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“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.” Isaiah 12:4-5

Beloved Friends and Family,

February 2022

We hope you all are staying warm and safe in this winter season. We had our own winter chill with night time temps in the teens and even a dusting of snow, but nothing compared to what some of you have experienced, bless your hearts.

Tomorrow is my 74th birthday, so happy birthday to me. Shirley has already reached that age so I know it is safe to venture forth. Now that I'm feeling so much better than I had been for months, my youthful energy has returned and I'm plowing through Shirley's "honey dos" like a hot knife through butter. Each day we get a little closer to having things put away and our house looking more and more like our home. Shirley does such a great job of that. The buyers signed the contract on our town house Dec. 30th and Lord made a way to close that sale Jan. 26. We rejoice in His provisions and protection over us. We are going to celebrate my birthday up near Calabash, NC and check out their brag that they serve the world's best shrimp. That's a lot of brag to live up to.

We will head for Thomasville again mid-month and visit Jay and Melissa Ridenhower, the couple I had the privilege and joy of marrying the beginning of January. It was a special honor to be chosen by Jay to do their wedding vows. Their venue was unusual but quite lovely. The Holy Spirit fell upon that service in a special way. A vast majority of all who attended the wedding felt the presence and power of the Spirit in attendance as Jay and Melissa shared their words of commitment, devotion, and love for one another. I shared many foundational scriptures clearly presenting that marriage is God's plan. Believers and unbelievers commented that they were deeply touched and how different this wedding service was from any they had attended before. Pray that these words of life they have heard, and what they have felt will move them into a deeper relationship with God in Christ. We look forward to getting to know Melissa better and we will get to stay with them when we head back to Thomasville for the closing of Calvary Chapel of Thomasville. They are making it a homecoming Sunday as well.



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Since we had attended Calvary for almost 2 years when we lived in Thomasville and they have been prayer warriors for us since we first started worshipping with them, we were invited to join with them for this last service. May Father bless those remaining faithful few as they look for a new church home and find their places of service and ministry, please pray for them.

In March, our heart's desire is to head back to Ohio to be part of the setting in of Demetri Hughes as pastor of Upward Grace Christian Church. You may recall that we went to Ohio to preach the Sunday before Thanksgiving. I knew I was weak and had very little energy but by the grace and power of God, though I was extremely ill from internal bleeding, we made the trip without incident and came to love the leadership team and congregation. We met this precious young man of God via Skype when they were looking for a pastor. We immediately joined hearts in the Lord. From the beginning, both Shirley and I believed that Demetri has a calling upon his life to pastor that body of believers and of course we shared that with him. We saw his shepherd's heart and his teachable spirit. At first, he was resistant to consider that possibility but as we spent time with him in Skype meetings and emails, we saw his heart open and faith build to trust God with this call that Father is making upon his life. Demetri has surrendered to the Lord's calling to take up that mantle. First his wife, Alisha, affirmed this. Next, their leadership team also did so and finally the congregation all affirmed that they believe this is the will of God for him and for them as a body of believers. Please pray for them as they venture forth into this great step of obedient faith. He has asked me to continue to mentor him and he gives thanks for us. What a delight! They have 3 young children. Their family has been battling Covid so please pray for them.

The day after we closed on our former home, Shirley had her second cataract surgery. The recovery has been longer this time but her sight continues to improve each day. Hallelujah!!!

Thank you for each of you who continue with us in faith and prayer as we continue to seek Father's will for us in ministry. For those of you who intercede and contribute to our support we are humbled by your generosity and your obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice you are making to come alongside us in this very tangible way. May Father bless you each one and prosper you this year as we all seek to move forward in the Lord and in the power of His Holy Spirit. We love you in the Lord and thank Him for you. May His comfort, love, hope, peace and joy encompass you about.

Blessings,

Michael and Shirley