

# FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER Aug - Sep 2016

In July, I (David) laid several pallets of sod grass. Over a two week period, I prepared the soil by tilling, shoveling sand and spread mushroom compost. I worked in the cool of the morning. When the sod arrived, 3 of us were able to get it mostly laid in one day. I was committed to getting this grass down and helping it to thrive. I rolled it so the roots would have good traction. I watered it every day to survive the dry, 100 degree days. For these few weeks, my "free time" was taken up by sod related tasks. I strained my back twice resulting in two chiropractic visits. I had to trouble shoot sprinkler leaks. I made four trips to Lowes. The neighbors would drive by and say, "Wow. You're really working hard!"



You see, I went ALL IN once I made the decision to lay **sod**. I was aware that hard work lay before me, but I pressed on motivated by my vision of **sod**. I felt an urgent internal motivation to provide this **sod** the best conditions to grow. I maximized the early mornings for **sod**. I ran into roadblocks in my quest for **sod**. I went to bed thinking about **sod**. I woke up thinking about **sod**. My whole family was impacted by my quest for **sod**. Within a few short weeks, the roots had taken hold and the fruit of my labor and God's provision of sun and water were beautiful.

One early morning while I was watering thirsty areas of this new grass with the hose, this thought occurred to me: "Sod has consumed my life these past weeks. What if I brought this same determination, enthusiasm, planning, care, and discipline to my relationship with God? Wouldn't I rather be writing these words:

I went ALL IN once I made the decision to follow **God**. I was aware that hard work lay before me, but I pressed on motivated by my vision of for **God**. I felt an urgent internal motivation to provide the best conditions to grow spiritually. I maximized the early mornings for **God**. I ran into roadblocks in my quest for **God**. I went to bed thinking about **God**. I woke up thinking about **God**. My whole family was impacted by my quest for **God**. Within a few short weeks, the roots had taken hold and the fruit of my labor and God's provision were beautiful.

Yes, I'd love to have a beautiful green lawn. But God would whisper this to me: ***"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"***(2Peter 3:18).

## Ministry Prayer & Praise

**FORUMS** The **week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>** we kick off a new season with our Men's Forums. We'll continue the theme of being ALL IN with God and working our way through the book of Acts. We praise God for the rich times we've had this summer working through Mark Batterson's book, ALL IN and letting the Spirit search us. Join us in praying for new seekers in each group and more men in the 25-40 year old demographic.

**DISCIPLESHIP** We launched our fall season of GRIP with an outstanding canoe outing on July 23 and a Kickoff gathering on August 8. We have 35 men who are paired up and also in small groups (Perry, David, German, Rob Motley, and Paul Cochrane are the small group leaders.) Pray that the Holy Spirit would have good traction in each man's life as he determines Action Points for his primary relationships and primary resource areas this fall. Join us in praying for tangible transformation as men step out of their comfort zone. Each man is having a personal retreat **before September 12**...pray that this would be very beneficial.

**DAYBREAK** Daybreak Pregnancy Center is moving their offices right down the lane from Planned Parenthood by October of this year. Pray that God would bless this strategic location and that the male mentors would be used of God to speak with many boyfriends considering abortion.

**FINANCES** Through June, our donations have been more robust than at this time in past years! Our revenue to expense shortfall is 11%. As always, we trust that God will provide for FLM in the way he wants to provide. We praise God that our new associate, Rev. German Wright, is fully funded via designated gifts separate from our General Fund donations through March 2018!

## CALENDAR

**Every Sunday** German Wright preaches at Daily Living Ministries.

**August 19** – ~100 folks participating in Hunger Project to feed 20,000 people.

**August 26** – David speaking at Friday Night Live at Daily Living Ministries.

**September 4** – David preaching at Crossroads Church (John 14:1-14)

**September 11,18,23,24** - Perry is teaching Grace Point men how to write and deliver a biblical blessing to children

**September 12** – GRIP large gathering

**September 15** – Advance 18 hour Retreat (That God would use in the lives of FLM men)

**October 2** - Perry Preaches at Grace Point Church (Mark 6-8 "When You're Running On Empty")

## Bowers' Family Prayer

### Perry

- Rest and energy entering fall...serving full of the Holy Spirit and not in the flesh.
- That we would invest much time, prayer and effort building into the grand kids before they are too old
- Deliver my heart from becoming cynical with the increasing lawlessness and corruption which I know our children and grands will inherit. I must realize that according to His Word, when things seem to be falling apart they are really falling into place according to His glorious plan of redemption!
- Healing for my shingles
- I continue to absolutely love mountain biking in the woods with my 'fat tire' bike and deeply enjoy the 8-10 men with whom I ride several times a week and the way He is working in their lives.

**Janet** - Diligence to exercise for bone strength. That my praise & thanksgiving would equal my interceding in prayer.

**Joy & Eddie** – Continued wisdom and consistency in parenting for all! In particular, for Zeq's social and emotional maturity as he enters kindergarten this year

### Megan & Marc

- Wisdom, patience, and creativity for raising two wonderfully precocious children
- Re-establishing good family routines as we transition the new Fall semester (after a relaxing summer break).
- Discipline / clarity for Marc as he finishes up his doctoral classes and begins writing his dissertation proposal this Fall.
- Hannah starts Kindergarten this month!

## Andes' Family Prayer

**David** – My theme verse for this fall is 1Samuel 14:6,7 "Perhaps the Lord will work for us...Do all that is in your heart." Seeing and embracing faith risks. Daily consecration and spiritual eyes to see His amazing work in the hard areas of life like parenting kids.

**Katherine** – Transition to working full-time as a Reading specialist and balancing home and work. Grace with each other during this time. Thanksgiving for a summer with good memories!

**Austin(18)** – Continue to pray for a full clearing of his brain fog. We're continuing with neuro feedback and chemical interventions and we'll be trying dietary changes. He'll be entering another school year with extreme difficulty in being able to pay attention. We look to The Healer.

**Cameron(13)** – We pray that Cameron will see GROWTH this year! **G**od First, **R**esponsible, **O**ther oriented, **W**orth ethic, Truth telling, **H**eady lifestyle

## Wright Family Prayer

### German and Sandra

- Health, energy, strength, stamina, and daily focus.
- Continual debt elimination and financial breakthroughs.
- Greater courage, boldness, confidence, and discernment for personal lives and ministry.
- Greater exposure, influence, attraction of gift and talents for ministry assistance and for personal growth.
- Greater harmony, unity and agreement as we go forth as a couple.

- Birthing of several ministry callings in the pastorate at DLM in the next few months.
- Administrative gifts and tech savvy assistance.
- Divine protection and covering on changes, shakings and paradigm shifts that must take place for next level growth.

#### **Caleb**

- Praise God for meeting the need of financial support for Caleb's senior thesis film project at Liberty University!
- Makes a great impact in his senior year at Liberty University – academically, socially and spiritually.
- Peace and favor with roommates and quad-mates.
- Wisdom, guidance, direction and favor to find the right people for his senior thesis film project.
- Health, healing, physical strength, stamina, focus and stewardship of physical body.
- That a desire for a car during senior year be met.
- Focus, direction, networking for position with a film production company upon graduation.