"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."

- LEVITICUS 6:13 -----

K EEP the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence, evidence, and barometer, of vital and experimental religion.

Burn here the fat of your sacrifices. Let your closet seasons be, if possible, regular, frequent, and undisturbed. Effectual prayer availeth much. Have you nothing to pray for? Let us suggest the Church, the ministry, your own soul, your children, your relations, your neighbors, your country, and the cause of God and truth throughout the world. Let us examine ourselves on this important matter. Do we engage with lukewarmness in private devotion? Is the fire of devotion burning dimly in our hearts? Do the chariot wheels drag heavily? If so, let us be alarmed at this sign of decay. Let us go with weeping, and ask for the Spirit of grace and of supplications. Let us set apart special seasons for extraordinary prayer. For if this fire should be smothered beneath the ashes of a worldly conformity, it will dim the fire on the family altar, and lessen our influence both in the Church and in the world.

The text will also apply to the altar of the heart. This is a golden altar indeed. God loves to see the hearts of His people glowing towards Himself. Let us give to God our hearts, all blazing with love, and seek His grace, that the fire may never be quenched; for it will not burn if the Lord does not keep it burning. Many foes will attempt to extinguish it; but if the unseen hand behind the wall pour thereon the sacred oil, it will blaze higher and higher. Let us use texts of Scripture as fuel for our heart's fire, they are live coals; let us attend sermons, but above all, let us be much alone with Jesus.

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# BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

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# THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day." I Kings 8:28

### **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Nursery Preschool First, Second Grades Third-Fifth Grades Sixth-Twelfth Grades College and Career Adult Bible Class Sunday School of the Air Ladies' Bible Class Special Adults' Class Primary Church Special Adults' Service Sunday School Superintendent Kathi Lamb/Leah Dickey Josh & Ashley Wilson Mabel Otamias Valerie Rueckert/Jackie Young Anthony & Anna Johnson Brian & Robin Babin Randy Raiford LeGrand Lamb Gayle Waits Joy Garrison Paul & Donna Hancock/Loraine Marcus LeGrand Lamb/David Hollis Josh Wilson

# **MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

#### Jim Morgan

Missionary to Romania

- Pray for spiritual growth for those attending services.
- Pray that churches would be started in two needy locations.

# **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS**

#### Health Needs

Janet Brock Robert Crocker Jerry Dickey Jackie Lightfoot Gloria Randolph

Stan Waits Sheryl Woodward

#### Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Mary Sue Allen Robert Duke Montez Haley Marlene Jackson Bill Leon Pearl Marcus Lou Rutherford Geraldine Sizemore Bette Talley

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Johnny Brock

Jay Babin

Jeremiah Babin

Geon Lee

Dr. Jim Boyce

Jonathan Dickey

Leah Dickey

April Everett

Joy Garrison

Mary Beth Garrison

Anthony Johnson Jerry Mays

Randy Raiford

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Hyun Lee Shayna Lightfoot Win Otamias Markell Strong Charisma Yeluri Sara Young

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Amy Griffin Charity Lamb Chris Lamb Kathi Lamb LeGrand Lamb Elise LeCroy Natalie LeCroy Jani Pickett Melanie Saruse Dale Scruggs Brad Shaddix Grace Shaddix