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Prayer Request

There are ministers, church members and family of us all that are in the need of prayer, some the office has heard about and some that we have not, however they are still with us. Please make a habit of asking God to touch everyone in our I.F.G.E.A. family with His protection for them.

Now for an update on my health: The doctor has run tests and at this time, I am in the category that needs chemotherapy and radiation. Therefore, I will not be able to be at the office on a weekly basis until at least September. Due to this, I am requesting that you send anything such as applications for credentials, articles for the newsletters & The Express, or anything you feel is something that you need from us to the Following address.

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Thanks to the wisdom of the General Board, I am equipped to handle almost all of the normal duties of my position from my home office. Therefore, with your prayers and understanding that if you send it to the Temple, OK, address just remember it will be dealt with, although not in my normal timely fashion. With your prayers and God's touch, we will make it through this with little to no interruption in fulfilling the needs of the I.F.G.E.A.

Camp Meeting 2020

Yes, it is time to start thinking about and planning on attending the Camp Meeting this June 22-26. We ask that you all get your reservations in early if you are planning on staying in our dorms or using our RV hook-ups. Space is limited at the campgrounds.

We want to thank, one more time, those who worked in the background to keep the Camp Meeting running smoothly. With this in mind, we want to offer you the opportunity of receiving a special blessing by volunteering to help this year. We need people for trash detail, cooks, servers, dishwashing and maybe even sweeping the floors. Sister Linda Martin will be overseeing the kitchen and needs dependable help.

We also want to thank God for the gift of a working dishwasher for our kitchen and I am happy to tell that it is installed and ready for Camp Meeting 2020. It just needs someone to help load and unload the items that needs washing.

There have been some concerns brought to my attention concerning our Camp Meeting 2020. With the Covid-19 Pandemic that the USA is experincing, as well as the world in general, we want you to know that the IFGEA leadership is taking it as a major concern and while keeping an eye on the status will be making a decission on to have or not have, to move or not to move it at our May Board Meeting.



We are praying that this Pandemic will be over before the Board Meeting so that we will have Camp Meeting 2020 on schedule. With everyone praying for God's will and protection, the Camp Meeting will be one of the best that we have had.

We all know that the troubles that the early Christians faced caused their faith to grow and so will ours in this troubling times. Their faith and courage grew and spread and this is what I foresee happening this year. The more we pray for our friends, loved ones, church members and leadership – the more God will bless us, our ministries, our witness and God's work will grow.

PRAY FOR VICTORY

Mighty Men of Valor

Brother David Sappington has informed me that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic that we are under at this time, the First Annual Mighty Men of Valor Conference has been postponed. After talking with a Board Member it will take place next year, most likely in April. More will be announced toward the end of this year or the beginning of 2021.

Brother Sappington would like to work with pastors and get more groups started this year. As we all know men are the ones out on the work scene supporting their families and they need the support of other men of like faith. Without Christian friends it is harder to live the life that God wants you to live.

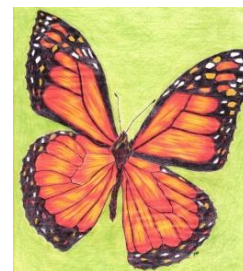
On one of Rev. Dennis Swanberg's DVD's that a man needs at least three friends in their life. Do you have three close friends that are men of God, that would be able to give you godly advice? A Mighty Men of Valor meeting would be a place to find friends and a place where you can minister to other men who might be looking for that godly advice.

If you don't have a group in your local church, pray about starting one. If you feel the leading of God talk to Brother Sappington about starting one in your church.



Women of Worth/Helping Hands

As of now, there is no change to the 3rd annual Ladies Conference scheduled in October so please be making plans to attend. Sister Ruff has followed the leading of the Lord in starting the Annual Conference and He has moved in each one that we have had.



Evangelist Youth Association (EYA's)

If you are pastoring a church with young people, please get in contact with Bro. Ledford about starting a EYA group. Our youth is important in the growth of our churches. They will benefit from having their own services in several areas; getting to know each other, learning how to lead the different areas of a "church service" and grow into the person that God wants them to be.

Rev. Trestin Ledford Call: 405-274-8329 or email: revtresledford@yahoo.com

Hand in Hand

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Written in 2005

Have you ever watched how a parent is with their children? When a child is just starting to walk the parent holds their hand, even after they have started walking they still hold hands. After a few years the

parents will let the child walk without holding their hand in public till finally they walk anywhere they want to and no one holds their hand. Then all of a sudden that child wants to hold someone's hand. Romance is budding and hand holding has become in style again. However, keep watching and you will notice that after a few years the couple that held hands all the time is starting to turn loose, then if the couple is not careful they have gone separate ways. This is an example of how love helps people stay close as well as how staying close helps love grow.

When we meet Jesus and accept Him into our hearts we become as little children. According to Matthew 18:3, Jesus states ... "And said, **Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**" And as small children God will be a loving Father and hold our hands as well as Jesus holding our hands and being a loving big Brother. We, as Christians, need to keep the relationship in that state, where we need God and/or Jesus to hold our hand at all times.

Let's think about holding hands. If you hold hands you ...

1. Are so close to the other you cannot go anywhere without them.
2. You cannot say anything they can't hear.
3. You don't want to be with people they don't like.
4. They have an input in the direction you are going.
5. You have to be in harmony with each other.
6. You are there to assist each other in times of trouble.

Now what happens when you don't hold hands ...

1. You can wonder away from that person.
2. You can talk and they might not hear what you are saying.
3. You can be with people and it doesn't matter if they like them or not.
4. You can go wherever you want without having to ask if it is OK.
5. You don't have to worry about being in harmony; you don't even have to believe the way they do.
6. You will never have them to help you when you fall or have to help them when they fall.

When we love God with our whole heart it is just natural that we want to get closer and closer to Him. I remember way back when my husband and I were dating, no, it wasn't the stone age. He wanted me to sit just as close as I could to him, put his arm around me when we walked even hold my hand. As the years have gone by things have changed. In public you hardly ever see us hold hands, walk close to each other much less sit by each other. However, if you look closely during the few times that we can sit by each other you can see the love and desire to be together is still there.

God does not want us walking by ourselves but right beside Him. God wants us to walk and talk with Him every day, every night and everywhere, remember how in Genesis 3:8 where God came to walk with Adam and Eve? That is how He wants it today with us, only He wants it to be all day not just in the cool of the day.

We need to do our best to stay in a place of "first love" with our Heavenly Father. If you don't want to please Him, do everything His way, go everywhere He wants you to go, to ask Him which way you are to go and believe what He wants you to (be in harmony with Him). Could it be that you have left your first love? Or maybe you are in the position of just starting to leave Him? We need to be constantly striving to be closer to Him than we have ever been before.

How can we get closer to God than we have ever been before?

1. **Read God's Word** – if you have trouble reading the Bible get it on tape, CD or your phone

2. **Pray** – more than before try spending twice as much time in prayer on a daily basis
3. **Fast** – give something up for the Lord for a specified time; food, TV, reading, music, favorite beverage, talking to friends etc ...

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

It is with great sadness that I have to report that one of our minister's birthday was left off last month and I want to wish Sis. Peggy Clark a belated birthday. May your year be blessed with many opportunities to witness and bring more sheep into the fold.

April

²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

Be sure and wish these fellow workers in the ministry field, a Happy Birthday. As we know, we all need a kind word every so often to keep our spirits up so we can do God's work.

Bertha Arviso (22), Billy Beal (20), Matilda Beal (12), Cynthia Jennings (7), Ross McCourtie (3), Donald McElhiney (26), Arleta Sheffield (25), Roy Shockey (23), and Christina Taylor (10)

The spouse of our fellow workers can use an encouraging word as well, so please be sure to let this supporter know that you are praying for her/him as well.

Robert Clark (1), Bob Gunn (1), Brandy Ledford (25), Rosa Mitchell (25), Darla Payne (8),
Veronica Lorey (25) and Terry Travens (7)

We want to recognize those couples that are celebrating anniversaries this month with a special prayer on their day and maybe a kind word.

Paul & Shirlene Evett (25), Christopher & Sabrina Powell (5), Carol & Terry Travens (16) and
David & C.I. Wilson (21)

General Board Members Needed

Brother Gary Wingrove along with the other Board Members would like our Association to be represented by a minimum of 6 to 8 board members. To reach that goal we would like for all Ordained Ministers that have been with us for at least two years to pray with an open heart and mind asking God this question, "Do you want me to become a Board Member of the IFGEA?" Then when God speaks, listen and then act on what God directs. Board Members can be men or women. We, the Association, need your support and prayers.

If you are on the 'Ministers wanting to be invited to minister in other churches' list, you might want to consider submitting a short (1/2 typewritten page) for one of the newsletters. We reserve the right to edit material submitted for several factors: length, grammar, spelling, and subject matter. This is not a "soap box," it is however a place for Church News, Revival Announcements, and an outlet for you to let others know more about your preaching style. This is so that we can get to know more about our fellow workers and spread knowledge of your events held at your church.

C.I. Wilson