



## *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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To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

I want to thank two members of the body of Christ for contributing to this month's newsletter. I am always encouraged and blessed by how the Lord speaks through, and uses, His children to further the truth of His word. We can all use words of encouragement and correction to help keep us focused on the prize that lies ahead of those who are saved. May God continue to guide you in thought and deed this coming year. May He inspire you through study, prayer, and fellowship. God bless you all!

In His service,

*Pastor Pete*

*"I will extol you, oh Lord, for you have lifted me up,  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me."*

Psalm 30:1

Dear Christian, as you read this verse, are you thinking, "But my enemies are rejoicing over me in my trials. When will the Lord lift me up?"

Who are your enemies? Are they truly rejoicing over you? Your enemies were death, Satan, sin, the world, and evil people. God has dealt the crushing blow upon them at the cross. You are no longer the devil's child, but Christ's. Satan has no power over you. Sin is not your master anymore and the world of evil people can do nothing to you apart from the permission of God. *"Who can bring a charge against the Lords elect? (Romans 8:33) "The Lord is my Helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6)*

God has *lifted* you out of death because you have already passed out of death into life. (John 5:24) Your physical death will only bring you into the presence of your Lord. God has lifted you out of the devil's kingdom of darkness and placed you into the kingdom of His dear Son.

He has lifted you from death to life, from condemnation to pardon, from slavery to sin to being a bondservant of Christ, from hell to heaven, from hopelessness to hope, and from despair to joy.

If your enemies rejoice now, it is only for a moment; their rejoicing will soon turn to weeping and gnashing of teeth. Do not forget: whatever victories your enemies think they have over you, God is working for your good and for His glory! His power is perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9), and God causes all things to work together for your good. (Romans 8:28)

Dear Saint, have you been wrongly thrown into prison? Have you been falsely accused? If you are not released in this life, you will surely someday be released into the Kingdom of Heaven, but your accusers will enter an eternal prison of torment. God will vindicate you but will righteously judge them. Has your life been destroyed? Your life is hidden with Christ in God, but they will receive everlasting destruction.

So do not despair, dear Christian; God has *already* lifted you up. Your enemies cannot truly rejoice over you. They will soon be set in slippery places and cast down to destruction: "*how suddenly are they destroyed in a moment.*" (Psalm 73:18-19)

Therefore, stop wallowing in your trials. Lift up your head and your feeble arms, thank God for what He has already done for you, and get busy serving Him. "*I will extol you, oh Lord for you have lifted me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.*" (Psalm 30:1)

*Pastor David Gray*

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### **Quit the Job that pays in death.**

R Psalm 30:1 tells us that the wages (payment) of sin is death and that wage never changes. It never gets better. Like so many of you, I have had my fair share of jobs, some good, some bad. If any of my jobs did not pay, but took something from me, I would quit! Wouldn't you? Most of you, like me, have accepted Christ as your Savior and repented of your sins. In essence, we have quit the devil's business of sin and moved on to the free gift of God, which is Salvation.

But I am not going to talk about the sin that separates us from God eternally. I want to talk about confessing our faults one to another. James 5:16 tells us to confess our sins to each other, but why? Why do I have to admit my wrongs to another human being? Because many of us have been keeping secrets most of our lives. Every day these secrets take a toll on us! Loss of self-respect and energy and the bondage of our past, I think, is the worst! By our admitting out loud to someone whom we trust and is a like-minded believer, exactly what our secret sins are, we strip the past of its power over us. And, when we start talking to someone that we trust, we build strong Christ-centered relationships which will help us to overcome our weaknesses. Then we will:

- *Lose the sense of isolation.*
- *Lose our denial.*
- *Gain Freedom.*
- Lose our unwillingness to forgive.
- Gain Healing.
- Gain Support.

For God to rebuild our lives we must admit our sins, allow Our Heavenly Father to tear us down and begin the rebuilding process. He does this through our willingness to work together and quit our “*sin job*” and accept the free gift of God...eternal life through what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did for us on Calvary's cross! Let it be done according to His will for our lives.

- *Trust God – the past is forgiven!*
- *Trust God – the present is manageable!*
- *Trust God – the future is secure!*

*Brother Kenny Johnson*

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## **BE A BARNABAS** (Acts 4:36)

### Out with the Old in with the New

2020 could not have ended fast enough. I didn't even want to set my clock back because I didn't want that extra hour in this year!

Why do we think that life is going to change drastically in a new year?  
Is it a bad idea to make New Year resolutions?

The dawning of a new calendar year has often caused people to strive to do better, to better themselves or be better to others. Change of diet and change of habits are very common. But why wait for a new year or for the calendar to change to make a change in our lives? We are creatures of habit, and some of those habits are not healthy physically or mentally and we resist change. I wish I knew why we get more stubborn about change as we get older, but I don't have the answers. I only have recommendations.

When Christ, through the Holy Spirit, reveals something about us that needs to be addressed, it is important that we are sensitive to the prompting and obedient in following the proper guidance. Our natural man fights the change and/or sometimes leads us back into an old sin, even though we may have been successful at resisting it for an extended time. Each of us has our own issues to deal with. Our struggles are not the same. I find it fascinating how easy it is to resolve the issues of others and so difficult to work on our own.

It takes discipline. Discipline is why we have discipleship. No one can change on their own. We need outside help and perspective. Yes, the Holy Spirit is the one who does the work, but He will use others in our lives because we were not meant to be alone or grow up on our own (physically and spiritually). We belong to the body and the body belongs to us. Discipleship helps us to be accountable, but we can also get that accountability by having fellowship and transparency. However, I believe that discipleship with a mature Christian is better than sharing your worst issues with young believers. Therefore, I recommend that we exercise discernment. While sharing your troublesome past can be helpful to others and help build better bonds it can also cause a wedge and division, even backsliding in younger believers.

All in all, the new year is a great time to redouble our efforts in becoming more Christ-like. But really, any day is a good time to start, if that is when it has been revealed that change is needed. We can wait till a new year, but there is no better time than the present to work hard against sin and practice love in action. Studying the word and having regular fellowship will help us have victory. When we do this, we will be blessed, and we can share this blessing with others and glorify our Heavenly Father!

*Brother Daniel Rodney*

### **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 we have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God's 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 we are standing in the gap as prayer warriors.

**Please note:** We ask that you try to keep your prayer requests short when using the prayer request form. We have limited print space so multiple pages of hand-written requests (or Bible tracts, lengthy stories, and Bible scripture) we are unable to publish.

## December 2020 – January 2021 Prayer List

Set Free

Ministry.....Prayer that God continues to provide for this ministry Spiritually, financially, emotionally, and physically.

General.....Prayer for all those who are struggling with the COVID-19 virus and its wide-reaching affects.

Patty .....Patty and her family need prayer for those who were involved in a roll-over car accident.

Larry K.....Prayer that the Lord would open and close doors per His will for an out-of-state transfer of parole. Several family members want me to live with them in in two different states. I ask the Lord to guide me to the one he wants. I feel overwhelmed that my family wants me. Thank you, Lord.

Marla W .....Prayer for safe gallbladder surgery and fast recovery.  
**Praise Report: Recovering well almost back to normal**

Sandy D.....Prayer for her as she lost her husband Bill.

Pete C.....Prayer to reunite with his daughter and her family.

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Darrell R.....Prayer for help with health and finances.

George B .....Prayer to reunite with his daughter and her family absent in his life for 14 years.

Frank B.....Prayer for my family – faith, hope, love – righteousness, godliness, holiness. Wife’s relationship with daughters, Son staying with grandmother, alcohol issues, son who is a good husband-father.

Tammi H.....Prayer for healing from auto accident.

Donald H.....Prayer for freedom. I am 67 years old with 30 years completed on 168-year sentence for a crime that I did not commit. I have claimed my innocence for over 30 years. I am hopeful because God is able. I have stage 4 liver cancer and I am out of hospice. But God says, it not your time. Prayer for everyone to come together to end the Coronavirus.

Joey A .....Prayer for father who is not in good health, I ask God to bless my father Robert with a long life so I can be with him upon my release from prison. May God bring us together. May my father be blessed with prosperity to help pay his bills.

Juan S .....Christ our Lord I am declaring my faith in him. Jesus Christ I am believing in a miracle. Come forth, cure my loneliness, my finances, my liberty, and all my works. Bless me a

miracle to be blessed prosperous, turn all opposition into Christ Jesus to come forward for filling all my needs, God's goodness to come forth.

Charles E.....Prayer for my mental health and a smooth transition as I have entered a new institution.

Lee K.....Prayer for all Incarcerated brothers and sisters. Ask the Lord to keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide shelter in His grace. I also ask the Lord for a companion who would share and value each other's emotional needs.

Brad W .....Pray for Brad who is fighting for life, with the challenges of cancer.

Gary B.....Pray for his recovery from heart surgery and quick healing.

Alice W .....Pray that she finds ways to combat loneliness after her husband died 2 years ago. May Christ fill her up.

Kurt E.....Pray that he may be healed of his chronic depression.

Dave G .....Salvation for my family: children – James, Natalie, Emily, Brother don. Pray for my prison release. Thank You!

Donald R. ....Pray for fast and complete recovery from open heart surgery.

Gabriel S .....Prayer for family as they grieve the loss of his brother Mike who passed from cancer.

John D. ....Prayer for his family as they grieve the loss of him. He led a full life and was a talented musician and teacher.

Monica H .....Prayer for successful treatment and recovery. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. **Praise report: She is doing well and going back to work the first week of Jan. 2021**

Rogelio C .....Prayer to reconcile with his daughter who has been absent from his life for 13 years.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of request: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place request on Ministry website      Yes    No

Place request in Newsletter      Yes    No

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

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