

**Joyful in Hope – 100– August 6, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

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

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**Edition One Hundred.**

Wow. That’s some kind of milestone, I think. ‘Joyful in Hope’ began on March 18, as a daily connecting point for the Heritage Family. Here we are, 20 weeks later, still connecting. None of us could have imagined how the last 140 days would have played out; the changes, the restrictions, the losses, the frustrations, the learning, the compassion, the discovering what the new normal looks like.

And who knows what the next 140 days will bring? We certainly have learned to adapt, and hopefully, to trust God to get us through all this. And he will.

Here are some things we prayed about last night. I hope you will too.

Sharyn Underwood continues to improve as her rehab moves forward. She is still staying with her son.

Kim Morgan’s scans came back clear last week, but she is still struggling. The last several days have been rough, and she is considering finding another doctor with more knowledge of CSF leaks, and potential treatments.

Janet Torvik is back in the hospital and the doctors are trying to get her breathing regulated.

Sharon Awbrey has asked for prayers for her friend, Chuck, who is battling Covid19. Chuck has a number of underlying health concerns.

Pete and Janine’s sister-in-law, Carol, lost her father this past week. Bob Morris was a kind and gentle man who loved the Lord and his family. He had been battling cancer for the past few years, and died at age 93. Carol and Paul are missionaries in Belgium, and due to travel restrictions, Carol was unable to attend her father’s funeral.

We also prayed for people who were impacted by Hurricane Isaias, and want to add prayers for the people of Beirut, Lebanon, following the terrible explosions in that city.

Finally, congratulations and prayers for Eric Eshaki and family. Eric is running for U.S. Congress in Michigan’s 11<sup>th</sup> district. He won the Republican primary on Tuesday, and now is preparing for the General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Regardless of your political leanings and views, please pray for Eric and Heather, and their boys, that they will have God’s strength and guidance though this important election season.

Have a blessed week!

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