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TEN THINGS TO PRAY FOR PRESIDENT BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4.

My prayer is that ...

1. He will fulfill his oath of office as president of the United States.
2. He and his family will fear God and keep his commandments.
3. He will appoint or choose qualified leaders who are above reproach -- those who fear God and keep his commandments.
4. He will seek advice from persons with integrity and honor and Godly wisdom as well as knowledge, skill and experience.
5. He will lead and make decisions by principle, not popularity.
6. He will not overburden citizens with high taxes or unreasonable government demands.
7. He will use his position to be a blessing to Israel, God's chosen nation. (Gen. 12:3.)
8. He will have a change of heart re: his views on pro-abortion and infanticide - that in his position, he will make decisions based on respecting all human life from the moment of conception to the time of death (pro life).
9. He will be willing to listen fairly to all sides before making decisions.
10. He will seek God and his Word for wisdom everyday.

One more prayer I have is that Barack Obama will be the last president of the United States before King Jesus Messiah returns to save the world and bring all nations and leaders under His subjection and authority. Maranatha!

-Pastor Michael Brown (Fonthill Canada) / 1-20-09 on cogpastors

PASTOR STEVE BOLHOUS (1-31-09) on cogpastors writes: *The outcome of the elections in Israel [Feb. 10] could be crucial as pieces of the prophetic puzzle fall into place. It will be in-*



teresting how the Obama administration will respond to whomever Israel elects. I suspect that Obama prefers that the Likud party not win and that Olmert's centrist Kadima Party wins. Many predict that Israel will have a military confrontation with Iran re: to Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. If so, will the US support it or turn a cold shoulder? This could be a turning point that will lead to major prophetic fulfillment as we anticipate the signs of the Lord's near return.

–Pastor Steve Bolhous, Canada

Please check out the article I read at News-
Max.com:

http://www.newsmax.com/insidecover/davos_forum_netanyahu/2009/01/29/176265.html?s=al&promo_code=790D-1

STEPHEN SABAT (19 / Susan May's brother) does have the MRSA infection. They did surgery to remove some of the infection and he's getting strong antibiotics and currently (2-1), morphine. Susan says her brother is doing better but wants us to continue in prayer for him. He may have gone home Tuesday.

PERSEPHONE ROSE McBAIN, a girl, was born to Kathy Reed, last Tuesday weighing 6 lb 3 oz / 19.5 inches. All are doing well.

LOUISE LAPP developed pneumonia but being caught early, she is recovering well and went home from the hospital Jan. 29th; our thanks to God for her fast recovery. She's only 99-years old. ☺

JENNIFER WETZEL ([mark your calendar!](#)) will be our guest speaker for Palm Sunday, April 5th. We all remember her fondly when she worshiped here while studying in college – she now teaches in KY (and did suffer lose of power for many days during the recent ice storm). She's anxious to visit us; we're anxious to see her! Some will remember her maternal grandfather, the late Pastor Ellsworth Routson. His wife, June (Macy) Routson lives near her daughter, Etta Marie Routson Wetzel in Eldorado IL.

CORRECTION: The Korean Extension facility is not yet under renovation in Duluth GA as stated here earlier. However, the facility is leased and blueprints are being worked on for the renovation. They hope to be moved in by fall. There are approximately 100 ABC Korean students. Keep this work in your prayers.

ABC CAMPUS: For those of you who may not have heard, we are moving some of our classes back to the Morrow campus for our international students. There has been a change in our understanding of the Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations about the inspection of our Avalon campus before we can teach international students at our new location.

ABC Newsletter, David Krogh, 2-3-09

GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA TURNS 100! Shea says he will be honored Feb. 2nd with a birthday party at The Cove, a North Carolina facility of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Graham is among some 270 invited guests. The long-time Christian singer says he had a wonderful career singing at Billy Graham crusades.

Rural Churches Grapple with a Pastor Exodus

Time magazine reports that America's rural churches are fading even faster than America's rural areas, as it becomes increasingly difficult to attract and keep a pastor in sparsely populated areas. According to Trace Haythorn, president of the nonprofit Fund for Theological Education (FTE), fewer than one half of rural churches have a "full-time seminary-trained pastor." That figure can drop to as low as 1 in 5 in some areas of the Midwest. Pastors fresh out of seminary are turning in ever greater numbers to the suburbs, where they can more easily find a salary that will help clear their debt. Dwindling congregations in rural areas simply can't sustain the normal starting salary \$35,000 a year for a pastor. "It's a religious crisis, for sure," says Daniel Wolpert, pastor of First Presbyterian in Crookston, Minn. "And to the extent that these churches are anchoring institutions, it's a crisis of community."

- Crosswalk.com, 2-4-09

PRAY FOR: Stephen Sabat, Alva Huffer, Josh Eberly (by SMay), Bill Marsh, David Krogh, Pastors Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Jenna Bryan (15 by SMay), Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Steve Henderson (14, by SMay), Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Juanita (by SMay), Ryan (8 yrs by SMay), Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Mili-**

tary: Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay–Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:**, Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

FEBRUARY 2009

08 Enter to worship, leave to serve / Happy Valentine's Day! (14th)

MARCH 2009 (MISSION'S MONTH)

08 Annual All Church Outing / Golden Corral

08 Daylight Saving Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hour)

15 Guest speaker / Pastor at NE and Minister's Conferences (GA)

22 Gideon Speaker

29 SS offering to missions

Future Dates: Apr 6-11 CWS / Apr 5, Palm Sunday – Jennifer Wetzel, speaker / Apr 12 Easter: 'Son'rise 8a.m., Breakfast 9a.m., Worship 10a.m.

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.

WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Doris Schuld and Mark Cain

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

200 Love Lifted Me

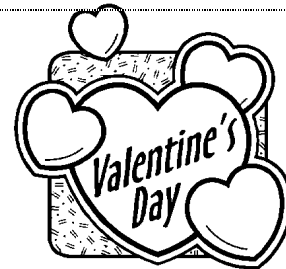
313 More Love To Thee

Prayer / Offering

Message: Loving The Bride (Thinking about Valentine's Day)

Key Verses: 1 Cor 13:4-8; Eph 5:25-27; Jn 21:15-17; 1 Tim 3:2-5; Eph 4:29

57 The Love of God



Habitat for Humanity Co-Founder Dies

Habitat for Humanity co-founder and benefactor Millard Fuller died Feb. 3rd, the Christian Post reports. He was 74, entering his 33rd year of work for the Christian house-building charity he started. His wife, Linda, said she still plans to celebrate their 50th wedding anni-

versary as planned in August, initiating a "blitz build" for 100 new houses. "Millard would not want people to mourn his death," she said. "He would be more interested in having people put on a tool belt and build a house for people in need." Fuller gave away about \$1 million to start Habitat in 1976, and took a salary of just \$15,000 for the first 14 years. The group has built more than 300,000 houses that are home to 1.5 million people.