

FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER Feb- March 2019



In 2016 during a spring training game between the Braves and the Pirates, 9 year old Landon Cunningham was playing intently on his father's mobile phone when he heard the frantic scream of the crowd. By the time he looked up, the bat from outfielder Danny Ortiz was inches from his face. But not to worry! His father's strong, outstretched arm saved him from certain disaster and shielded him from devastating injuries as the bat would have hit him squarely between the eyes. In an interview with the Ocala Star-Banner Landon proudly declared, "As long as I'm **with my dad**, I'm OK!" That is precisely the message our heavenly Father proclaims to us every day through His Word! Throughout the history of our fallen, broken, sin-filled world our Father's strong and outstretched arm has guided, provided, protected, rescued, shielded, sustained, strengthened, encouraged and comforted His children through the great adversities of life. The Father's message to His kids for 2019 is, "**Stay close to Me and trust the strong, outstretched arms of My Son at the Cross! I love you and promise that nothing will enter your life apart from My sovereign grace and love!**"

"Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your **outstretched arm!** Nothing is too difficult for You." Jer 32:17

"God is our refuge and strength, an **ever-present** help in times of trouble..." Psalm 46:1

"... **I will be with you;** I will not fail you or forsake you....Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the **LORD your God is with you** wherever you go." Joshua 1:5-9

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble....for **the LORD your God is the one who goes with you.** He will not fail you or forsake you." Deut 31:6-7

"For He Himself has said, '**I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU...**'" Heb 13:5

"For **I am with you always,** even to the end of the ages." Matt 28:20

"...Immanuel, which means '**God is with us.**'" Matt 1:23

Ministry Prayer & Praise

FORUMS We have kicked off all 10 of our Men's Forums where the theme is **Built 2 Bless**. Pray with us that the theme verse, Colossians 2:6-7 would sink deep into our hearts.

"As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."

DISCIPLESHIP Pray for the 70 men who are paired up and enrolled in our current GRIP season of discipleship (**Feb 4-May 13**). Pray that each man would be established in these three core rhythms: 1) meeting with God during unhurried times alone in His Word, 2) man to man encouragement/accountability, and 3) identifying and acting on a few Action Points in this season of life. Pray that the GRIP planning team of **Tim, Sinclair, Karl, German, Perry, and David** would listen to the Spirit as we lead this season.

FINANCES We praise and thank our Father who, yet again, provided for us in 2018. We start the year in the black and are humbled by His 25 years of faithfulness.

CALENDAR

2/4 – Grip Discipleship Kick off. Remaining Spring dates = **2/18, 3/11, 4/1, 4/22, 5/13**

2/10 – David Andes Preaches at Columbia Crossroads

3/1 – 3/3 – FLM Couples Core Retreat

Perry Bowers Family Prayer

Perry – My focus word/phrase for 2019 is "Present" inspired by Moses' heart to see God's glory (Exodus 33) and 'present' himself before his Creator as the Lord proclaimed His character of sovereign grace (35:1-8). Pray as I continue to love and pray for our 6 grands who are growing so quickly.

Janet – My focus phrase for 2019 is "fearless belief" inspired by Jesus' words to His timid disciples in John 6:20 "It is I. Do not be afraid!" Pray that I will recognize God's presence at work in some specific areas/relationships that He is calling me into.

Joy & Eddie – Serving as a family as part of a new church plant. Continual wisdom, strength and patience for parenting 4 kids 12-6 years old.

Megan & Marc – The snow and cold temps aren't slowing down the Hunsakers this Winter. Please pray for Hannah as she works hard in all her classes in 3rd grade. She is a blossoming writer, avid reader and works hard in math. pray for Logan as he continues to learn how to make friends, be responsible and all the basics in Young-5's all day Kindergarten. Pray for Megan as she continues to build the art program at her Elementary school. Pray for Marc as he enters the final lap of his PhD. Pray for perseverance, clarity of thought and fruitful writing.

David Andes Family Prayer

David and Katherine—In the midst of our largely "programmed" weeks, pray that we would walk each day strongly connected to Jesus so that we can love whoever God brings our way. Pray we would be intentional about reaching out to new neighbors.

Austin(20) – Continue to Pray in the "peace from above" for Austin. Pray for some concrete plans to begin to come together for what is next for Austin after he finishes school this year. Praise that he is recapturing his love for music.

Cameron(15) – Praise that Cameron loves to learn and is doing well in school. Pray that his heart would be captivated by Jesus and that he would have some good Christian friendships.

German Wright Family Prayer

- Direction on new or next church building with favor and wisdom on financing
- Financial breakthrough on car issues
- Congratulations to Caleb as he was one of 23 film makers selected for the Wide Angle Project through the SC Film Commission and Indie Grants. Continue guidance and direction for Caleb's career path.

Karl Reed Family Prayer

- Please continue to pray for Jessica as she is in the last trimester of her pregnancy. So far momma and baby have been strong and healthy. Baby Jackson is due April 7!!
- Pray for us as we continue to be stretched, and learn to grow, as parents.
- Praise that God has been opening doors and leading us into next steps for our family and ministry!

Sinclair Salters Family Prayer

- Pray that my wife Jami and I take devotional time and unhurried time with the Lord both together and separately more seriously.
- Pray that the Lord makes me Brave
- Pray that my finances increase; that I may have all that I need and more
- Pray that our daughters (3) fall in love with Jesus and become radical for him

Tim Hanley Family Prayer

- Please pray we would fall more in love with Jesus and people each day. Pray God would enlarge my heart for Him and people.
- I am mentoring pastors, evangelists, and other ministry leaders around the Midlands. I desperately need wisdom allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me to "speak the truth in love."
- Ask our Father for a divine desperation for His Bride in Midlands. We are not broken over our own loss of our "first love for Jesus." A divine desperation for HIM always precedes a movement of fervent prayer resulting in revival of God's people.
- I preach at the Palmetto Presbytery worship service on "The Final Test" from Matthew 22:34-40 on Thursday, February 14. Please pray for tears and brokenness for me as I preach and for deep repentance and a fresh coming to the Cross for all of us.