

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Homebound

Mrs. Willie Clyde Hawkins
Sallie Johnson
Walter & Montaree Richards
Mrs. Barbara Stephens
Cline Watson

Assisted Living / Nursing Home

Julian & Jewell Allgood – The Bridge Assisted Living
Mrs. Lavonia Bailey – Brookside Assisted Living
Mrs. Vera Mae Bailey – Brookside Assisted Living
Alecia Dillard – Dusty Ridge
Audrey McAlum – Benton House Assisted Living
Vivian Patstone – Union County Nursing Home, Blairsville, GA

Cancer

Linda Akins Eddie Robinson Charles Boggs

Expectant Families

Rusty & Treva Nolen (December)
Orris & Elizabeth Johnson (January)
Jason & Natalie Bonta (February)
Tim & Catrina McKinney (April)
Laura Rueter & Paul King (May)

Military

Tim Bellinger, Afghanistan Kenneth Burkett, Iraq
Tim Swaney, Navy Smith Griggs, Iraq
Keith McGaha, Iraq Joseph Headrick
Don Powers, Afghanistan Chris Lemay, Iraq
Michael Kirkpatrick, USN (Afghanistan)

Nursing Home Ministry

Join us on Monday, Dcember 6, as we visit Brookside Assisted Living in Buford. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 AM.



December 12 @ Sugar Hill Church

9:30 AM Discovering Membership Class
Room B210

6:00 PM Christmas @ Sugar Hill
(Community Center)
Concert, Smores & Hot Chocolate,
Everyone Welcome!
Bring a Dessert to share!

Join us for Prayer Time with
Pastor Richard on Sunday Mornings
@ 9 AM, Room A101 (new location –
downstairs in the church office,
past the front desk).

The prayer guide is printed to aid you in your daily prayer time. To add, remove or correct a request, please contact the church office at 770-945-5092, ext. 2000 or prayer@mysugarhillchurch.com. You may check prayer requests at www.mysugarhillchurch.com. Click on **LOVE**, then **Prayer**. Scroll down to the Download this week’s prayer list and **click**. Thank you in advance for helping to keep this list up-to-date.



Prayer Guide

December 05, 2010

Sacrificing the ‘American Dream’ for God’s Call

God is doing some great things at Sugar Hill Church through this series – Radical – where we have been describing what it looks like to live with in uncommon obedience. In the upcoming weeks I will share specific stories from our church. I want to share with you an article I read about my friend Al Gilbert who pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC. Take a few minutes to read this article to see how God is using a couple in his church to live in uncommon obedience.

N.C. family sacrifices their ‘American dream’ for God’s call
11/18/2010

By Don Graham

Her words hit Seth Whitman* like a hammer. The 37-year-old civil engineer was riveted by the stories he was hearing from a missionary who’d come to speak at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. The more she shared about the amazing ways God was working in North Africa and the Middle East, the tighter God squeezed Seth’s heart. “I just started to feel very convicted that ... it was somewhere else He wanted us to plant our lives,” Seth said. What he didn’t know was that God was gripping the heart of his wife, Amy,* too. For the first time, Amy heard stories about God appearing to Muslims in dreams and visions. And the more the missionary shared, the more Amy wanted to go.

“I was very jealous that people were seeing God move in miraculous ways, and I was like, ‘Lord, I want to see that.’ ... And I just told Him right then, ‘Lord, if you’ll call Seth, I’ll go.’”

The rest of the church service was a blur for Seth as he grappled with this seemingly out-of-nowhere impulse to be a missionary. But when the altar call was given, inviting people who felt God may be calling them to missions to come down front, Seth did.

It was a moment Amy had spent the past 14 years praying for. “I had been praying for Seth to be called to something our whole marriage. ... Not necessarily to missions or to preach — I just prayed that God would call him to follow Him and that we would have a ministry together as a family,” Amy said. While Seth was at the altar, Amy quietly sat in a pew, asking God if He was calling them overseas. “When [Seth] finally came back to the pew, I could tell that he was overwhelmed with emotion, and I didn’t dare speak to him because I knew he was just about to lose it. ... That day was the beginning of a new Seth. He was broken and God began to change him.”

RUNNING AWAY

But with that brokenness came a lot of pain, and the next few days were rocky for Seth. When he told his dad he thought God was calling him to ministry in the Middle East, his dad was less than excited.

Seth had spent the past 16 years working for his father, helping run a manufacturing company. Now nearing retirement, Seth’s father was ready to hand the company over to his son. But if Seth answered God’s call to the mission field, that would be impossible. When Seth refused to drop the idea of going overseas, his father at one point became so upset he fired Seth — only to ask him back the following week. “I think my dad feels like I’m throwing my career away,” Seth said. “It’s hard. And it still is ... [but] this is what God has asked me and I’m going to be obedient to that. “God just made it where I could take my refuge in Him.”

Seth had his own internal struggles as he came to grips with what God was asking. He didn’t want to talk about what was happening in his life. He wanted to run from it; to argue it away. “I told God I am in a wonderful position here — I love my job. ... We have a great church, our family is planted here, we have friends, I do stuff with the Little League, we have a great house — we have everything.” “We both were calm,” Amy said. “We didn’t get excited, and we didn’t run out and do anything crazy, we just got up every morning early and read our Bibles and we prayed.” By January 2009 — eight months after the Whitmans first heard God’s call — they knew without doubt that God wanted them overseas. “I can’t really tell you [how it happened],” Seth said. “All I can really say is that the joy and contentment I had for where our life was — it just faded. ... It was like God scraped the desires that I had out of my heart and He put this in.”

SPRINTING HEADLONG

The Whitman’s were “sprinting headlong” into the missionary application process with the International Mission Board when they hit a snag —

selling their house. Nobody was buying, and it had to be sold before they could go. After missing an opportunity to be appointed in September 2010, leadership at Calvary Baptist offered to manage the sale of the Whitman’s home so they wouldn’t be delayed any longer. “Calvary stepped in and said, ‘If this is what you’re feeling led to do ... then we’re willing to hold the rope for you and help you get there,’” Seth said. “To experience that type of commitment from leadership in your local body — there just really aren’t any words for that.” IMB trustees officially approved the Whitmans as Southern Baptist missionaries Nov. 10 together with 55 other candidates, who were recognized at an appointment service at Calvary Baptist. The Whitmans will leave for North Africa and the Middle East in spring 2011. They’ll work as church planters, sharing the Gospel among a people with very few believers. “We’ve heard about God doing amazing things in other parts of the world, and I just can’t believe He’s going to let us have a front-row seat to that,” Seth said. “I just don’t understand how I could deserve that.”

*Names changed

This Week’s Requests

1. Mary Lou Alonso – pray that I will be receptive to God’s call.
2. Bonnie & Bob Barker – pray for Clyde Doss, liver cancer.
3. Kristi Bermudez – pray for me and for my family to have opportunities to serve and have courage and faith and to not feel lonely on holidays.
4. James Bolden, Jr. – pray for the Bolden family (James, Rachel, Chris, Priscilla, Hope); pray for the Davis family (Antonio, Kendra, AJ, Kayla).
5. Carl Bowman – pray for strength in fighting stage 4 brain tumor, taking chemo and radiation.
6. Melvin Boyd – pray for Wendy Powers, breast cancer.
7. Jorge & Estrella Camps – pray for my wife’s grandmother who is in the hospital with health problems.
8. Mary Garmon – pray for healing from leg pain.

9. Terrie & Kayla Garcia – God has blessed us with a new home. I will be trying to provide for my sister’s needs at the residence we moved from. Pray for us to be light in our new community and meet needs.
10. Jeff & K-Lynn Gholson – pray for Addison (3 years old) recuperating from car accident. She is stable right now, pray for positive progress.
11. Carol Henry – pray for Phyllis complete healing; pray for Travis in Viet Nam.
12. Rick Kelley – pray for God’s provisions this month.
13. Rosie Medina – pray for God to heal family relationships.
14. Ashley Melugin – pray for the Graham family who lost their only son.
15. Ruben & Melinda Navas – pray for my stepmother’s grandmother who is in the hospital. Pray that God will help me make a radical change in the way I deal with family members and to touch their hearts.
16. Rusty & Treva Nolen – pray for our family as we await the arrival of our baby in December. Pray for a good delivery, healthy baby girl and for our family to adjust to the changes ahead.
17. Edith Queen – pray for me and my family to love Christ more each day.
18. Amy Schroer – pray God will resolve our car issues; money to have it repaired; pray for peace for our friends Debby and Mikey.
19. Paige Wiley – pray for my family.
20. Sierra Wilson – pray for a stronger relationship with Christ and understanding; pray for me as a single mom and for job opportunities.
21. Lenora Wells – pray for my children, Mike’s mom, Kenneth Wells and myself. Pray for strength to get through the holidays. Pray that God gives us peace in our hearts in all areas of our lives and that I can help my kids through this time.
22. ~ pray for Carl Watkins as he recuperates from recent surgery.
23. ~ pray for Jan Parker as she recuperates from recent hip surgery.