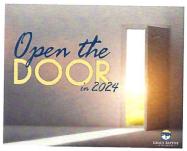


2024 — 1st Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Back in January, we had our annual vision Sunday and introduced our theme for the new year which is "Open The Door in 2024", with Revelation 3:20 as our theme text \sim "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

We have a hearts desire for our Church and for all who are in any way associated with Grace Baptist Church, in any compacity, to open the door in 2024... whether that be the door of Salvation, the door of Service, the door of Surrender, the door of Supplication, or any other door that our Sovereign Saviour is standing and knocking on with a plea that we may open so that He may come in! Sad is the thought that in the letter to the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:1, we are told that our Saviour "...walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;", indicating a position of fellowship; but in the letter to the Church of



Laodicea in Revelation 3:20, we are told "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock...", indicating a position of fluctuation. What a devastating fluctuation from walking in the midst to standing outside the door and knocking to be let in. When our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ comes knocking, may God help us to OPEN THE DOOR... and may God help the precious souls here in Montana. There is such a potential for many to be used greatly of God... but the choice must be made to open the door.

I also want to thank you all for your continued prayers for me and for my family, and in particular, for my wife! In our last letter we mentioned her worsening heath issues and the following is an update from Jennifer and where she is currently at with everything:

"I would like to thank you for your prayers for my health and ask that you continue praying. Here is what we have learned so far. The Neurologist and Naturopathic doctor have ruled out fibromyalgia, autoimmune diseases, and lyme disease. When they learned I was from TN they wanted to test for lyme as it can be dormant for many years. The current diagnosis is arthritis throughout the entire pelvic region, the degenerative disk disease that I was diagnosed with 23 years ago has worsened, a bone spur on one SI joint, and I have inflamed cartilage of the ribs and spine. They have tried electromagnetic & shockwave therapy and two different nerve blocks which have not worked. The doctor did say that surgery on the disc will most likely be needed sooner than later.

This past week, they did PRP therapy, where they injected platelet rich plasma into the tailbone so that it will hopefully help to regenerate the low back area. In a week or two, we will try prolotherapy which we are hopeful will help get the pain level under control in all areas. At this time, I have a difficult time sitting for any length of time and standing/walking is painful. We are praying that a way will be provided to have surgery early next year as it is not financially feasible this year. We are still working on a complete diagnosis. We are starting with the big stuff then will move to the smaller things, which is most likely arthritis in other areas."

I know that I speak for all of us when I say, thank you for your prayers, your love, and your continued support!

With the Love of Christ,

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