

Joyful in Hope – 82 – June 25, 2020
(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

Janine and I are enjoying some ‘Up North’ time. Thanks to Casey and Stephanie’s parents, Jim and Debbie Arnett, we are “living the dream” for a few days in Boyne City. Yesterday, we drove over to beautiful Charlevoix, and filled the late afternoon with walking around town, shopping a little, and time on the shores of Lake Michigan.

As 7 PM approached, we found a hiking trail above the lake, and tuned in to Zoom for ‘Heritage Prayers’. (It’s amazing where you can connect to the world on your laptop, using your phone as a hotspot.)

Here’s what we prayed about last night, and what I hope you’ll be praying about this week:

Updates – Please continue to pray for all these sisters and brothers.

Sharyn Underwood has been moved to a rehab facility where she will receive therapy to help her regain strength so she can go home. Sharyn had been in Beaumont with Heart and Kidney problems.

Phuong Janulis continues her treatment for Liver Cancer. Her numbers on improving and the doctors are hoping her damaged liver will begin regenerating.

Kim Morgan experienced a setback and was ordered back to bed, in hopes that will help the “blood patch” on her spinal cord to function properly.

We do not have an update on Tim Brimer at this time. Tim was scheduled to have surgery on Monday.

Garry Welch had a follow up procedure this week, and is resting at home.

Maralee’s friend, Norma is still recovering from CoVid 19.

And please pray for:

Eric Esshaki and family. Eric is running for Congress in the upcoming election. We need to be praying for him as he stands on his convictions, and seeks the opportunity to serve in that capacity. Let’s also pray that he, and his family, will be safe during the campaign season, when the health risks are even greater.

Pete’s brother, Herb Butrum, who is battling CoVid 19 at home, in Houston.

Houston is now at the epicenter of the pandemic, and across the country, yesterday was our worst day of new virus cases reported since the beginning. Experts say that some of that can be attributed to increased testing, but there is considerable concern for states that “opened up” too early and too quickly. Many of us have friends and family members in those states. We need to be praying for them, and for the folks who are making decisions about restrictions and safety.

Pray that a vaccine will be developed soon.

Pray again for all the doctors and nurses and caregivers and first responders who continue to be on the frontline of the pandemic. Pray that they will “not become discouraged in doing good”, and that they can be protected.

Pray for the moral climate in our nation. We prayed that people everywhere will stand up for justice and mercy, and will do so with humility.

Pray that prejudice and racism will have no place in our lives, in our church, in our community, in our nation, in our world.

And pray for our Heritage Family, that we would come together in love and harmony, that we would seek what is best for each other (and that we would not presume to know what is best for each other, rather, seek God's wisdom), that we would live as light and salt in our world.

God bless. We'll talk to you on Saturday.

-Pete