



PRAYER LETTER: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2023

Earlier this month I was driving over Lake Murray dam. Usually, I am focusing on the massive structure that was built nearly 100 years ago, and not the road and the traffic around me. As I peered over the river side of the dam, where the floodgates are located, I recalled a visual image that I had read in the book, Gentle and Lowly, by Dane Ortlund. Dane speaks about how Christ followers often live with a “diminished view of the compassionate heart of Christ.” He writes:

“The sins of those who belong to God open the FLOODGATES of His heart of compassion for us. The Dam breaks. It is not our loveliness that wins His love. It is our unloveliness.”

Hmm. I always visualized my sins pushing me further away from God. So, I hesitated to come to Him in confession. In reality, I was unknowingly diminishing the work of Christ on the cross, and the compassion that was so clearly expressed for me on the day Jesus willingly died for me.

To help me begin to right size my understanding of the compassion of God’s heart, I did some research. Lake Murray holds back 7.6 billion gallons of water that make up the lake. Yes, BILLION! When the flood gates were opened in 2015 for the first time since 1969 due to the “1000-year flood” event, there were 365,000 gallons of water per minute rushing out of the dam, flooding much of the land downstream. Those figures pale in comparison to how fast and completely compassion flows from the heart of God. Unlike the damage done downstream by the water, God’s rushing compassion towards you and me, works for our good ...especially when we fall short of His Glory.

Christ is pleased with us when we come to Him, confessing our failures. It allows Him to pour out on us what He desires to give so freely: Forgiveness.

Romans 5:20 “Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”



David Andes Family Prayer

Cameron: Praying for the effectual calling of the Holy Spirit on his life. Also, that he would increasingly grow in his ownership of his schooling.

Austin: Thankful for yet another wonderful life-skills coach in his life (Alexis). Also, pray for a meaningful time with David at his first church men’s retreat on Mar 24-26

Katherine: praying for an attitude of daily surrendering to His will as I and my siblings help my parents navigate life into assisted living and as I help Austin grow in independence. Pray that His words would flow through me as I share His grace story of my life at a women’s retreat in MARCH 17-19.

David: Pray that the truth I teach would have a well-worn and open path between my head, heart, mouth, and hands.

German Wright Family Prayer

German - Wisdom in dealing with leaders of the city as opportunities present themselves.

Son Caleb's job - He is encountering some unfair labor conditions. Prayers for intervention to soften hearts to resolve or open new door of better employment opportunity soon. Insight to learn from this experience.

Nephew Braylyn's job - prayers for disbanding of an adversarial force that has come against his character and for truth, insight and resolution of all hearts involved! Insight to learn from this experience.

Sandra -preparation and acceleration for desires to retire from secular workforce.

Ministry- prepare hearts of the people for strong commitment, diligence, consistency, and excellence for our growth with a strong discernment to recognize and appreciate the pastoral ministry gift God has given us!

Karl Reed Family Prayer

Praise God for his incredible provision of a car for us! God, through His people, blessed us beyond what we ever could have imagined.

Praise God that Evelyn was recently hired on at Chick-fil-a! She is very excited to start her first official job. Please pray for her in this new endeavor.

Praise God that Anthony was accepted to Spring Hill High School! Please continue to pray for both Anthony and Evelyn as they grow through their high school years.

Please continue to pray for Jessica and I as we parent our kiddos. Pray for wisdom, unity, patience, and grace.

Jason Yarborough Family Prayer

Praise God for His consistent provision over the years that has allowed Jason to step into this new role with FLM.

Pray for Julie and I to parent our three children well, and uniquely for their different seasons of life.

Pray for Jason to have eyes to see what "things" need to be addressed and removed from David, Karl and German in order to free them up to be in God's word (as much as desired) to prepare for the forums, GRIP and upcoming Q&A roundtable and father's forum.