Focused Living. I am also trying to be an active participant in our women's ministry at church, be a supportive friend to some sisters in Christ, serve on the Board of Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center AND be a long distance mother and grandmother. Perry and I need to intentionally communicate and connect in our marriage through the busyness in both our lives.

Joy and Eddie Centurion: Wisdom, energy and continual grace in Eddie's job as Director of Outreach and Hispanic ministries; energy, wisdom and grace as we disciple (and discipline) our kids ages 4 1/2 , 2 and 4 months – may the Lord continue to draw them to Himself. Praise for Ezequiel's baptism 1/30/11 and praise for good health lately.

Megan and Marc Hunsaker: Prayer for strength and connection through busy winter schedule...

Marc - comes under Presbytery care, begins pursuing ordination, directing Student Ministries, being a dad and husband.

Megan - balancing part-time teaching art, caring for Hannah Caroline, keeping the household in order and working on 'Gospel Transformation' bible study. **Hannah Caroline** - persevering through first year illnesses, continuing to develop sweet personality, that the Lord would draw her to Himself, Baptism February 13th.

ANDES FAMILY

David – As he prepares for the “next thing” (i.e. next sermon, next seminar, next gathering) he would not lose sight of his daily need for fellowship with Christ. Pray that he would learn how to build in more “life reflection” during the week.

Katherine – Pray she will focus daily on the phrase “delight yourself in the Lord” in her daily responsibilities. Wisdom in keeping on top of Austin's care and medical options.

Austin (12) – Praise for a good transition into new school. That he would continue to develop spiritually, socially, cognitively, and in life skills. He hopes to again be involved in Special Olympic swimming and new voice lessons. Praise for a very kind neighbor boy who engages Austin in meaningful ways.

Cameron's (8) – Praise for Cameron's solid transition into a new school. He is blessed with a good teacher and new friends. Pray that electronic entertainment interests would not dominate his focus.

SALTER FAMILY

Peter and Teena - Pray for God's abundant grace in the midst of several very broken relationships in which we are involved right now. That we will model grace and truth for our kids. Pray also that we will discern God's will regarding a family missions trip to Costa Rica this summer.

Hannah and Zach – that they will continue to grow in understanding the Father's love for them.