

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

SEPTEMBER 2023

"If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction." (Psalm 119:92)

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SUMMER IS PAST AND FALL HAS BEGUN!

This newsletter is more of a personal update!



We were planning a little getaway to the beach in September – our first time away since Ray's cancer diagnosis in 2019. However, GOD had other plans. Ray had two ruptured discs in his lower back area that were causing excruciating nerve pain and leg weakness.

ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, RAY UNDERWENT 3-HOUR BACK SURGERY. It has been a challenging recovery with several restrictions, and it will be several weeks/months for a full recovery. **WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR A FULL RECOVERY; THAT THE DISCS WILL NOT RE-HERNIATE; THAT THE NERVE PAIN WILL NOT RETURN; THAT THE MUSCLE SPASMS WILL CEASE; AND THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN RAY TO DO THE TEACHING WORK OF THE MINISTRY AS HE RECOVERS.** He can teach from a chair!



Many of you have been praying for Tressa's uncle whose Leukemia went out of control in September of 2022. Uncle Norman was hospitalized and then spent several months in a rehab center due to the harsh effects of the chemo treatment. We didn't know if he would make it. However, by GOD's grace Norman's recovery has been strong and steady. He is on less oral chemo; he is back home; his blood tests are better than ever; he has gained back most of the 50 pounds he lost; and he continues to make progress! This is truly answered prayer! **THANK YOU FOR PRAYING! WE ASK FOR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR UNCLE NORMAN!**

Truly GOD's ways are not our ways... but in the trials of life, GOD's Word promises that HE works all things together for our eternal good and for HIS glory! **GOD is true and HIS Word never fails.** Because Tressa is Norman's medical/power of attorney, their lives have become more entwined than ever. GOD has bound the relationship with Norman in a greater love for each other! **What a gift!** And even though Ray has been suffering with his back, GOD is working this together for good as well. When we suffer in the trials of life, we develop a greater compassion for others who suffer. We also come in to a greater dependance upon the Lord – which is *always* good. We've also been so blessed by the love, care, prayers and encouragement from fellow Believers!

THROUGH ALL THE CARES AND TRIALS OF LIFE, BY GOD'S GRACE THE MINISTRY CONTINUES TO TEACH THE WORD TO GOD'S PEOPLE. Many of God's people are experiencing trials of all kinds, and it is through the Word that we grow in grace and truth and persevere in the faith to the glory of God and the building of His Kingdom.



Gwen continues to do super!!! Her prayers and encouragement are a blessing to MANY!
She is a true laborer for Christ, and a blessing to this ministry.

To GOD be all the glory! Great things HE is doing!

Ray, Tressa and Gwen

Turn over for a listing
of our weekly classes!

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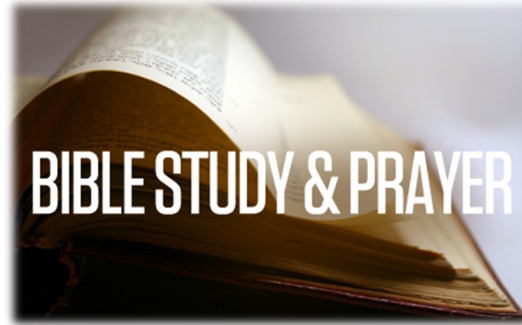
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**NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANY OF THE WEEKLY STUDIES, PLEASE CONTACT US!**

WEEKLY GROUP STUDIES/MEETINGS INCLUDE:

- ⇒ **7:00 PM MONDAY NIGHT YOUNG LADIES BIBLE STUDY** **NEW STUDY STARTS 10/2!**
ESSENTIALS LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF JESUS taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom 
- ⇒ **10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** currently in 2 CORINTHIANS
taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING** led by Ray ONLINE via Zoom
- ⇒ **10:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY** on **HOW TO DEVELOP A** 
QUIET TIME — A FORTY-DAY JOURNEY -- Grow in the adventure that time with God
is meant to be! This study meets in person in Bridgeport.
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY** currently in 2 CORINTHIANS
taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** currently in the book of
2 Timothy taught ONLINE by Ray via Zoom
- ⇒ **9:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY** on **HOW TO DEVELOP A QUIET** 
TIME — A FORTY-DAY JOURNEY -- Grow in the adventure that time with God is meant
to be! Taught ONLINE by Gwen via Zoom

SUGGESTED BOOK TO READ:

From FEAR to FAITH, Rejoicing in the Lord in turbulent times by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones.