



Mount Vernon Church of Christ



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Prayer List

Are You Contagious?

There is a lot of talk about being contagious these days. We are to be very careful about who we are exposed to and who might get exposed to us. Of course we don't want to be contagious in the sense of spreading a virus, but there are some things we should be spreading in our world.

Our love should be contagious. The Bible in many places tells us of the importance of love. Jesus called it the greatest commandment (Mk 12:29-31). In 1 Corinthians 13 we are told that we could have all knowledge, power, and make great sacrifices but if we don't love we gain nothing. Love is something we must possess and something we must share.

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more..." (Phil 1:9). Our love is something that is to grow and "abound more and more." When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians he stated that they knew how to love one another, yet he encouraged them to do so more and more (1 Thes. 4:9-10) Our love should be a growing and a spreading love; a love that is infectious.

Our devotion should be contagious. I love reading about the early church in the book of Acts. One of my favorite passages is Acts 2:42-47 in which you read about the first group of Christians being *devoted*. They were devoted to the teaching, to prayer, to the worship, and to fellowship - to each other. This commitment that they had proved to be contagious, the Lord added to their number daily. Are you spreading such devotion to your Lord?

Our hope should be contagious. In 1 Peter 3:15 states, "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." Our hope should be something people are drawn to. It should be noticeable and desirable. The reason why the Christian hope is so contagious is that is based in our great salvation.

Lastly, our **salvation should be contagious.** Throughout the Bible you can read about God's truth and the message of salvation spreading and being shared. We are told to go into all the world and take the message of salvation with us. Read these powerful words, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere." (2 Cor 2:14). For some the message of salvation is one of life, for others who refuse to accept it is a message of death. Some will listen while others won't yet it is our job to be used by God to spread the beautiful fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.

Let's be contagious Christians! Let's spread our faith, hope, and love across this world and bring people the life saving message of the cross!

- Jennifer Nelson-Bill & Lucy Sargent's daughter lost most of her possessions in the recent flooding in Newark
- Joe, brother of Bonnie Mechling, is having serious heart problems
- Orion, grandson of Cathy Woods, is in Grant Hospital recovering from a severe traffic accident.
- Judy Hagner is home from the hospital and doing well.
- Bob Hamler is in the hospital in Florida, in very serious condition.
- Danielle Brown
- David Mcgaughy's parents--health issues
- Jeff Fry--recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Bonita Schwanke
- Sylvia Little
- Pansy Spearman
- Jan Conger was placed at Mount Vernon Health and Rehabilitation, room 110A. .
- Rosemary Caulkins needing prayers to find a new place to live
- Jack Anderson's sister-in-law, Judy, diagnosed with cancer
- Austin Lyons, Herb & Linda's grandson might be deployed overseas
- Mike & Vickie Reed
- Bill & Lucy Sargent's Grandson, Tucker needs prayers.
- Anya Thompson's surgery went well but might need more in the future.
- Mary McPherson
- Remember those who are shut-in and those in need of continual prayers, including Larry Weideman, Alice Thomas, Ruby Deskins, Bonnie Mechling, Ella Weimer, Danielle Brown, Mary Lou Conger, Nancy Tier, Kay Crumbaker, Bill & Terry Hickerson

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"Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more" (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 ESV)