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## Expressing your love to God through Prayer.

Elder Charles Moore

Last month we looked at loving God through praise. This month we examine loving God through prayer.

Psalm 116 is a good place to start. **"I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. 2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live."** (Psalm 116: 1-2)

The whole psalm is an expression of love of gratitude to God. The writer is saying, "I love the Lord because He took time for me. He didn't blow me off. He didn't treat me like a second class citizen. He saved me from the living hell that my life had become. He saved me in every way a person can be saved. And because He is so compassionate and loving and good to me, I will love Him and serve Him for the rest of my life!"

A pastor tells this story, "At Chilton Village, there's a resident there who has Alzheimer's disease. And I noticed that everyday at lunch time, there was this lady who would help him eat his food. She talked to him. She wiped

his chin. She cleaned off the table. And I was impressed by how caring a staff person she seemed to be. And so I said, "I can tell you really care about your patient. I see you helping him eat every day." And she said, "He's not my patient. He's my husband." I never actually heard her say the words, 'I love you.' But she demonstrated her love every single day. In the way she tended to her ailing husband. Even though he could no longer be at home with her, she brought a little bit of home to him."

It's one thing to express love to someone you can touch, see and feel. But how do you express love for someone you can't touch or see or feel? How can we show the invisible, Almighty God that we really love Him? **Psalm 116: 12 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? 13 I shall lift up the cup of salvation And call upon the name of the LORD.** The first thing we should do is to talk to God,

every day.

When you first meet someone and you want to get to know that someone, you sit down and talk to them. You don't just sit together in silence. You ask them questions and you really listen to the answers because you know that back and forth communication is needed to get past the superficial. That's what God wants with us. He wants us to go beyond the superficial. He's not only interested in your wish list. He's interested in your companionship, your trust and your love. In Psalm 116, the writer senses this. And that's why he says in verse 2: **"I shall call upon Him as long as I live."**

God invites us to call out to Him. **'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'** (Jeremiah 33:3) Throughout the Bible there are examples of God's people who called out to Him. Moses cried out to God, and God spared Israel from judgment. Joshua's prayer made the sun stand still. Hannah's prayer was answered with a baby boy. Solomon got wisdom in answer to his prayer. Fire came down from Heaven when Elijah

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prayed and devoured the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. Jonah's prayer brought him out of the belly of the great fish. Elijah had the great power of God upon his life. But when Elisha prayed for a double portion of the Spirit, God did not bat an eye when He gave it to him. Ten lepers prayed and were instantaneously healed. Peter prayed, and Dorcas arose from the dead. The thief on the cross prayed and was saved. The early church prayed, and the place where they were gathered together was shaken. Peter got out of jail in answer to the early Christians' prayers. The door of the Philippian jail fell off when Paul and Silas prayed and praised God.

#### Seven People Who Ought To Pray

1. People in Trouble Ought to Pray. The psalmist said, "This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles." (Psalm 34: 6)

2. People Who Need Wisdom Ought to Pray. "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1: 5)

3. People Who Need Power Ought to Pray. Jesus said, "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" (Luke 11:11-13)

4. People Who Want Revival Ought to Pray. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14).

5. People Who Want Cleansing Ought to Pray. David prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24).

6. People Who Want to Know God's Way Ought to Pray. Moses prayed, "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." (Exodus 33:13).

7. People Who Want to Be Saved Ought to Pray. Peter cried out, "Lord, save me" (Matthew 14:30). The Apostle Paul admonished us to "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17). Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

Remember that prayer is the Christian's greatest privilege and a great expression of our love for God. Prayer is his greatest tool, his greatest weapon and his greatest opportunity. It is the key to God's storehouse, the switch to God's power station and the greatest work in which one can become involved.. May all of us say, with Samuel, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

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It is nice to see David and Ruth at church now. They came north and have enjoyed vacationing with the Larry Charles family and others. They are in their motor home and enjoy traveling around and then settling for a few days at their children's homes.

Dorothy Layton has moved into an apartment near her daughter Karen Dorsey. Unpacking is a very big job for us seniors though. What a relief to finally have that place and to enjoy getting settled again. I spoke to her and she is satisfied with the new place and loves the big windows and having daughter Karen next door. Dorothy's new phone number is 301-890-4414. Her new address is 12331 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville MD 20705. Send her a note!

Ellen Momberger has been experiencing some vertigo problems, but has learned how to get over it in a few seconds. She writes that she could sure use our prayers. One note—she is enjoying David Jeremiah on Sunday morning. Many others have commented on his great sermons. We are so blessed to have television, radio and wonderful articles by our own Pastor Moore to grow us up.

I am sure you will enjoy some pictures of our present (Kevin and Ginnnette Young in New York) and former missionaries (Jeff and Evie Trueman) on the picture page this month. The Moores and Fedors had a wonderful trip to New York City with these visits thrown in. We all just wish we could have been there also.

We enjoyed catching up with Kerry and Kathleen Johnson at Silver Lake again this year. This year it was very warm so we managed to forget last year's frigid temperatures. They enjoyed stopping in Trenton to visit Kerry's mom, Ethel Johnson on the way. They shared with us how well their son Casey is doing these days. He has found a great church to enjoy and has succeeded in totally turning his life around—what a blessing!

Tim and Diane were able to travel to Cleveland and visit son Seth this month. Seth was spending a lot of his weekend managing a Pirate triathlon for the Lake County Metro- park system he works for. They wish they could see him more, but are grateful he gets to enjoy Cleveland for now.

Jon and Berty Lane traveled to Ireland this month. Phoenix is hot and dry and Ireland was cool and rainy. Change is wonderful--they really knew they were on vacation.

I wish you God's richest blessings this month and always.

## Michigan Report

Aurine Moore



July has come and gone for the year. July was known as the month of the "Hay Moon" by farmers who spent time baling the stuff and known as the "Buck Moon" by some American Indian tribes. The glow from summer camp continued to linger over the beginning of the month as people who had been postponing trips until after camp was done began taking off in droves - or by drives, to points distant. Consequently, church attendance was spotty, as it always is in July. The July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was well attended - NOT - with 8 souls in the pews and 4 red cars, coincidence?, in the parking lot.

In truth, it was a hot and steamy month and a good time for family reunions, the Hamilton's who gathered in Kentucky and Kathy Smeltzer and Kay Nevil to see Josh on break in the Navy, meeting up to golf and camp by the water, as did the Begeman clan who gathered around Silver Lake, Michigan or sitting by the side of a cool pool of the Fedors, who thankfully took mercy on the Charlie and Aurine Moore family (who themselves were entertaining grandchildren for several weekends this month). The dilemma travelers face is always this - it is so good to have the opportunity to visit family and friends in other parts of the state or country - but travelers often report when they get back to their church home that it's great to be back.

By the middle of the month Dave and Terrie Fedor and Charlie and I finally got to make a long awaited trip out east to visit with missionary family, Kevin and Ginette Young working in New York City and then with friends Evie and Jeff Trueman who now live in the Poconos. Getting to the Poconos and points east of there was the real challenge due to the numerous construction barrels on I-80. We greatly enjoyed the time we got to spend with each other, exploring subways, evaluating the efficacy of GPS versus Mapquest directions, and walking and visiting Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The true highlight in New York though was getting to see Kevin and Ginette's missionary stomping grounds, where he has been invited to minister to high school students in downtown Manhattan. They took the subway in from Long Island to

meet with us and to more or less walk us through the route he takes from Central Station to his office. As we took that trip, we walked by and cut through many historic sites and ate some great cheesecake. Their passion for the work they do and the children in the schools and satisfaction and joy they have over their own wonderful children is encouraging and heartening. We also really treasured the time we were able to spend seeing our friends Jeff and Evie Truman at their home and getting to hug them hello and eat their blueberry pie.

Tim Begeman filled in for Elder Charles Moore during our foray out east. The week that Diane and Tim Begeman left town to celebrate their 34<sup>th</sup> year of marriage made us miss the part they play every week at church - doing bulletins, organizing slides for reflection and announcement and generally keeping things smooth. Don Daniels served this month as Emcee for the worship service and we enjoyed him dubbing Jeff Begeman as our cantor. Don hesitates to lead songs near the microphone at the pulpit and is grateful for Jeff's willingness and musical ability! We were so glad to share worship service with Pat and Steve Conley recently. Steve was able to get the weekend off from his job and it was great to see them both. It's been a pleasure, too, to worship and visit with David and Ruth Charles, who have been dividing time around Michigan visiting with various children, grandchildren and friends in the area. They will probably be heading back to Florida in August- so enjoy them while they're here or plan your visit to Florida soon. Well, that's all for this month. Until next month, may you be aware and blessed by the glimpses you see of God this month and the times you feel the brush of His hand in your lives.

### Posers from Don Daniels

What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

What are the only two vegetables that reproduce on their own and don't need to be replanted?

### Answers

Niagara Falls

Asparagus and rhubarb

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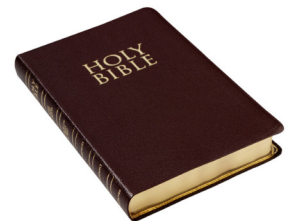
A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"







Ginnette, Dave, Terrie, Kevin



Charlie, Aurine, Evie & Jeff



David Charles



Dale Begeman and Ruth Charles  
enjoying a ride in the boat at  
Silver Lake



Jenny & Kenny Smith with their  
son Isaac.



Kathleen Johnson



Kerry Johnson