



# Patrick Prayer Page

## Personal Comings & Goings

*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. Proverbs 3:5-6*

The past month has had us running around quite a bit personally. In the next few weeks, several members of the family will be going in different directions, and we covet your prayers as we are traveling and separated from one another.

Just a couple of weeks ago Michael graduated from high school. The home school covering graduation ceremony was inspirational as 40+ seniors received their diplomas while also receiving a spoken blessing from their parents. We are now preparing for his Eagle Scout Court of Honor!

Katie has been very busy working on her tan in the pool. At

this time of the year, we just refer to her as "the fish." Swimming is definitely her favorite activity in these hot summer months.

Daniel is preparing to attend a week-long strings camp in Montgomery at Huntington College where he and other string players will enjoy several days of learning and playing together on their instruments. We're looking forward to the culmination of the week's activities with a Saturday concert. Please pray for Daniel as he is away from home.

Andrew is now home and working at Carrabba's in Montgomery. His return home has made things a little different in the house—more laundry to do, an extra place at the table—but it's a joy to have him home for the summer.

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## 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 past month has been very exciting for me. I have had the opportunity to share the ministry of Awana with several churches, and they have been an encouragement to me. At one church, after the presentation, I heard a couple of people talking about their impression of Awana. They were excited to see a ministry where the central focus was the Gospel and teaching children the principles for life presented in God's Word. They mentioned that they would be disappointed if the church didn't decide to start Awana. Well, there aren't disappointed, the church has registered, and we have scheduled Basic Training Orientation for them.

At another church, while I was setting up for the presentation, a gentleman came up to me to ask me a few questions. While answering his questions, it became clear that

he was considering becoming the commander of the club. After the presentation the pastor announced that they already had the first leadership position filled. Their commander had already volunteered. It was the man that I was talking to prior to the meeting. We have scheduled their training and, although it is not a large church, and presently they don't have a lot of children at the church, they have 20 or more volunteers ready to begin to reach their community for Christ through the Awana program. I believe God is going to use them in a great way in their community.

This past month I also attended a leaders meeting and was moved as a leader talked about the differences in her clubbers this year from previous years. She said that two years ago she had a group of clubbers that had a good deal of Bible knowledge, but that this year she had to go back to the basics. She was spending a lot of time sharing with the clubbers about who

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# Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

## Blessings

- ⇒ For a great event season this winter/spring.
- ⇒ For the safety and health of our four children and the blessing they are to us
- ⇒ For the response of churches to the Penny Project bringing our account in the black.
- ⇒ For the churches that are interested in beginning Awana this fall.
- ⇒ 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 a good training season through the summer. May God bring leaders that are eager to learn how Awana can benefit them and their church.
- ⇒ 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 who 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 a renewed commitment from God's people to give priority to the things that will last.
- ⇒ For safety as I and others travel this summer for training

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God is and was able to share the Gospel resulting in several clubbers receiving Christ as their Savior. Leaders taking the time to get to know their clubbers and help them where they are. Shouldn't that be what we are all striving to do with the clubbers whom God puts in our paths.

**PENNY PROJECT UPDATE:** To date we have received \$9695 towards the penny project, and as of the end of May, our account is in the black by the largest amount ever. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us through His people. It has been a great feeling to have the deficit erased. Please pray with us that God will continue to raise up individuals and churches to beginning supporting the ministry so that we remain on solid financial footing.

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During the week of strings camp, and while Andrew is away for a few days to visit friends in the Huntsville area, Melanie is planning to go to a teachers' conference in Atlanta for a couple of days. We know that she will enjoy the time away, but the real fun will be at home with Dad in charge. Please pray for Melanie as she is away from home, but especially for dad, Michael, and Katie as they survive without her, although we're confident that Katie will be able to keep everyone straight.

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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