

FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER

May-June 2013



A **logo** is a graphic mark used by companies, corporations, commerce, clubs and churches to communicate that their product or service is worthy of your possession or experience. They pay big bucks to help you associate their **logo** with a complete trust in the character of their organization or business. Think about it. They have been so effective at gaining your full trust that you...

- Give over your paycheck to Bank America each week and never inspect the vault to make sure the money is there.
- Strip naked before a doctor whose credentials you don't know because he was recommended by Blue Cross.
- Drag your family to Florida and spend \$1000s all because a cartoon mouse says it will be fun and relaxing.
- Send your son to Boy Scout camp because the eagle promises that their leaders will be men of integrity.
- Buy expensive Nike clothes promising that you too can "just do it" though you haven't a clue what "it" is.
- Take your wife on a romantic date to Chillis because a little red pepper promises good, tasty food at a great price.
- Rush to Wal-Mart at 3:00am to buy cough medicine for your child because their logo promises to be open 24-7-365.
- Loyalloy build the information of your multimillion dollar company around colored windows without meeting Bill Gates.
- Walk aboard and entrust your life to American Airlines without even checking to see if there is a pilot aboard.

Our Creator God also wants to communicate that although all other **logos** will eventually let you down, He will not! He alone will come through for you. He is so intent on helping you to associate His **logo** with His eternal character of love, grace, faithfulness, power and wisdom that He paid for it with the life of His Son, Jesus. Then, He raised Him from the dead. God's **logo** is living! God's **logo** is not an image, mark, emblem or graphic. His **logo** is a Person! And His **logo**, Jesus, perfectly reflects and radiates his character.

*"In the beginning was the Word (lit. **logos**), and the Word (**logos**) was with God, and the Word (**logos**) was God...and the Word (**logos**) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and truth."*

John 1:1, 14

Every time you see a favorite **logo**, please pray for us as we daily help **logo** driven men put their hope, trust and faith in the only **Logo** that will come through for them on both sides of the grave.

Ministry Prayer Requests:

MEN'S FORUMS

Most forums are choosing to continue to meet during the summer, with discussions guided around Scripture and the book, *10 Choices*, by James Montgomery. Pray that each man would own his faith more and more this summer.

DISCIPLESHIP

Pray for Perry and David as they write a discipleship tool specifically for the GRIP groups and as they write a tool for young believers. Three GRIP groups have been meeting since October and they each finish this month. Pray that God would lead us to FAT men with whom to launch a GRIP ministry this fall.

DAYBREAK CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

Would you continue in praying for a point person(s) to take the leadership of the Daybreak men's ministry that God has birthed through us. Pray also for wisdom about how best to distribute the powerful video of Henry Flowers' (Daybreak male mentor) testimony, that it might be used in ALL crisis pregnancy centers in the country!

OUTREACH

More shooting outreach events are planned in May and June. As gun awareness has increased in recent months, God has given us a wonderful venue to reach men! Pray that spiritual "next steps" would happen at these events.

CALENDAR ITEMS FOR PRAYER

June 9 – Next Core gathering

July 6-13 – Bill Manley (Thurs GRIP) and Derek Gowdy (Lugoff Forum) lead a team of folks from Columbia to minister in Guatemala. Please pray for effective relationships with the local village and a strong witness of unity among ourselves.

Personal Prayer Requests:

BOWERS FAMILY

Perry – Pray that I would finish this long ministry year (Aug-May) of outreach and discipleship well. I am tired and spent. Pray that I would experience rest and refreshment in my mind and heart this summer. Praise for our grandchildren (Lulu, Ezra, Zeque, Hannah Caroline, Elenor and ??? due in Nov). It's a privilege to help prepare them to lead the next generation. Pray that God would provide "breakthroughs" in the hearts of some of my cycling buddies.

Janet - As Mother's Day comes and goes, for Perry and I both to receive healing in the grief process as we miss our moms and remember them with love and joy in our hearts. Also, for me to regulate more of a schedule in my life.

Joy and Eddie Centurion - Energy and endurance for Joy and Eddie in the busy summer schedule at New City Fellowship. For adequate volunteers and wisdom for Eddie as he revamps community outreach. Safety for kids in the summer activities.

Megan and Marc Hunsaker: Patient trust as God works out details of a move to further schooling for Marc. Praise God for good health thus far for Megan's pregnancy. Wisdom in parenting Hannah Caroline. Successful potty training!)

ANDES FAMILY

[16](#) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, [17](#) comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word...

[5](#) May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

(2Thessalonians 2:16,17; 3:5)

David & Katherine – Pray that our mixed doubles league provides a slew of conversation opportunities with teammates and opponents. Pray that David will stop double faulting (just kidding, sort of). David's parents are leaving the state and moving back to Philadelphia. Pray for our whole family's transition with this. Pray that, as parents, we would foster a lifestyle of serving and not spend the summer focused solely on entertainment.

Austin (15) – Pray that Austin would embrace and be at peace with the transition to Irmo High School this fall. We plan on making some summer visits to get him comfortable. Pray that God would provide two new ABA therapists that will have a vision for connecting with Austin as our current ones have had.

Cameron's (10) – Please pray for a great connecting time between Cameron and David as they take a weekend away together (secret!) Pray that God would bring some good "guy" friends into Cameron's life.