

Pk's Perspectives ... Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

It has certainly been a challenging and sobering start to the week of Thanksgiving celebrations. Our hearts are heavy with concern for Clyde and Jan. Clyde is currently in ICU @ Memorial Hospital in Savannah; I want to share the two latest texts I have received from Jan (as of the writing of this article on Tuesday morning).

- Jan: We all rested really well. We're heading that way now. The night nurse called us around 9:00 last night and gave a good update. All of his numbers seem to be improving. But there are so many issues. He is very restful. They seem to have a timeline for weaning him off the ventilator. It will still be a few days. There are low blood pressure issues, too. Dialysis must make BP drop because they are working hard to keep it up. I'll write more shortly.

As we receive updates or learn of specific prayer requests here in the office, we will post those updates on the Legacy Builder Facebook page. (*On Facebook search for FBC Cochran Legacy Builders and click the "Join Group" tab.*) If you know of anyone who is not on FB & needs to get an email or text message, please contact the church office.

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Although our hearts are with Clyde & Jan, we know they both would want the Legacy Builders ministry to continue. For those of you who may be wondering about the status of Legacy Builders ministry events that are currently on the church calendar — all events are on, nothing has been canceled. Clyde and Jan have already done most of the heavy lifting in planning for the November 30th Holly Jolly Christmas Lights trip, December 5th Christmas Dinner, and the December 7th Christmas Bible Study. Volunteers from the Advisory Team have stepped up to shepherd these events to their completion; Fay Tyus has agreed to lead point as our de-facto "interim" Legacy Builders leader at least through the month of December.

If I'm being totally honest...I don't want to have to face Clyde once he's back among the flock and answer his question, "Why in this world did you cancel all the ministry events we already had planned in December?"

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The greatest, most powerful thing we can do for Clyde and Jan is "hold the rope" in our prayer closets. Corrie Ten Boom wrote: "We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer. If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God's work on behalf of the people for whom we pray." Be encouraged by these words from Mark Batterson: "Long before we woke up this morning and long after we go to sleep tonight, the Holy Spirit was and is circling us in prayer. And if that doesn't infuse us with holy confidence, I don't know what will. But it isn't just the Holy Spirit who is interceding for us; the Son of God is interceding for us as well. They are interceding for the will of God to be accomplished in our lives. We are double circled. They are circling us all the time with songs of deliverance." James 5:16 "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." Grace & peace, PK.