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DECEMBER 2017 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;" (II Corinthians 4:8)

JUBILEE TIME. After being down most of November from foot surgery, we headed to Tennessee to be with Dr. Ed Parton and Freedom Baptist Church for their Jubilee. Dr. Parton and his people were kind to give me another \$20,000.00 for a truckload of paper. The preaching was outstanding, as usual, and it was so good to see so many of our precious friends and fellowship with them. It was my joy to give our BPS General Director, Al Braley (also known as Big Al, and you can see why), the check for \$20,000.00.



Dr. Ed Parton

Dr. Joe Bryant

Pastor Dave Noffsinger

Missionary Robbie Smith

Dr. Richard Hughes

Gen. Director Al Braley

OUR TRAVELS CUT SHORT. Leaving the meeting in Tennessee, we headed to South Carolina. We were at Breezy Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Phillip Napier, on Sunday morning, then headed to Georgia to be with Pastor Jesse Bowen on Sunday evening. After the great meeting there, we headed back to South Carolina. Around 1:00 a.m. I woke up with terrible pain around my heart and lungs. I tried to make it through the night, but the pain was extreme. I woke Marie up to take me to the hospital. We spent 10 hours there. The doctors said my chest was severely inflamed. They told Marie to get me back to Ohio as soon as possible. I had to cancel the rest of my December meetings. Marie drove the 12 hours home on Tuesday. Not only was my chest filled with inflammation, I had come down with pneumonia in both lungs.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY WAS A BLESSING. Though I was sick with pneumonia, it was great being with 16 of our precious family. I had to stay away from everyone and lie down mostly, but just seeing everyone praising God and so thankful for our Saviour was a blessing. One of the biggest thrills was the announcement made by our two oldest granddaughters, Rachel Carter and Shannon Bridges. They are both going to have babies in June. Shannon's baby is due on June 12, 2018, and Rachel's baby is due on June 25, 2018. Hallelujah! Marie and I are going to be great grandparents! Tyler and Shannon Bridges are on the right, and Lewis and Rachel Carter are on the left in the picture.

WE PRAY ALL OF YOU HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. We want to thank each of you who sent Christmas cards, email, texts, and Christmas gifts. They were a special blessing to us. We cannot thank you all enough. We pray your New Year will be a fruitful one

filled with God's presence and His blessings. May this be your greatest year in reaching the lost with the Gospel and glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

Though 2017 has been a year of struggling with health problems because of the mistakes of surgeons and ongoing computer, printer, and software problems, we have not been depressed, discouraged, despondent, or disobedient. We can only praise our God and lift Him up throughout each day. It is a joy to have a God whose name is WONDERFUL because He is! God bless you all.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

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WE MUST PUBLISH, OR THEY WILL PERISH!