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FAMILY FACTS

October 2018

Praying Together

Daniel 2: 17-18

During a recent prayer meeting, someone mentioned that Daniel asked his friends to pray with him that God would reveal to him the contents and the interpretation of a dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had. The king would not give his wise men any information about what his dream was about, in order to test their truthfulness. It was an unreasonable demand, and to add insult to injury, he threatened to put all of his wise men in Babylon to death if they did not tell him what he had dreamed, and then explain what that dream meant.

The Babylonian wise men rightly told the king, "*There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks ... No one can reveal it to the king except the gods ...*" but then they wrongly concluded, "*... and they do not live among humans*" (2: 11).

Daniel knew that this last phrase was false. He knew that the Living God was here among humans, and that only God could and would reveal this mystery to them, so that their lives would be spared.

But in this chapter, Daniel went to his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (otherwise known as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) and urged them to pray fervently with him that God would give them the information and interpretation they needed. They had a death sentence hanging over their heads, so the need was urgent. But God was faithful, giving Daniel the content of the dream, and its interpretation, and he was able to share with the king what God was revealing to him about the course of human history. No person was able to provide that message to the king, but God revealed the mystery to Daniel.

How we need to pray together, even as Daniel and his friends prayed. We often lack a sense of urgency, as we do not have a sentence of death hanging over us. We often lack a sense of expectancy, as we do not have much confidence that God will answer our prayers. We fail to realize how much we need our brothers and sisters in Christ to pray with us, assuming wrongly that all that matters is my personal relationship with Christ. But God has placed us into an awesome community of faith, and as we gather with one another to pray, God is able to do amazing things on our behalf! Remember the book of Acts:

*"all the believers lifted their voices **together** in prayer to God . . . After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness"*
(Acts 4: 24,31).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1:00 PM CIA	3 10:00-11:00 AM Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Missions 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting	5	6
7 Communion Service & Sunday School Special Board Meeting after Sunday School	8 7:00 PM Baumgardner's	9 1:00 PM CIA	10 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice	11 7:00 PM LIFT	12	13 7:00 AM Men's Ministry
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	15 12:00 Noon YAH at Ashcombe's Dillsburg Farmer's Fair	16 1:00 PM CIA Dillsburg Farmer's Fair	17 10:00-11:00 AM Prayer Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice Dillsburg Farmer's Fair	18 Dillsburg Farmer's Fair	19 Dillsburg Farmer's Fair	20 Dillsburg Farmer's Fair
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	22 7:00 PM Baumgardner's	23 1:00 PM CIA	24 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice	25 6:00-8:00 PM Trunk or Treat	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Last Sunday Luncheon	29	30 1:00 PM CIA	31 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice			

Birthdays in October:

1 Jennifer Miller
11 Sherie Myers
13 Zachary Newcomer
14 Makayla Smith
14 Makenzie Smith
15 Ron Boltz

17 Randy May
17 Angela Minich
17 Martha Arbegast
22 Michele Smith
23 Jo Boltz

Anniversaries in October:

25 Jim and Amy Perry

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:33)