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PRAYER GUIDE - October 2016

- 01 - FCFI has lost two of our 'mighty men' recently, Ron Bodtke and Rowe Sargent. While we know exactly where they are, family and friends will dearly miss them. Sovereign Lord, we thank you for the privilege of having known and worked with Ron and Rowe. Comfort us as we go through the grieving process and may their legacy inspire us to continue their earthly works until we join them in heaven.
- 02 - Roy and Cathy Upson will be speaking at the outreach dinner meeting in Adams, New York on Friday October 7th. Roy and Cathy minister at ten to twelve fairs and farm shows a year at the FCFI tents with the message of the 'wordless walking stick'. They also traveled to Romania this past summer to 'minister' to some tractors that needed their touch at the Caminul Felix Orphanage farm established with the help of FCFI volunteers from the states starting in 1997 until 2004 when it was a fully operational dairy farm. For reservations call Dave Porter at 315-782-4282. On October 8th the Steuben County FCF outreach dinner will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the Steuben County Hall. For reservations, call 315-736-5964.
- 03 - The airways and printed materials continue to bombard us with the virtues and failures of those seeking election or re-election in just a

few weeks. While FCFI shouldn't support any particular candidate, I will comment on two issues that I think are important in the presidential race. They are abortion and the selection of judges to the supreme court. A pro- life president will save many lives and nominating conservative minded supreme court judges will preserve the life of our United States constitution. Lord, guide us in the election process.

04 - "... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ...," Matthew 5:44. It seems that almost daily we hear or read about 'radicalized Muslims' who kill and/or maim in the name of Allah. Master, it is hard to understand the motivation for these atrocities but today we pray that your Word will reach down into the depths of their beings and they will receive a new heart of flesh and their heart of stone (hate) will change to love.

05 - Our children are back in school and many are under the teaching of those who are not 'Christian' and are determined to change the faith of their students. It falls upon us as parents and grandparents to solidify our children's faith in our Messiah. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 22:6, "Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Teacher, guide us to raise our families in solid Biblical faith and cement in their hearts the love and conviction that only you embrace.

06 - The Riverton, Connecticut Fair is scheduled for October 7 - 9. Yes, FCFI will be there once again giving "walking sticks" away and sharing God's love and grace. Emmanuel, guide the folks telling others about Jesus and bring to them those who are seeking His answers.

07 - Several people will be headed to Reality Ranch in Zolfo Springs, Florida this week to help Pastor Randy Johnson maintain his ranch and Christian outreach. King of Kings, those workers are giving of their time and talents to further your Kingdom at Reality Ranch which reaches out as part of its work to young girls who have made a wrong turn in their lives and want to get back on track to being godly and productive. Keep the volunteers safe and healthy and guide them to do exactly what you have in mind for them to do.

30 - "Jesus said to him, 'Go home and tell your people what great things the Lord has done for you and how He had mercy on you,'" Mark 5:19. Jesus was talking to a formerly demon-possessed man whom Jesus healed and delivered. But, He is talking to you and to me as well. Jesus, I need the confidence and the boldness to tell people the great things you have done for me. Please, 'lend me a hand'.

31 - Today is Farm Day at the Rocking B-A-B Ranch in Defuniak Springs, Florida. Chief Cornerstone, be with the FCFI workers as they put 'walking sticks' in the hands of those attending this neat little show and give these folks as well hope in their hearts as they take in the message of salvation.

Share Your Prayer Items with Others

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Clark Phillips (email: CSPcows@aol.com) 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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- 2:1. That is easier said than done. I suspect that here is a little hypocrisy in each one of us. Messiah, our best efforts to 'reform' always fall short without your input. Come, be our guide and our example.
- 25 - *"Jesus said, 'Let the children alone and do not hinder them from coming to me for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these,'"* Matthew 19:14. Jesus took time to minister to the 'kids on the block'. They had no preconceived notions about who Jesus was so they readily accepted Him. He wants you and me to do the same. Redeemer, thank you for loving and accepting us just as we are and for 'not being done with us yet.
- 26 - *"Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers making the most of every opportunity,"* Colossians 4:5. At one time all of us were unbelievers and someone(s) witnessed to us either by word or deed. Whenever we are around other people we are 'on stage' so to speak. Teacher, keep us ever mindful that someone is watching us all the time!
- 27 - *"... It is not those who are healthy who need a physician but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners,"* Mark 2:17. The first step to being saved is to recognize that we are sinners and need a Savior. Jesus doesn't want us to just be members of the 'born again club' but to "Go into the world and preach the gospel to all creation," Mark 16:15. Jesus, you gave us our marching orders. Guide us to do just that.
- 28 - *"Accept each other just as Christ as accepted you, then God will be glorified,"* Romans 15:7. This verse makes me realize that I have my priorities out of order. I tend to focus on getting people saved and that is important. However, what is more important is glorifying God. Lord, forgive me for not putting you first and foremost in my thinking and acting. Remind me to carry that message wherever I go.
- 29 - *"He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?'"* Mark 4:40. This is Jesus talking to His disciples in a boat in the midst of a huge storm, He might be talking to you and me, too. Do we, like the disciples, panic when we face storms? I suspect that many of us do just that. Jesus, our faith is shallow. It is comforting to know that, just as the disciples called on You in the midst of a storm, we can call upon you as well. Thank you for hearing our cry.
- 08 - My wife, Sue, and I are committed to helping our friends in South Sudan establish and grow a private Christian school in this poor and troubled country. Would you join us in praying for the success of this endeavor? If any of you have any ideas of ways to enhance this effort, we would appreciate you input. Carpenter, help us build this school and graduate young people who love you and each other and have a 'can do' spirit about them.
- 09 - *"Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain,"* Psalm 127:2. How much wheel-spinning do we do because we don't invite the Lord to participate? Carpenter, we are good at building empty vessels. We invite you to be the Chairman of the Board in charge of building whatever we lay our hands to build.
- 10 - *"An anxious heart weighs a man down but a kind word cheers him up,"* Proverbs 12:25. An old Boy Scout motto is: 'do at least one good deed each day'. You and I can do that by calling, writing, or visiting someone(s) taking with us a kind word (or two or three). Savior, who needs a little cheering up? I would like to do that for someone today and tomorrow and the next day too.
- 11 - *"I urge then first of all that petition, prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone ... for all those in authority ...,"* 1Timothy 2:1,2. You mean I should pray for my president, senators, and congressmen? I am afraid that is exactly what the verse tells me. Redeemer, I haven't been good about praying for my government leaders. I ask forgiveness and right now, I pray for President Obama, Representative Collins, and Senator Guilebrand. Guide them to make quality decisions for our state and country.
- 12 - *"We are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life,"* Ephesians 2:10. This verse boggles my mind. He created us for good works and then He created the good works for us to perform and, gave us the credit for them. Prince of Peace, you continue to amaze me. You have a plan and a goal that is beyond our comprehension. Thank you for being the God that has absolutely no limits.

- 13 - *"Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest,"* Matthew 11:28. In this fast paced world virtually all of us are loaded down with cares, needs, and wants that put us in the weary and heavy laden category. But Jesus came to free us from our burdens. Jesus, here are the burdens that are holding me down ____, ____, ____. I lay them down at your feet never to pick them up again.
- 14 - *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* Philippians 4:13. Jesus, there are a lot of things I don't want to do but the things I want or need to do require some outside help. Help! Jesus, I can't do them by myself. I take you up on your offer.
- 15 - *"He (Jesus) said to them, 'What man is there among you who has a sheep and, if it falls into the pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?'"* Matthew 12:11. The Pharisees of that day were so caught up in rules that they ignored God and His people. Father, don't let me or my family fall into that trap.
- 16 - *"It is criminal to ignore a neighbor in need but compassion for the poor, what a blessing,"* Proverbs 14:21. Many of us have rung up so much debt that we aren't even able to help our neighbor in time of need. Jesus challenges us here to have the heart and the means to help him/her across the street or across the world. Here I am, Master, use me.
- 17 - *"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification,"* Romans 4:19. Our Savior must be saddened by the plethora of 'Christian' Church denominations. I am sure that there are very good reasons why new or different denominations exist. Yet, this is a testimony to the lack of effort and love that fractures us. Lord of Lords, forgive us our selfish and hard hearted attitudes and help us to grow together rather than apart.
- 18 - *"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective,"* James 5:16. Let us remember that if we are "born again" we are righteous because of what Jesus did in our stead. Let us remember those who are troubled or weakened because of illness or injury. Restore them, Our Faithful Healer, quickly and completely in Jesus name, we pray.
- 19 - The next three days the Sun Belt Expo will be held in Moultrie, Georgia. This popular and well attended show will feature, among many displays, our FCFI tent where folks can hear the wonderful story of grace and forgiveness through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. Raboni, use our 'walking stick' ministry to draw people to you and restore hope and faith to those who may be struggling with doubts or unmet needs.
- 20 - *"Commend them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be willing to share,"* 1 Timothy 6:18. This is Paul's admonition to Timothy to share with his wealthy congregants. The message is appropriate to us today as well. Creator God, you have blessed our country with tremendous wealth. Open our eyes to the needs of others and open our wallets and purses to help those in dire straits.
- 21 - *"They took offense at Him but Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and his own household,'"* Matthew 13:57. Someone described an expert as one who lives at least fifty miles away. Master, we often discredit a person because he or she is 'local'. Teach us to value a person and their accomplishments because of who they are, not where they come from.
- 22 - Romans 12:10 says, *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each other,"* Colossians 4:6. *"Don't criticize and speak evil about each other, dear brothers,"* James 4:11. Pastor, enable us to be good Christians every day not just occasionally.
- 23 - *"Jesus said, 'It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man but what proceeds out of the mouth that defiles the man,'"* Matthew 15:11. Many todays still have strict laws or customs that restrict what is to be eaten or drunk but Jesus was trying to teach us that what is within us, a clean heart and a pure conscience, are the important traits we should possess. Living Water, help us to not 'major in minors' but to focus on keeping ourselves clean and pure for your honor and glory.
- 24 - *"Get rid of all malicious behavior and deceit. Do not just pretend to be good. Be done with hypocrisy and jealousy and back stabbing,"* 1 Peter