



February 2015

Praises & Prayers

“Cancer” A Word You Never Want To Hear

While in the midst of a busy day, I (Nathan) received a call from the nurse at my Doctor’s office. She asked if I had a few minutes to talk and then what she said next stopped me in my tracks... “You have Cancer”.

Two weeks ago I went in for a routine dermatologist appointment, during which the doctor decided to remove three moles for testing. This is a procedure that I am used to and the results normally come back clean so receiving this phone call was a real shock. The nurse proceeded to tell me that I had Melanoma on my leg and pre-cancerous cells on my back and chest. All three of the moles they tested will need to be removed.

Although the news was a shock and unexpected, the Lord gave me peace over the situation. This news did not come as a shock to Him and I trust that He will get us through this. *Isaiah 26:3 says, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”* Over the last week I have surrendered this cancer to God, and kept my focus and trust in Him.



I have just undergone the first surgical procedure, and we are praising God for our answered prayers. The Doctor was able to completely remove all of the skin cancer cells from my leg!

I have a surgery appointment again on February 11 and another in March. There is a high likelihood that I may have more cancerous skin cells that have yet to be discovered so I will be going to dermatology appointments every three months throughout the year.

Due to the number of moles that I have, each visit will result in biopsies and the possibility of additional surgeries.

The news of this cancer has reminded me of how precious our time is. I hug Lucas and Allison tighter, I value our dinner time conversations more, I cherish my wife even greater and I more deeply value the support of my family and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please join us in prayer for a quick recovery and for the rest of my body to be healed and free of additional cancer. The surgeries that are already planned and the upcoming doctor visits/biopsies are projected to have an out-of-pocket expense of approximately \$7,000. Would you please join us in praying that the Lord will supply provision in this area of need as well.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support!

Nathan & Jennifer

Praise: That the Doctor was able to completely remove all of the skin cancer cells from my leg!

Pray: For the rest of my body to be healed and free of any additional cancer.

Pray: For the two Art of Marriage events that we will be hosting in April. Washington Missouri on April 10-11 and Benton Arkansas April 24-25.

Praise: For a successful Weekend to Remember season. In the Fall of 2014, just over 9,000 people attended and nearly 200 made a decision to follow Christ.

Pray: For the Lord’s provision for our out-of-pocket medical expenses that are projected to total approximately \$7,000 in 2015.





Love Letters

Recently, I (Jennifer) was talking with someone that had just returned from a Weekend to Remember. She said that the “Love Letter” project was a highlight of their weekend.

In their 20 year marriage they had never done anything like it. As they shared their love letters with each other that weekend, it brought them both to tears... happy tears.

When was the last time you wrote your spouse a special love note? Has it been a while?

With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, maybe this is your opportunity to write a love letter to your spouse. Not a sarcastic, joking letter, but a real love letter from the heart.

To get you started, here are some questions to think about:

- What characteristics do I love about my spouse?
- What special memories do we share together?
- What challenges have we gone through together?
- How has my spouse changed me for the better?

It may take a few drafts, but we are confident that if you put the time and effort into doing your best, the outcome will be well worth it!

Take your marriage to a whole new level.



There are over 50 events being held all over the United States between February and June of 2015.

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March 6-8 or April 10-12

Kansas City, KS
March 13-15

Peoria, IL
March 27-29

Branson, MO
April 17-19



We are excited to be hosting two Art of Marriage Events in April. Contact us if you would like more information on either event.

Washington, MO
April 10-11

Benton, AR
April 24-25