

## 2021 CCM Week of Prayer July 11 - 18

1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

July 11 – Day 1 – "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!" (Borrowed from Sherry Anderson) As CCM volunteers & myself gather each morning for prayer, we ask the Lord to give us the words we need to say & the actions we need to take that will bring us into a closer relationship with Him as we seek to meet the needs of others through this ministry. Pray with us that we will do as God directs by showing His love to others in word & deed.

July 12 – Day 2 – The Christmas Toy Ministry: In spite of the pandemic, parents came to CCM to have both physical & spiritual needs met through the annual Christmas Toy Ministry. Although numbers were way down, we had a wonderful experience with happy parents, plentiful volunteers & counselors. Begin praying now that the lost will be found and that toys & volunteers will be plentiful for this most needed ministry.

July 13 – Day 3 – Back Yard Block Party: This "new in 2019 event" was a huge hit with children & adults alike with 174 in attendance. Children were required to first participate in Bible study before they could partake of food & games. Bingo for adults was a huge hit. Volunteers were plentiful. There is always room for improvement which we will work toward in 2022. Please pray that this ministry will have far reaching effects and that God will give us wisdom in planning for future Back Yard Block Parties.

July 14 – Day 4 – For the Children: Children are our future however there many children who see the future as bleak as life has thrown them some curve balls. Deut. 10:18 tells us, 'He defends the cause of the fatherless & the widow, & loves the alien, giving him food & clothing.' Reaching out with Christian love, we can make a difference for Christ in the lives of children who may feel abandoned. Remembering the children of the Central Children's Home on their birthdays is a great encouragement. When we collect food for the Baptist Children's Home or volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House, we are actively showing them that we care about them. But... just don't show them, tell them! Pray for the physical, emotional, & spiritual health of these children.

July 15 – Day 5 - Our Household Assistance Closet is one of our most utilized ministries. CCM is so blessed with items that we can outfit a home from kitchen to bedroom, to bathroom. We typically have furniture on-hand that we also give away. Mattresses & box springs plus pillows are a huge blessing! Recipients fill out an application so that we know exactly what they need. Each one receives a Bible and is prayed with. Please pray that God will bless these homes with the security of knowing Him as Lord and Savior and from this they will claim His promise that He will never leave them nor forsake them through good times and not so good times.

July 16 – Day 6 - - The Baby Moses Closet is just one tool CCM uses to show the love of Christ to parents, grandparents, or foster parents. We keep baby basics on hand as families are referred by the Health Dept., Social Services, or word of mouth for those in need of assistance with items for newborns up to 6 months in size. Gently used baby furniture, car seats, etc. are also generally available. Pray that these children will be brought up in homes where they are loved and God's Word is made known. God give us Christian Homes!

July 17 – Day 7 - Today is the 96th anniversary of Virginia Tuck's birthday. Virginia was the CCM Director before me who was still serving in this capacity at age 80 when she unexpectedly passed away. We honor Virginia's legacy as God grew this ministry immeasurably during her tenure. She would be so excited to know that in the near future CCM will have a permanent home on land behind the Flat River Office. We praise God for this blessing! Pray that the road to erecting this new building will be smooth and that ministries & missions work will grow to meet the needs of the community.

July 18 – Day 8 – As tiny steps become larger steps, we are excited about the future new home for CCM! Contractors are being interviewed. Floor plans are being mulled over. As Proverbs 16:3 says: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do & He will establish your plans." From start to finish, we commit the planning, the financial aspect, the workers, & the construction to the Lord. We ask your prayers to reflect Proverbs 16:3.

