



# Patrick Prayer Page



## Personal Comings & Goings

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1Th 5:18*

We have seen God's hand at work in our lives over these past few months as we have had unique opportunities to learn about thanking God even through difficult circumstances. We do give thanks to Him and depend upon Him because He is in control.

This summer Melanie's dad asked us if we would be willing to allow him to come and live with us and build a small home for him. Of course, we were happy to do that and set the plans in motion to build him a separate living facility on our property. I took the week off before Labor Day to try to get the build-

ing "dried in," and on Saturday all was going well as we began putting the metal roof on the house. A friend had volunteered to help, and we were just putting on the first sheet of metal. I lost my balance and started falling off the ladder. I cut my middle finger on my right hand through the tendons which has required surgery. I am still recovering, and the injury will require future physical therapy.

We are thankful that the injury was not more serious, and that our friend and our sons were able to finish the roof. We do covet your prayers for Bruce's healing, our safety, and the progress of this home as we work to have Melanie's dad moved in by Thanksgiving.

## Ministry Headlines

Although it's been a while since our last ministry update, we haven't really slowed down except to recuperate from Bruce's surgery. This summer was exciting as we conducted 14 Awana Orientation trainings throughout the territory. We had more than 400 children's workers participate in this vital ministry training. We're looking forward to another training this weekend in Jacksonville, AL.

We are extremely excited about the thirty-two new clubs that have begun Awana in their church or will begin in the next month. Please pray for these churches (and the existing clubs) and their leadership, that they would be faithful

to proclaim the good news of the gospel, and that many would come to trust Jesus as Savior.

The 2006 Fall Leadership Conference in Niceville, Florida was a tremendous blessing as approximately 225 leaders were recharged and encouraged for continued service to the Lord through Awana. The keynote pastor, Michael Orr, challenged each of us in our personal walk with the Lord and our ministry to young people. Praise the Lord for His presence and work among us through the conference day.

Our next conference will be in Pinson, AL on October 14, 2006. Please pray that this day will bring honor and glory to God and further His kingdom.

# Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

## Blessings

- ⇒ For the demonstration of excitement and commitment by many leaders at conference who desire to reach boys and girls and families for Christ
- ⇒ For the safety and health of our four children and the blessing they are to us
- ⇒ For the new churches and individuals that have begun to invest in God's work by giving financially to this ministry. Praise the Lord for a generous conference offering.
- ⇒ For 32 new clubs that have started Awana—pray that they would raise up a generation that will be used mightily be God for eternity.
- ⇒ For leaders that see a real need to train warriors for Christ in today's society.
- ⇒ For the ministry team that God has supplied to work with us, and for others who have expressed an interest in joining with us to minister in the DixieShores Territory.
- ⇒ For God's protection and provision in our lives

## Prayers

- ⇒ For the 2006 Fall Conferences in Pinson, AL—pray that God would use this time to challenge, equip, and encourage leaders
- ⇒ That God would be glorified through our lives, and that we would rest in Him for every provision in our lives
- ⇒ For new ministry team couples that would be willing to help with training and assisting churches in this territory
- ⇒ That support would continue to grow over the next few months, and that we would see God remove the deficit from our account as we become fully supported
- ⇒ For healing of Bruce's finger from surgery to repair his tendon that was cut Labor Day weekend.
- ⇒ For wisdom as we make plans for Melanie's dad's move to Wetumpka. Also, pray for safety as we work and progress beyond what we can anticipate as we desire to have him moved in by Thanksgiving.

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But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.  
I Corinthians 15:57-58

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