



Patrick Prayer Page



Personal Comings & Goings

We serve an awesome God, and He is good! We continue to call and depend upon Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we could ask or think.

So many of you have faithfully prayed for our family and the ministry of Awana in the DixieShores Territory, and we thank God for you. Bruce's finger is healing well. No more physical therapy; he just needs to use it. If you know Bruce, you know that's not a problem. We've just about completed Melanie's dad's house, but Dad just couldn't wait. He came to live with us just before Thanksgiving, and moved into his place next door just before Christmas. There's still some landscaping and painting to do, as well as making and installing the cabinet doors, but Dad seems very content and settled in his new home. We were even able to surprise him with a "Men's Prayer

Breakfast" house dedication for which several men (and a few ladies) joined us for breakfast and a sweet time of fellowship followed by a time of dedication of himself and his home to the Lord.

Here are a few family highlights! We were able to take a wonderful most-of-the-family vacation in November. After the hard work on the house, it provided a welcome rest for Bruce, Melanie, Daniel, and Katie. Andrew is doing well at college; he made the Dean's List for his first semester! Michael is getting ready to graduate from high school; please pray for him as he seeks God and His plan for his future.

We are on the road a lot these days, so we appreciate your continued prayers for our safety and that our vehicles will continue to run well on the road. We hope to see many of you in the next few months as we travel! Blessings to you!

Ministry Headlines

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
Ephesians 1:3*

This has been a whirlwind year so far. During January and February we have been busy visiting clubs that requested us to come and personally receive pennies from their Penny Projects. This was an exciting time for us to see the creativity of clubs to motivate clubbers to bring in their pennies. A couple of clubs had a string the leader contest. One club had their clubbers wait tables at a local restaurant to raise money. One club even used the Kiss-the-Pig contest. The bad news is that there was a tie and the pastor and commander both had the privilege of kissing the pig. So far we have received \$7299.30 from the Penny Project and our account is "in the black." We still have a couple of churches that are working on the project, and we are excited to see what God will do through those clubs. Thanks to all those who participated in this project, and Praise be to God for the

positive condition of our account. Please pray that we will continue to see others commit to the monthly support to keep us in the black.

So far this month we have attended the Bible Quizzes in Lynn Haven and Pensacola. It was very exciting to see clubbers from ten churches, several of whom recently started Awana, participate in the Quizzes. Many of these clubbers left ready to return again next year. Please pray with us that more churches will see the benefit of this event and the opportunity that it provides clubbers to excel in their participation in Awana.

Next month it will be AwanaGames in Niceville and in Pensacola. Please begin to pray with us that parents will attend with their kids to hear that God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them. It has always encouraged me to hear about parents accepting Christ as their Saviour during one of these events, and I pray that this year will be no different.

Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

Blessings

- ⇒ For two wonderful and exciting Bible Quizzes and the Ministry Team couples that made them possible
- ⇒ 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 God for the churches that have participated or will participate in the Penny Project.
- ⇒ For the 48 new clubs that have started Awana during 2006—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 upcoming AwanaGames, that they would be well attended and that many would come to trust Christ as their Savior
- ⇒ 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 regular monthly giving would increase to allow us to stay in the black
- ⇒ For continued healing of Bruce's finger from surgery to repair his tendon that was cut Labor Day weekend.
- ⇒ For more churches to get excited about the potential benefits of getting involved in AwanaGames and Bible Quiz.
- ⇒ For a renewed commitment from God's people to give priority to the things that will last.

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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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