

## **Releasing God's Power**

ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication  
December 9, 2018

### **PRAISE:**

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:20

### **CONFESSION:**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

### **GIVE THANKS:**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We join Dave and Terry McFarland in praising God following Terry's shoulder surgery. The surgery went smoothly. The surgeon found less damage in places than had been expected, and Terry was able to return home that same day. Pray that God would protect Terry from falling, as slips on the ice are a real concern after shoulder surgery. Pray also that the recovery process would go well over the next couple of months.

Ron Nielsen recently found out that he has two hernias that needed repair. Pray that the repair work done so far is successful and for a smooth recovery. Pray also that God would give both Ron and Starr strength to navigate the doctor visits and recovery process.

Pray for Leon Crabtree and the doctors who will be working with him. Recent tests have revealed small hernia problems and problems with a couple of disks in his back. The hernias do not currently need surgery, but he will be meeting with a spine surgeon to determine next steps addressing his back problem. Pray for rest and relief during the waiting and for a solid plan toward a smooth recovery.

A number of our families and friends have extended family members who have long term conditions and are fighting for health. Pray that God would be at work revealing his grace to all the people we care about who are fighting cancer, dealing with mental illness, wrestling with addictions, and dealing with other long term physical struggles this winter.

Pray for compassion opportunities throughout the Christmas Season. Pray that God would give us all eyes to see opportunities to share the compassion of Christ. Pray that Christ would help us be his hands and feet. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us to engage all compassion opportunities as times where we serve God wholeheartedly, not for personal recognition, but for God's glory.

Due to the wet fall there are places that are still harvesting even into mid-December. Pray for safety as farmers deal with adverse conditions trying to get the crop in and care for their farms.

Pray for our country's leaders. We live in a time of division and distrust that impacts many areas of life. There are many difficult situations and hard decisions need to be made daily. Pray that God would guide those with authority to take actions in line with the truth of God's Word.

Each Monday evening a group from our church participates in an intentional time of prayer at 9:15 pm. The commitment is to be a part of a text messaging group to exchange new requests and pray for each other and the church all at the same time, wherever you are, on Monday evening. If you would like to get connected to this group please contact Pastor Scott.