

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Store In My Heart

### 2Corinthians 5:15

and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

There are many in this world who live for sports, whether watching others or being a participant. Others live for travel and adventure. I have heard some express the sentiment that they live for their children/grandchildren.

Paul tells us that Christ died so that we could live for Him. That means there should be no other things before Him in our life. Those who live for their children spend a majority of their time in things that keep them near. If we are living for Christ should we not do the same? We need to focus on what really matters and living for Christ will make a difference in our life and is necessary if we hope to be with Him in eternity.



# Prayer List, Again

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About this time last year I wrote an article titled “Prayer List” and reminded us that using such a term was not wrong and that we actually used a list for our prayers often even though we might not use the term. I want to talk again about prayer lists as we move into the new school year. This writing is prompted by a facebook post by my friend and fellow preacher, Whit Sasser, that mentioned some things Bible writers encourage us to include in our prayer.

Before we get to those, I want to urge you to make certain you are including our local brethren in your prayer to God. We list the sick in the bulletin and on the screen before services. Each of us needs to take note of those listed so that we can pray for them. In the last few bulletins I have mentioned those associated with the return to school for this fall as ones we need to include also.

We all have kinfolk that are involved in the school system and they are working in uncharted territory as they begin this year. Between the concern for keeping everyone safe from the virus and learning new technology most teachers may be a little overwhelmed. Prayer for them is certainly warranted. We also need to keep the children in mind. They are also entering a new environment. They may be wearing masks which will be unusual for them. The teachers will also be wearing masks which could cause some anxiety or

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## For Our Information

Ruben Keisler is scheduled for knee surgery on Tuesday, August 18.

John Ragsdale had a stomach virus and fever during the last week. He is feeling some better.

Brenda Keisler is getting new shots for her neck pain soon.

Vickie McNees is still suffering with headaches and other pains.

John Jackson is working.

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concern in the students, especially younger ones. If the teacher is splitting time between those in the room and others in virtual classes this could lead to students being more on their own. I don't say this to try to explain but simply to let us know that things will be different no matter what changes occur and prayer for our children and teachers is only reasonable.

Though prayer for the sick, travelers, our student, and teachers are good things to include, we must give attention to the needs mentioned in Scripture. As this morning's lesson mentioned, we ought to pray for our enemies. We should pray for those in government. We should pray for those who labor for the Lord, that doors be opened for the Gospel to spread and glorify the Lord. We need to pray for boldness to speak the Word to a lost and dying world, for ourselves as well as others. Along that line we ought to pray that the Holy Spirit would fill us with the Word so that we can speak it plainly and with urgency that we might edify others. We should pray for wisdom and though it might seem strange, we also ought to pray for trials to strengthen our faith as well as chastening and discipline. We ought to include one another in our petitions to God, but we should also pray for the lost and those who have turned away from the Truth. Scripture also reminds us to pray for unity among the brethren so that the world will believe in God and that we are with Him. We should also make every effort to pray for the coming of Christ.

Take a little time this afternoon to find the verses in Scripture that speak to us about the need to remember these things in prayer. Maybe you will find some other things that we ought to include. If so, you can share them with us so that we all can keep our prayer list complete.

Maybe it would be a good idea to actually make a list of things to include in our prayer. We make grocery lists, to do lists, and all kinds of other lists to remind us so why not make a prayer list so that we avoid leaving out things that are important to us and God. Just make sure you include those Bible prayer suggestions.

**Pray, Study, Meditate, Apply, Pray, Repeat!**

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