



Thy Loving Kindness

Yesterday I was listening to a teaching by the late Dr. RC Sproul about the Hebrew word *chesed* which means mercy, love, kindness, loving-mercy, loyal love. This morning the following song came to my mind and I could not shake it.

Thy Loving Kindness by Hugh Mitchell

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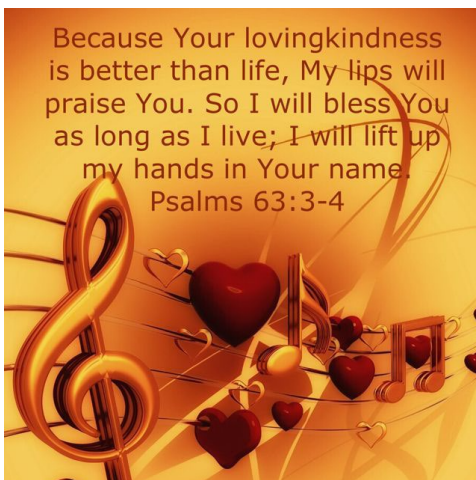
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This song is right out of the words of Psalm 63.3-4. Here are the first four verses of that song. **O God, you are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. ³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. ⁴Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.**



Lloyd Oglivie gives us this explanation of this Psalm. **David's worship is based on God's "lovingkindness" which is a greater good than "life" itself. This "lovingkindness" is His "grace," His "covenant-love," which finds David and holds him unconditionally. To be loved by God in this way is "better than life," or to put it another way, it is to begin to live.** ¹ It is my desire that each of us will experience the joy of knowing God's loving kindness that he lavishly gives us. What this world desires to give us pales in comparison to that amazing love. As you go about your days, continue to ponder the

many ways that God has given to you his unconditional, self-less, sacrificial love. When you do, you might find yourself lifting up your hands in praise to him.

In Christ Alone

¹ Donald Williams and Lloyd J. Ogilvie, [Psalms 1-72](#), vol. 13, The Preacher's Commentary Series (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Inc, 1986), Ps 63:3-5.

Prayer & Praises

- Pray for Bob Shambaugh, who is a lifelong friend of Bob Meck's, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer.
- Pray for Bob Meck's dear friend Richard Stober who is in hospice care for cancer at his home in Hershey.
- John Fisher requested prayer for his daughter, Lisa Fisher for relief from back pain.
- Gerald Gerber requested prayer for his cousin Bill Gerber who is in the hospital for observation for breathing congestion.
- Tammy Breighner requested prayer for son Dustin Breighner. Pray for a speedy recovery from surgery on Wednesday to repair torn tendons.
- Merv Good shared a praise that his grandson Tristan had called who they hadn't heard from for 7 or 8 years and he is now getting back to God.
- Joanne Miller requested prayer for her sister Linda Whiteford. She was taken back to the hospital yesterday and was admitted due to very low oxygen levels. She has fluid surrounding her lungs and pneumonia. They are going to drain the fluid today and she will have an hour long radiation treatment to her brain. Her chemotherapy was supposed to start tomorrow but is on hold now because of the pneumonia
- Pray for the victims of the shooting in Kansas City and their families, especially the family of the person who died.
- Please pray for Victor Riddle who is having a toothache, that he would find a dentist and some relief to the pain that he is experiencing.
- Sue Deardorff requested prayer for Dakota Dixon, an 8 year old boy in the Wrightsville area who has an aggressive brain cancer. Pray for him and his mother.
- Pray for strength and healing for Wilmer Grim to recover from a fall he took last week.



Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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| *Kathy McWilliams | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren | *Mary Fisher |
| *Alyssa Leakway | *Gloria Gerber | *Missy Braden | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner | *Bill Barley | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook | *Victor Riddle | *Mark Lipsitz |

Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George | *Butch Warren's brother | *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) |
| | *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip | *Tom Kimmel | *Bob (Ron Engle, friend) |
| *Sandy Harlacker | *Ellie Basko | *Mark Yonker | *Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) |
| *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore | *Butch Warren | |

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Weekly Prayer Point

Philippians 2: 9-11 When we pray in Jesus' Name, we are praying to the Highest Authority in the universe! There is no other name to whom we could possibly bring our petitions. We can put our entire trust in His Name because there is no one greater than Him! When we pray in His Name, we are saying, "Daddy these are my desires and my cries but I totally trust Your will and Your judgement!" He is not far off...He is in your heart by the Holy Spirit. This Highest Authority dwells in you! My brothers and sisters let us pray that we have eyes to see Whom our God is!!!

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

Nakaseke Congregation in Uganda, with Pastor Alexis Sempi
Kasangati Congregation in Kampala, Uganda, with Pastor John Mwesigwa



This week

Wednesday 2/14

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Service 6:30 pm

Saturday 2/17

- *Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7 am

Sunday 2/18

- *9 am Come Worship!

Monday 2/19

- *Open Gym Sports Volleyball 6:30 pm

Tuesday 2/20

- *Commissions Meeting 6 pm
- *Board Meeting 7 pm (due to snow last week)

Next Week

Wednesday 2/21

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Ladies Choir 7:45 pm

Thursday 2/22

- *Prayer Shawl 10 am

Sunday 2/25

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Snow Tubing youth event

Monday 2/26

- *Open Gym Sports Basketball 6:30 pm



Next Church Board Meeting

February 20th, 2023

Commissions meet at 6pm

Board meets at 7pm

The board meetings are open to the congregation. Everyone is welcome to come and observe.

Ladies Choir

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 7:45pm

Next practice is February 21st!

See Betty Engle for more information

Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 10 am - 2 pm

Joanne Miller

will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner NOON

Sunday, February 25th.

All donations will go towards her IMO medical mission trip expenses in September.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board!

FREE OPEN GYM SPORTS NIGHT OUTREACH

From 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

February 19th - Volleyball

February 26th - Basketball

March 4th - Soccer

March 11th - Kickball

March 18th - the last night will be community choice which will be voted for on March 11.

There will be a Kids Zone where young children can play while their parents enjoy the sports activities for that night.

No registration is necessary, just show up. If you would be interested in helping to set up, tear down or help in the Kids Zone, contact Josh Stewart at 717-430-9243.