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Important Dates

Happy Birthday
12/1 Janet Elozory
12/11 Anna Bland Costello
12/12 Molly McClamrock
12/15 Emily Levy
12/17 Tiffany Cagle
12/29 Annika Harmeling
12/30 Hope Putman

Travel Updates

Amy
12/2 Birmingham, AL

Lauren
12/1 Covington, LA
12/2 Jackson, MS

More to come...

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Serving through Love...Prayer

This month we are actually going to look at two aspects of living as a covenant family—patience and prayer. It seems that the two go hand in hand—I cannot begin to exhibit patience without being in prayer! Dr. Bob Palmer continues to challenge us as we look at how to have exacting patience and expectant prayer. And so we pick up with his article “Nurtured by Covenant Grace”...

“...there will be times when listening coupled with patient acts of kindness will accomplish more than ever will be achieved by persuasive arguments.

Along with being a God who listens, the God of covenant compassion also is infinitely patient. His heart is ‘...tender toward those who don’t deserve it...slow to get angry and full of kindness and love; (Psalm 103:8)

And when God’s called-out people live covenan-

tally, they will exercise this same exacting patience. Like their covenant keeping God, they will be long-suffering. They will persevere, They will hold on until the work of faith matures.

Demonstration of such patience requires godly self discipline. At times it will be extremely difficult. But when the way becomes toughest, covenant sons and daughters have their greatest opportunity to demonstrate this patience of God. This will become the very time—the appointed time—when God’s covenant community has occasion to demonstrate what it means to be ‘...kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love...rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfast in prayer’ (Romans 12:10,12)

Expectant Prayer

There in Romans 12, the apostle Paul ‘nails it!’ God’s covenant community will

be enabled to be ‘...patient in tribulation,’ only when they are ‘...steadfast in prayer.’ Without persistent prayer, the potential for disaster is all too real. Covenant people are likely to cave in. Covenant communities are likely to collapse.

But when prayer is added to patience, God’s provision becomes apparent. This is the time when God ‘...sends his angel to deliver his trusting servants’ (Daniel 3:28). No other people can make this claim! ‘What other nation, great or small,’ writes Moses, ‘has a god among them as the Lord our God is here among us whenever we call upon him’ (Deuteronomy 4:7).

Intercessory prayer becomes a refreshing and enabling resource for covenant life. It meets God’s people in their deepest needs. It is a means of grace beautifully pictured by Aaron, the high priest, when he came

Skills are where you have FUN!



A fact we have all come to know so well—skills are where you have fun—yes, even you the hard working counselor!! We are always looking

for new skill and pic-a-skill ideas and would love to hear from you! What new skill ideas do you have that campers would love? You

don't have to be able to teach them (although that would be a plus)!

We have come up with a few to poll the campers interest in, but what do you think?

Suggested new skills for 2011:

- Knitting/Crocheting
- Jewelry making

Scrapbooking

Painting/Drawing

Flower Arranging

What ideas do you have?

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Also, don't forget to check on your skill certifications and keep those up to date!

There is only one relationship that really matters, and that is your personal relationship to your personal Redeemer and Lord. If you maintain that at all costs, letting everything else go, God will fulfill His purpose through your life.

Oswald Chambers

All I want for Christmas...

Congratulations to Ava Callen and her mom Teri Stomski...they will have \$100 extra dollars to spend on their Christmas wish list! They were the November winners in our monthly prospect drawing!

You could be next—just

send us the names and addresses of prospective Hollymont campers and your name goes in the drawing for \$100!

Also, how would you like a cozy fleece blanket to cuddle up in—and one that is super cute with Hollymont mono-

grammed on it?

Well, you can have one of those all for simply referring a new camper to sign up by December 31, 2010! This blanket will not be available in the camp store, so don't be left out!

Staff Manual...in your words

Last year in an effort to cut down on mailing costs and paper usage, we mailed the staff manual to you via email. As we look ahead to this next summer we wanted to hear from you regarding the effectiveness of the staff manual:

- Did you like getting it in email form? Was it easier or harder to read in that format?
- How helpful is the Staff manual in preparing you for the summer? What changes would you recommend?

Please email your responses and any other suggestions to Amy@hollymont.com



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into God's presence to intercede for the covenant community. Aaron was told to '...carry the names of the tribes of Israel over his heart...Thus Jehovah will be reminded of them continually.' What a graphic illustration that is of the way in which God's covenant people today are to have in their hearts and on their lips the names of individual members of the covenant family as they approach the throne of grace.

Martin Luther wrote, 'Prayer is a powerful thing, for God has bound and tied Himself thereto.' It is one of the greatest privileges and also one of the most awesome responsibilities of God's covenant children. Yet, it must be approached in a way that is in keeping with the desires of a sovereign God. What is uttered in prayer must be in line with what God teaches in His Word.

There must be no illusion that prayer is a means of conquering the reluctance of God. Not at all! The first obligation is to listen to what God has to say-to be certain that what God says dictates what God's servants pray. The Puritan preacher, Thomas Manton, describes the critical link between meditation and prayer this way: *Meditation is a middle sort of duty between the Word and prayer, and hath respect to both. The Word feedeth meditation, and meditation feedeth prayer. These duties must always go hand in hand; meditation must follow hearing and precede prayer.* (The works of Thomas Manton, p..272, Maranatha Publications, Worthington, PA)

In other words, God's covenant people are to be sure their prayers are in keeping with what is revealed in God's Word. They are to '...ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes' (Ephesians 6:18). In particular, they are encouraged to pray that God will favor them with all the blessings of their special covenantal relationship with him. They are to plead that they will choose to do what is right. That they will develop the gifts God has given. That the desire of their hearts will be to serve their God of covenant grace. That evidences of the fruit of the Spirit will be abundant in their lives. And that they will have a positive impact in their sphere of influence.

And when such prayers are made, prayers that are '...in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes,' wonderful blessings will come from the hand of God. Attitudes will be altered. Horizons will be modified. But best of all, relationships that reflect covenant grace will be nurtured."

Merry Christmas!

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Eternal Father,

Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace...

Isaiah 9:6-7a

As you celebrate this Christmas season, we pray that you would experience the joy of the Season with our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.