



The Lord's Mountain Mover's **NEWSLETTER**

"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."
(Matt. 17:20)

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Reflection

It was Christmas day 2017 and I sat there in front of my laptop wondering what I should write about. I decided to take a coffee break in hopes of receiving some divine revelation on the message I should share with all our readers. During this break, I watched a rerun of one of my old favorite shows called, M.A.S.H. It was the Christmas episode where a young soldier had been seriously wounded and was dying, it was at the end of the day and the two doctors (Pierce and Honeycutt) along with Nurse Houlihan were trying to keep the man alive until after midnight. They didn't want the man's family to have Christmas be a reminder of their son's death. The man passed at 11:30 pm on Christmas Day but Dr. Pierce went over to the clock and changed the time to 12:05 am, making his death certificate reflect the day after Christmas.

This was a noble act by these three individuals in hopes of saving some level of grief to the family of this dead soldier. They risked the legal ramifications for the falsification of a government document, but felt their moral duty was to the family's memory of their son and to save their joy for the meaning of Christmas.

Over the years since I was transferred and transformed into the body of Christ and family of God I have witnessed many assaults on the memory of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There have been identity assaults by a fat man in a red suit. There has been an onslaught of attacks via commercialism, trying to get us to spend money and find happiness in brightly wrapped gifts. There have been assaults by those trying to take Christ out of the season all together and make Christmas like any other holiday our nation and the world celebrates. They have even gone as far as calling it, Xmas and not Christmas. They have made it a holiday and not a Holy Day. These things are an attempt to steal away who and how we should be celebrating.

Christmas has even become a point of contention among believers. Arguments about the exact day on which the Son of God came into this dark-world continue to separate and distance us from what we should be focused on. The exact location of the manger He was born in is another point of contention. Unfortunately, the list goes on and on.

The questions I have been led to ask myself are as follows. Is it important for me to focus on knowing the exact date of His birth, or to know the significance of His birth? Do I allow myself to get swept up in fancy wrapped gifts under a decorated tree, or do I share the gift from God that was wrapped in

swaddling clothes in a dingy manger? Am I to accept the stress and anxiety that this man-made holiday brings, or do I accept the peace that Jesus offers me? How often have you been disappointed through the exchanging of gifts or the fact you didn't get one from someone you expected to get one from? (dig deep my friend for the truth in that question)

I think that if God wanted the birth of His Son to be celebrated the way we do today, He would have created much more fanfare than He did. With all the assets of creation at His disposal would He have not brought Jesus into the world in a spectacular way? But He chose not to.

There is something we can celebrate all year long. There is a gift that never gets old, never needs to be new and improved, or needs the batteries replaced. There is a gift that becomes more and more valuable as we explore and come to know it. It is the gift of salvation from God the Father, through the incarnate person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, through whom all things were created. What greater gift can we receive, or better yet, share with others?

If we could just wade through all the garbage that Christmas has become and get back to the fact that He was sent, that He came, that He identified with us, that He suffered, that He died, that He rose, that He conquered, and most of all, that He loved. Instead of trying to find temporary happiness in giving and receiving material things, we should search after peace and happiness that is eternal and unwavering. Instead of enjoying only a few days with family and friends, let's remind ourselves that if they have not received the gift of salvation those days will mean nothing in the sphere of eternity.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let's put down the things of the world and raise up Christ to the lost. Remember Jesus said, "*And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.*" (John 12:32) Let's celebrate the birth of Christ into this world everyday by being the people He wants us to be. Let us rejoice in the fact that He has been birthed in our heart and share that experience with others.

In His Service
Pastor Pete

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"[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip, and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it—a hope] that reaches farther and enters [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil, [Lev. 16:2.]" Hebrews 6:19 AMPC

As Christmas passed by this year I noticed so many people are hopeless and fearful because they don't know how they are going to feed their children and pay their bills. During a time of hope and joy they don't have hope. As I look at the blessings surrounding me I can't help but remember when I was without hope and I wonder what I can do to bring hope to the hopeless? If you are feeling this way, then it's time to share the hope that we have IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR! Without Him we have no hope and we have no future. JESUS, NOT Santa, is the reason for our HOPE! Our hope is

not based on circumstances, it's based on faith in Jesus Christ. Give someone hope, introduce them to Jesus, pay a bill for them, feed them AND FOLLOW UP with them! Don't let an opportunity pass you by. Christmas is not the only time people feel hopeless, the entire year is full of people who are feeling hopeless. They need men and women who have experienced the hope, the secure anchor for our soul, whom is the Lord Jesus Christ! Stand tall mighty men and women of God! Jesus loves you and so do I.

Kenny Johnson

How would you like to bless and encourage someone?

We would love to receive your testimony of how God has impacted your life in the past or present. God does things in our lives not only to bless us, but to be an inspiration to others who may be facing some of the same circumstances you have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God working in your life. If you send something you need to have back, we will be glad to return it to you, just let us know.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over the world can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

What a privilege we have, to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let us keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Previous prayer requests are still there on the website for people to read. We are wondering if your prayer has been answered yet? Send us your praise reports! We want to know and share it with everyone else who reads the newsletter, so keep us updated. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior.

December 2017 - January 2018 Prayer List

Daniel VPraying that he finds a new house mate to share costs of house. His previous house mate has been re-assigned in the military.

Helen SRequests prayer that she meets the right, Godly man and that the Lord will help her find a way to obtain a car. **Praise Report: She was able to move to the front house. Thank God for His answered prayers.**

- Lupe HShe and her husband are asking for prayer and favor with the “Keeping Your Home California” application and that they will be approved so they will be able to keep their home.
- Robert G.....Asking for prayer for Richard D’s., daughter’s safety and that they be able to write him more. Also pray for Linda L. that God comforts her as she battles cancer and she stays surrounded by family & Christian family during this trying time.
- Nikolaus OPray that the Lord blesses my mother, Elizabeth J with strength, courage, and His protection. Remember He is near to those with broken hearts and contrite spirits. I also pray for thanksgiving for my brother in Christ, Roger C. I pray he is well, in great spirits and want to thank him for his kind, compassionate words. Stay strong and may God Bless.
- Leonard SGoing for Governors Pardon on Dec 10, 2017 for innocents in all. Praying for favor on my Lawyer and myself in Jesus Christ of Nazareth name. Amen, Luke 1:37
- Jason M.....Prayer for him and his family as he endures the challenges of accusations for charges he is states he is innocent of.
- Hazel C.....Prayers for health to improve as she is suffering from diabetes. Prayer for Kryshawn and son to be safe and well in their return to Houston, Texas.
- Tony M.....Prayer as doctors change his medications to find which meds were poisoning his system and causing kidney damage. **Praise Report: They found the doctors over prescribed a deadly medication which he is no longer taking. He is doing much better. Kidney damage is slowly resolving itself.**
- Bobby CPrayers for the courts to drop enhancement in his case so he can be released. Prayer to keep himself and family safe and pull the family together and get brother home from Hawaii.
- Brett WHe found his son dead last month, please pray for him and his family.
- Linda G.She is suffering several critical health issues and we request prayer for her healing.
- Richard DThree family members have taken their own life. Pray for the surviving family’s healing. Please keep him in pray as he transitions to a facility. Also for Richard to be strong, kind and humble as he moves to a new living environment.
- John D.Prayer for my Uncle Denny to take care of himself, eat right and get his diabetes under control. Also that I will be able to visit him this January.
- Connie CShe has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Pray for her trusting in the Lord for a healing and restore her back into the life of Larry’s K. **PRAISE REPORT: Connie is no**

longer suffering with cancer. The Lord called her home on July 27th. I knew Connie since 8th grade and we spent the last 6 months together. What a love story. I will be forever grateful and blessed. Thank you, Heavenly Father.

Donald A.....Last month we received a letter from Donald with a lot of prayer requests. Evidently God has touched his heart to see the needs of others in a special way. These requests included prayers for health issues, family issues, marriage issues, and most importantly their relationship with God. He also has requested for many of the Christians who are behind the prison walls and the different protestant chapels, their leadership and their congregations. Pray for those who are captive in false religions and/or following false Christ's. In a time like our country, and the world, is currently facing we need prayer more than ever. We cannot pray away God's prophetic plan but we can pray for His people and share the gospel with the lost. *Thank you, Donald, for a sensitive heart.* Please pray for these requests knowing that God knows the specifics of each situation and what is necessary.

Patty B.....Prayer that a heart procedure she will have done on Sept. the 14th will resolve long time issues and that she will no longer suffer from past afflictions. **PRAISE REPORT: She is back home and doing great!**

Gen PrayerThat God would bring together Christian Marriages in unity.

Jason M.....Prayer for healing of his family and removal of the strife going on between them. Also pray for a positive resolution to serious legal challenges.

Rachel C.....She has undergone several surgeries on her eye, with the doctor trying to restore her vision. Please pray for her healing and/or a better doctor who will make it right.

Scott F.Pray for doctors to come up with a resolution to alleviate disabling pain he is experiencing.

Theresa CAsking for healing prayer. She was admitted to the Hospital with what they think was a stroke, but have not been able to confirm the cause.

Linda GPrayer for her and her son Robert, and she struggles with life challenging health issues. May the Lord open His arms to bring her to Him gently.

Dave GContinued prayer for deliverance through the appeal and to be reunified with my children. They are all grown now. Please pray for their salvation.

T.J. W.....Prayer for him and his wife Julie as they deal with challenges on their home infested with Bats and water damage.

Tony M.....Pray for him that his health will improve as he deals with heart and pacemaker issues.

Roger CPrayer for him in his peace and strength as he moves forward with the challenges of his incarceration. Pray for him to be strong in the Lord.

Kenny J.Pray for my Aunt Eulene she has cancer in her shoulder bone and lupus.

Kenny J.**PRAISE REPORT: My son Jeffrey is doing great, clean and sober for 14 months and living with me.**

David. G.....Pray for children: Emily, Natalie, James, Brother Don and that they receive Salvation/Reconciliation and for the Ministry at Mule Creek.

George LGeorge has been ill in the hospital; he is 89 years old. Pray that he survives and can go home. And that Tom M. may be able to take him fishing one last time. **PRAISE REPORT: He is recovering and doing better.**

Rex S.....Pray for him and his family for strength and peace as he recovers from open heart surgery. He is doing better.

Gary B.....Needs prayer for his business and his health.

Barbara MWas diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Prayer that she receives a long-term resolution to her health challenge, and that her and her husband's medical and financial needs might be met.

Winifred W. ...Pray for God's favor in an upcoming board review and that he remains healthy and that he will be released soon and that the attacks on our chapel & pastor get resolved and services are restored.

Richard D.....Pray that the Lord will use him to help others in the Celebrate Recovery program.

Gabriel.....Prayer for chapel services to run smoother and for the KAIROS program to continue.

Robert M.Asks for prayer and healing for Rudy, Betsy & Maria (Valley fever and Carpel tunnel)

James.....Prayer for the program on the yard to change for the better for everyone.

MatlockRequests for prayer for a closer relationship with his son.

Pete C.....Keep him in prayer that he obtains better permanent housing.

Daniel R.Pray that he stays patient with the business situation he is in right now, waiting for God to reveal His plan for his life.

This Ministry..Please pray for this ministry that we may be girded up with faith and strength to keep this ministry going to spread the Lord's word.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

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(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

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