



FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER Summer 2011

Have you come to appreciate that... **Cars** drive better when the front end is aligned. **Bullets** hit the intended target only when the gun sights are in perfect alignment. **Bones** support our body when aligned not broken. **Spreadsheets** calculate accurately when the decimals are aligned. **Marriages/families** deepen their love and grow when hearts are fully synced. **Music** soothes the soul when the orchestra is in tune and aligned with the conductor. **Teams** over perform

when each team member is working off the same page. **Churches** powerfully impact cities when surrendered to God's truth. Zippers zip, watches tick, cameras click, tools fix, rockets launch, boats sail, planes fly, planets orbit, ears hear, computers process, and phones communicate best when they are aligned with their design.

Jesus understood that man is at his best when his heart is fully aligned with God's design for his life (John 8:28-29; Luke 22:42). But He also knew that a man's heart is the only part of God's creation out of alignment with His intended design of obedience to His will (Luke 1:13). That's why He invites (commands) His men 17 times to "follow Me" (a/on + kolutea/road) in order to align themselves with the road He was on. And His road took Him to the Cross! For only at the Cross will a man humble himself enough to do life God's way and receive the grace needed for the journey. So, after explaining that He was going to the Cross in their place, He teaches, "if anyone wishes to come after Me (be aligned), he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23)! Men, follow Christ and maximize your manhood by learning how to live by His grace rather than the daily grind!

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Gal 2:20)

Prayer Requests:

MEN'S FORUMS Pray that men would be faithful to the summer forums and not run on empty or take a vacation from the Lord this summer. Pray also as various leaders step to the plate and facilitate their peers.

SALT Pray as we write the SALT material for the fall on the life of David, "Growing A Heart For God."

DAYBREAK CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER Continue to pray with us for full monthly calendar coverage of male counselors as well as open hearts of young men to whom we share the Gospel each day.

CALENDAR ITEMS FOR PRAYER

June 16-21 Perry Wilderness backpacking in Colorado

PERSONAL PRAYER & PRAISE

BOWERS FAMILY

Perry: that he would be refreshed this summer even as he prepares for the fall. That God would use him to build deeply into the leaders he is mentoring and faithfulness to initiate conversations/relationships with the many men God has put in his life who have yet to surrender to Christ. A blessed time of tickle fights, wave jumping, kite flying, drip castles, diaper changes, popsicles and Disney flicks with the grandkids on vacation during July.

Janet: get back to exercising after a "jammed" toe. Daily quiet time to align my perspective with the different roles and relationships to which I am called in this season. That I continue to be a good helpmate getting us to bed at an earlier hour. I am so grateful for "God's mercies and grace made new to me every morning"...oh how I need them!!

Joy and Eddie Centurion: Pray for ministry teams coming from all over the country to do evangelism to children in Chattanooga. Eddie's in charge of training them and taking them. Pray for safety in the rough neighborhoods. Pray for the finances of New City Fellowship Church. We are in desperate need of new vans for our summer ministry (over 400 kids that we meet over the summer) Also pray for Chattanooga Sports Ministries, that the Lord will provide finances. Wisdom, joy, patience and endurance for Joy in nurturing Lulu turning 5 on 7/2, for Ezra 2 ½ years (potty training) and 8 month old Zeke.

Megan and Marc Hunsaker: For wisdom, endurance and transitioning grace for Marc as he leads very active summer college and youth ministry and for Megan as she watches Hannah Caroline enter toddlerhoodturning one year old the end of June.

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ANDES FAMILY

David – Traveling to Guatemala July 16th - 23rd as a part of a team of 12 people. Pray that God would work in us and through us as we connect with a new village in the Southwestern part of the country. Pray for David's parents as they have faced a variety of health hurdles.

Katherine –Praise that she was able to keep her part-time teaching job for next year despite all the budget cuts. Pray that we would follow through on our intentions to look for and act on ways to serve others during our summer and not just be entertained.

Austin (13) & Cameron's (8) – Praise for good school year for both boys in their new schools.

SALTER FAMILY

Pete & Teena - Pray for a refreshing word from God for Peter and Teena as they move from a busy season at the end of school to the slightly slower pace of summer. We will be leaving as a family for Costa Rica on July 21st, so pray that we will be prepared and ready to be used by God in whatever way he sees fit on this mission trip.

Hannah and Zach - Pray that they will enjoy their times with God in the mornings this summer.