



O Lord, thou art my God;
I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful things;
thy counsels of old
are faithfulness and truth.

Isaiah 25:1

August, 2022

Dear Pastor Stevens and faithful friends at Thompson Road Baptist church, Thank you for your encouragement and also the love you have shown me. So thankful for your partnering with Dave and me these many years. Your church has supported us, I believe, from a missions conference from 1983, Dave's senior year at Indiana Baptist college. You have been a wonderful church to us, so faithful in prayer and visiting was always a joy. I hope the next time I get to Indianapolis which I hope is in mid to end September to be able to visit your church with my daughter Lisa to be able to thank you in person. May God continue to bless you and keep your church the lighthouse to souls who need Christ and others who need a blessed place to grow. I send my love and prayers.

Thank you for all you have done to help me in this huge adjustment. I so appreciate your prayers and financial help as I continue to get settled, finish up business from Canada and here, and begin my new life here in Newark, Ohio. Our visits to our churches and those in the churches were always such a blessing to both of us, and time doesn't take away those relationships.

This year has been a year of learning new things. Our children have been such a blessing and help me in so many ways. It is wonderful to have all the boxes unpacked and things put away, however there's a lot of organization yet needed so that I can find things easily. Newark Baptist Temple every week becomes more and more of a blessing to me. I'm singing in the choir and meeting in Reformer's Unanimous each Friday night, beginning friendships with many new dear people, and enjoying the good preaching that my heart loves to hear. I also am a substitute Sunday school teacher or helper as all of their positions are filled right now. I so appreciate your

prayers in all of these areas. The message Wednesday night was a blessing as Pastor Falls preached on Philippians two and mentioned frustrations and why we should not get frustrated as Jesus Christ allows into our lives exactly what we need for us to continue to grow in faith, endurance, and joy. It deeply spoke to my heart as I have many areas that I am learning that I've never done before. I needed his reminder that all of these things filter through the hand of God. I'm so thankful to God for using His Word and especially my favorite book Philippians which is such a wonderful book teaching us about thankfulness and joy and prayer. Please continue to pray for all of our four children and grandchildren. One of our grandchildren, Christina, had an ectopic pregnancy and nearly lost her life as well. Please pray for her and Noah as this would've been her first child. They are a sweet Christian couple but as you can imagine, this has been a difficult time for them but also a time for thankfulness that their child is with the Lord. I don't think we're ever prepared for the trials that come, and what a blessing that we have the Lord to walk through our trials with us. The truths that I have been learning and having the assurance of my dear husband being with the Lord in gloryland brings such joy to my heart although I deeply miss him. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served with him so many years and all of the joy and blessings we had those many years. I have been more blessed than many with 52 wonderful years of marriage and I definitely can't complain as God continues to walk with me in this new territory.

I had a different experience at Kroger's supermarket this past week as I was looking for a vegetable tray and a fruit tray to take for my daughter-in-law's birthday celebration. There was a young lady working there that I had asked for help and I thought by looking at her that she was a lesbian. She was really helpful and went with me to a couple other places to see if they could find what I needed. When I was leaving I asked her if she would take the gospel leaflet that can tell you how you can know that you can have a home in heaven. She looked sadly at me and said, "Oh, I know I'm going to hell because I'm gay." I had a conversation with her and told her that Jesus loved her and died for her and that I loved her too. I asked her if she would please read it and she did take it. It really hit me that there's so many people like this in our world today who have no hope and just assume that "Christians" hate them because of their lifestyle. So many people growing up in this world today in the public school system and through the television and media are so confused, and probably most all of them have never heard much about Jesus Christ and how He came to yes, even save them from their sin. I too am a sinner, and my sin may be different than hers; but it is just as wicked and put Christ on the cross as well as hers. I definitely will plan to stop by there again and somehow try to share the love of Jesus Christ for a poor lost sinner. When some days I really miss my husband, and think how wonderful it would be to be out of this wicked world in heaven; my Lord reminds me of such needs in the world in which we live, and how I want to make a difference and tell

people people about the love of Jesus Christ and the new life that we can have in him. God took both Dave and I from a sinful carnal life and totally changed our lives and gave us such peace and joy that we had never known before. I don't want you to think that all my days are lonely, but there definitely are some hard days in which I am so thankful that I have the comfort of God. Many other days are full of joy as I delight in all that God is doing and is being to me.

Praying for your church as you faithfully serve the Lord and look to see people saved. Can you even imagine going through these days without the Lord? How sad it is and how thankful I am when people can at least understand God's plan of salvation.

Just one humorous final note. My drain has been stopped up since I got the house, and I keep forgetting to get drain cleaner at the store. So I remembered what my girls had told me about going to YouTube and they will teach me pretty much everything. Well today I decided I would try to fix my drain myself. So I watched a couple of videos and tried to do what they said to do and finally I quit. I guess I just am not a do it yourselfer. :-) I do have the other grandma of my grandkids who pretty much knows how to do everything, so I guess I will end up asking her again. :-) For those of you women who know how to do all of these things, please pray for me as I am not very equipped in these areas. Thank goodness for friends. Please continue to pray for those ordinary things that husbands do but I am trying to learn. Not everything always runs smoothly at this time so please pray that God would increase my patience.

All because of God's grace at Calvary,

Betsy McCrorie

Dave's life verses he lived by,

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

Romans 15:13 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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