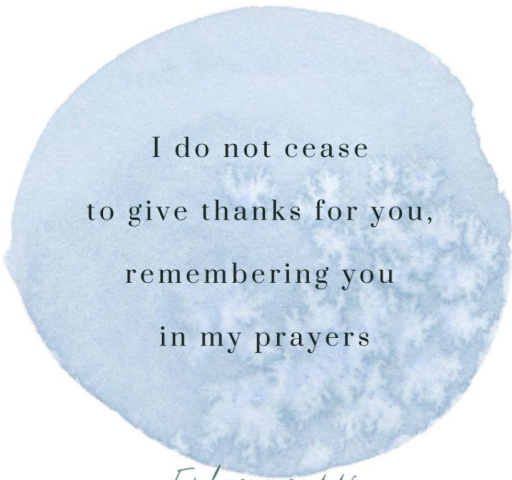


Greenvine Baptist Church

Newsletter

March 8, 2022



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to give thanks for you,
remembering you
in my prayers

Ephesians 1:16

Ephesians Chapter One continues with a prayer that the Apostle Paul prays for those folks in Ephesus that he talked about earlier. After reminding them that they were so blessed by God, he then gives thanks for them. He writes in verses 15 & 16, **“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”**

Paul knew about the salvation that took place for those folks in Ephesus and began a lifetime of prayer for them. You should read Acts 18 and 19 to refresh your minds of the time that Paul was in Ephesus and what he accomplished while he was there. He left a husband and wife team there when he left and

later the man, Apollos arrived in Ephesus and began teaching what he knew of Jesus. Pricilla and Aquilla, the husband and wife team took Apollos to their home and explained the truth of Jesus and the Holy Spirit more clearly to him. That started a wonderful team of disciples in Ephesus and they began a great work there.

You will also see in those chapters that Paul really stirred up some riots because of his proclaiming that only Jehovah is God, and that Jesus was His only begotten Son. He went on to tell them that the goddess of their city, Artemis, was not a god at all, just a graven image that had no power or life. This so upset the people of Ephesus that they held a huge city wide meeting to attack Paul and the disciples there. Paul had to be restrained from going to the meeting for fear that the mob would kill him.

You can only imagine the hate and disdain that the people of Ephesus had for Paul and the other followers of Jesus. So this little letter to the disciples in Ephesus comes at a time when there was much persecution and hatred for Christians in the city.

But Paul immediately begins praying for them in particular.

Prayer. Actively taking the names of those disciples to the Lord and asking Him to help them in their troubles. He understood all that they were going through and wanted to stand on their behalf before the “throne of grace.” Take up the matters with God.

He starts his prayer for them by telling them that he has not stopped giving thanks to God for them. What a great reminder to us to pray for one another daily. That is one of the reasons, as we have stated before that we are putting this new Directory together. It gives us a current listing and hopefully pictures of all of us so we can simply give thanks for one another.

Just a side note: if you have not contacted Charlotte about getting your information updated and scheduled your picture to be taken, please do so. We want to be able to put this book together as soon as possible. You can arrive a little early on Sunday mornings and she will take you to the nursery where she has a makeshift studio of get your photograph. We do want you to get into this directory so we can pray for you and so that you can pray for us.

So Paul says this in his prayer for the Ephesian believers: that they would receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they could know Christ better. He prayed for their growth in the spiritual matters of life. Wisdom and revelation so they could know Christ more thoroughly.

In his letter to the believers in Philippi, he says in chapter 3 verse 10 & 11: **“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”**

Paul so desired to know Christ more and more that he told those folks that it was all important to grow in his knowledge of Christ. That was what he, in turn was praying for the saints in Ephesus to understand and do.

Paul wanted to know Christ more and then to impart to the Ephesian believers to have that goal in their minds as well.

Peter ends his second letter to believers with this verse: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

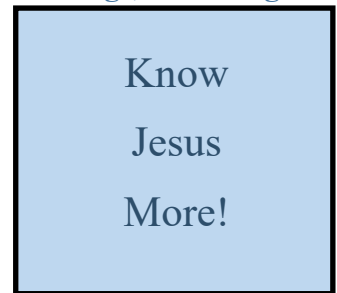
Peter and Paul both agreed that knowing more about Jesus was a primary task for all believers. Know Jesus more!

We sometimes sing, “More about Jesus would I know. More of His grace to others show. More of His saving fullness see. More of His love, who died for me.”

In the way that Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers, Karen and I pray for you all. That you would grow spiritually and that you would continue to mature in Him. That takes a devoted time of reading God’s Word and learning more about Christ.

Blessings upon you all this week. Remember that this next Sunday daylight savings time begins. Set your clocks accordingly so we can all be together on Sunday morning.

Be sure to pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for Camp Falcon Rock in Romania, just 60 miles from the Ukraine border. Pray for the staff at the camp as they both feed refugees physical food and spiritual food.



A busy week scheduled this week. I will be at Brenham High School on Tuesday to tell my version of the Vietnam War. We will serve a meal at the Baptist Student Organization at Blinn on Wednesday.

Pray! Pray! Pray! Our love to you. Jack & Karen.

Announcements

Bible Study

Wednesday's @ 6pm—1st & 2nd Timothy

Greenvine's Girls of Grace

Tuesday March 8th @ 6pm

Blinn Taco Stack

Wednesday March 9th

See Charlotte to sign up for food or serving

Brenham's Pregnancy Center Gala

Thursday March 10th

The church has a table. Please let Jack know if you would like to attend.

Prayer Requests

Deborah and her family in the loss of Charlie

The Easley family in the loss of Sadie

Bob Easley in the hospital with bad chest congestion

Please pray for everyone in Ukraine.

Please pray for Camp Falcon Rock as they are serving the refugees from Ukraine



Remember to set your clocks forward

1 hour on Saturday night.

Women's Bible Study

Get Out of Your Head

Saturday March 12th @ 10am

Directory Photos

See Charlotte to schedule a time to have your photo taken.

Spring Picnic

Saturday April 9th

Cliff Reed recovering from Lumbar Puncture. He has a Drs. Appointment on Wednesday to find out what is next.

Carol Witte is having her second cataract surgery on Thursday March 10th

Bobby Schulte is out of surgery and doing well. She is planning on coming home tomorrow.

Pat Alhardt has fallen several times and broken several toes. She is at home resting.

Vera is having cataract surgery on March 15

Raymond Anderson – Undergoing Chemo treatments

Tom Nugent – Recovery and overall health

Ben Poncik's sister is having surgery.

Jack & Karen's friend Matthew—Moving to our area and starting a new life.

Donna Richardson – home from surgery and healing from leg amputation

David Richardson – As he cares for Donna

Please pray for Vicky Lee, David Becker, and the Rutland's and they try to sell homes

Becky's Granddaughter Taylor is having some rejection issues from her transplant. She will be having a new procedure soon.

Billy Montgomery as he heals from a quadruple by-pass

Mary and Chuck's granddaughter Brecken for comfort and healing

Patty's sister Thelma – Pray for healing in her feet

Ricky Eckert recovering from a leg amputation. - Should get prosthesis soon

Carolyn Cox -Pray for continued healing. We can now visit her. Call first and please wear a mask

Denny's Sister is in need of a Kidney Transplant

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Sandra Pulliam's daughter Candace is having some mental health issues

Brayden Lopez - Mental and Spiritual health

Ed Ehring's sister Julie Robison is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Lee Ehring's brother, Bill Hoot, undergoing treatments for lung cancer

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

If you have a new prayer request or would like to update a current one, please call Charlotte at 979-203-4524 or email the church @ greenvinebaptist@gmail.com