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Hello from Georgia! My name is Mary Jones and I have accepted the awesome responsibility of Prayer Coordinator for FCFI. Please be much in prayer for me as I attempt to give Clark and Sue Phillips some freedom to enjoy children and grandchildren at a more leisurely pace. Pray for them as they make the transition of someone else holding their "baby." They have been a valuable team within the team of FCFI for several years. Thank you to Clark and Sue. My email is *mdjones11@att.net* if you would like to send me prayer requests.

From FCFI...We have been so blessed for many years by the heart of Clark Phillips in writing our Prayer Guide. So many have commented how they enjoy the PG and look forward to using it daily. Thanks so much, Clark, for your years of faithful service and thank you to Sue for the many hours of typing and proofing Clark's prayer devotionals. You both mean so much to FCFI!

Welcome aboard Mary Jones! Mary lives in the heart of Southwest Georgia. Agriculture has been the principal source of income for her family and extended families for generations. She was the business part of a family owned farm until retiring several years ago. Mary now works as the office manager for Omega Cotton Gin. God became personal to Mary at the age of eight as she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Through the years she has recommitted her belief, faith, and purpose in God's great mercy and salvation as she has matured. Mary has three children. One lives in heaven, one a quarter of mile away, and one still at home. She has three granddaughters. Her family is a very integral part of her life. Since 2009 Mary has worked with Walter (her 1st

cousin) and Becky Powell in their ministry with FCFI. She has attended shows and hosted beading parties. Mary believers FCFI is her home mission ministry.

## **IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Please pray for Bev. She will be having surgery to remove cancer spots from her lung.
- Prayers for healing for a woman with cancer. Her husband stopped by the Western NY Farm Show and asked for us to pray for his wife.
- Pray for 5-year-old Edward who has cancer. His grandmother asked for prayer for him.
- Pray for the storm victims in South Georgia...in our area we had dozens of tornadoes over the course of two weeks. Several deaths and total devastation in three different areas as these storms came through.
- Pray for our leaders as they minister in various shows in March:
   Dennis Schlagel, Commodity Classic, San Antonio, TX, March 2-4
- Bill Brown, Pioneer Days, Wauchula, FL, March 2-4
- Pray for Walter and Becky Powell as they lead a team at the Mid-South Farm and Gin Show in Memphis, TN, March 3-4.
- Jeff Goss, Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN, March 3-4
- Doc DeVoe, Susquehanna Dairy Day, Elk Lake, PA, March 3
- Bill Brown, Strawberry Festival, Floral City, FL, March 4-5
- Bill Brown, Dragon Boat Festival, Tavares, FL, March 11
- Ron Niedermeyer, Triumph of Ag Expo, Omaha, NE, March 8-9
- Doc DeVoe, Susquehanna Home Builders Show, Williamsport, PA, March 17-19
- Bill Brown, Pioneer Day, Arcadia, FL, March 18
- Jerry Rice, New Mexico Ag Expo, Portales, NM, March 23-25
- Ron McCosh, Mid America Farm Show, Salina, KS, March 28-30
- Pray for young men and women to hear God's call to come aboard and start new chapters and become new leaders and point men for our farm shows.

- 28 "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain." (2 Cor. 6:1) We are God's co-workers. We pray we don't toss aside the message God has for us as believers. We pray His message will affect positive change in us so we can reach out to others.
- 29 "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:6) We were dead in our sins. We are alive in Christ. We pray a prayer of thanksgiving that our eternal life with Christ is so certain it is as if we are already out of this world and are seated in the heavenlies!
- 30 "In Him(Christ) and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." (Ephesians 3:12) It is an awesome privilege to be able to approach God with freedom and confidence. We pray for assurance of God's love and desire for us to talk with Him.
- 31 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10) We are a work of art...a masterpiece. God wants to show us off by giving us work that reflects His glory. We pray we always remember who we are in Christ and reflect His glory as we do His good work.

## **Share Your Prayer Items with Others**

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Mary Jones (email: mdjones11@att.net) by the 13th or 14th of the month so they can be included in the Prayer Guide for the following month.

## **Urgent Prayer Requests**

Can be placed on the website prayer list page at any time, forward urgent, immediate attention prayer needs to Dennis Schlagel (email: fellowship@fcfi. org) at the FCFI office.

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(Hebrews 4:16) We need not be afraid to approach God in prayer. We pray that we will neither pray fearing that God won't hear us or flippantly, giving little thought to what we say. We pray we will come with reverence because He is our King. But also come with bold assurance because He is our Friend and Counselor.

- 22 "We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin" (1 John 5:18). Christians sin, of course, but we are no longer slaves of sin. Harboring sin robs believers of the assurance of salvation. We pray we remember we are not bound to Satan but to Christ, therefore we have freedom to obey God.
- 23 "For you are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) Wherever Christianity goes the level of society is raised. We pray we do not lose our saltiness. We pray the saltiness brings out the best in others just as salt enhances the flavor of food.
- 24 "I am the vine; you are the branches" (John 15:5). Many people try to live a good life apart from God, but just like the branches need the vine we are nothing apart from God. We pray we are living our lives attached to God and His Word and, as a result, we bear much fruit.
- 25 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8) We receive power from God to do His work. Sometimes we try and do our work and ask Him to bless it. We pray we use God's power to witness in ever widening circles.
- 26 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) Just as the Jewish temple was sacred so also are our lives. We pray we become a living sacrifice through service of our Lord and Savior Jesus.
- 27 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ He is a new creation." (2 Cor. 5:17) We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or re-educated...we are recreated. We pray we understand we are not turning over a new leaf but beginning a whole new life under the lordship of Christ.

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- 1 Jesus said, "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) We are set free not by how we behave, but by what we believe. Declare the Truth that sets you free. We pray for all who are struggling with false beliefs which Satan has hurled into our lives.
- 2 "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God." (John 1:12) I am God's child and so are you as we call upon His name and place our faith in Him. We pray for all who need to know Jesus as their Savior and make Him Lord of their lives.
- 3 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead I call you friends." (John 15:15) The God of the universe, He is a friend of mine, yours, ours!!! We pray for a fresh awareness that God has our back!
- 4 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) Justified...just as if we had never sinned. We pray for an assurance that as we respond to God's love, we call a truce to our spiritual conflict with Him.
- 5 "But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit." (1Cor.6:17) Wherever we go we take God with us. We pray we remember we are His sacred sanctuary.
- 6 "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1Cor. 12:27) Though we come to Christ as individuals we are no longer our own. We are "bought with a price" and belong to the body of Christ. We pray all will find a place of worship that glorifies Jesus Christ as Lord of lords.
- 7 "To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 1:1) We are saints...not because we do not sin but because we are seen

- by God through the blood of Jesus. We pray we honor God by the decisions we make.
- 8 "In love, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:5) Salvation is God's work and not our own doing. Through Jesus' sacrifice God has brought us into His family. We pray for all who are looking for a place to "belong."
- 9 "For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18) We are not saved by good deeds, knowledge, or sincerity but through Jesus the Christ. We pray a prayer of thanksgiving that we have been brought near to God.
- "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14) We have been redeemed from the kingdom of darkness. We pray our conduct will reflect our new allegiance to the King of Light and Love.
- 11 "And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." (Colossians 2:10) Fullness...complete. We pray we remember we need nothing but Christ to make us complete in Him. Christ alone holds the true meaning of life.
- 12 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) Without Jesus we would have no hope at all. We thank God He has declared us not guilty and has offered us freedom from sin and power to do His will!
- 13 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) As we allow God to, He will grow us spiritually in all circumstances. We pray we become better and not bitter as the disappointments come into our lives.
- 14 "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31) No matter my problems, I am not abandoned by God or separated from His love. We pray we remember God gave His Son for us...Jesus gave His life for us

- so He will not withhold anything we need to live for Him.
- 15 "No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37) God tells us how great His love is so that we will feel totally secure in Him. We pray we will believe His promises and not be afraid.
- 16 "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us and, put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (2Cor. 1:21-22) With the privilege of belonging to God comes the responsibility of identifying ourselves as His faithful servants. We pray we will always be found faithful to let others know we are His.
- 17 "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3) We should have as little desire for this world as a dead person would. We pray for a heavenly perspective on worldly things. We pray we come into harmony with God's view of earthly matters.
- 18 "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6) God's work for us begins with us when we first believe. We pray we allow the Holy Spirit to work daily to enable us to be more Christ like.
- 19 "But our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20) We as Christians will one day enjoy the special privileges of our heavenly citizenship. We pray we will not be so tied to this life that we will be sorry to see Christ return.
- 20 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self- discipline." (2Timothy 1:7) We are to be bold in our ministry. We pray for the Holy Spirit to give us power, love, and selfdiscipline in our Christian walk.
- 21 "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."