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Ambitiously seeking 1,000,000 people to pray for Bay Saint Louis and Waveland, Mississippi

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Thank you for visiting www.PrayfortheBay.com. My name is Kelly Moore and I am a member of Lagniappe Presbyterian Church ("LPC"). Through this website, I will be conveying to you the prayer concerns for the Bay St. Louis and Waveland (Hancock County) areas of Mississippi. Your continued support through committed prayer is so very much appreciated. Updates will be entered on the 2nd week of each month. Current prayer requests are as follows:



Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland (Hancock County), Mississippi:

- The trauma of Hurricane Katrina has resulted in various forms of extreme brokenness in this area. Please pray for broken marital/family/community relationships to be restored. Please pray for restoration of economical issues so that everyone would be financially stable and homelessness would be eliminated. Please pray for spiritual restoration and that everyone would be connected to a Bible believing church.
- As a result of Hurricane Katrina, residents of the Gulf Coast have faced heartbreaking losses of their homes, possessions and their communities. Little did some know that the insurance they had paid for years would not reimburse their losses. It became a matter of which came first, wind or water? Many insurance companies' ethics were questioned as thousands of Mississippi residents were paid little or nothing on their claims. Since Katrina, insurance rates on the Gulf Coast have doubled, and in some cases, tripled. The simple economics of these huge insurance costs is hampering the rebuilding of both residential and commercial structures. Responsively, Mississippi State Representative, Gene Taylor, has introduced Insurance Reform Bill HR31-21, which would allow property owners to

purchase wind and flood insurance in a single policy. HR31-21 is being hotly contested by the insurance industry, but was passed by the House Financial Committee. It is a much needed insurance reform, not only for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, but for the whole country, as 52% of Americans live in coastal areas. This Bill is still in its infancy and has a long way to go before it can even come up in the House of Representatives and Senate. Some residents may not be aware, but they can write to their Congressmen and Senators to ask support for this Bill, which may be effective in ultimately having it pass and become instated.

LPC Staff and families/friends:

- Please pray for the LPC staff to take more time out to spend in collective prayer with each other.
- Please pray for LPC staff social worker, Helen Buckley, who after 14 months of generous service to LPC and the Hancock County community, will be relocating to the New Orleans area to serve with her gifts in that devastated community.
- Please pray for the ability to allow LPC staff intentional times of collective retreat and/or respite time.
- Please pray for staff member Barbara Warner for safe travel and extended visit out of state to be with her daughter, Tammy, who is expecting a baby mid-September. That the delivery of the baby will be quick, that mom and baby will be healthy and that this will be a rich time of joy and love shared among this whole family.
- Please pray for staff members Jean Larroux, Richard Warner, Sarah Denton, and Curt & Kelly Moore as they will be traveling extensively during September, October and November to visit various churches in various states to communicate the ongoing need for volunteers in this area.

LPC Facility and Grounds:

- During the first week of September, the LPC staff began to pray regarding a number of long-range ideas and goals for the Hancock County community and its homeless. Please pray with us for the ability to purchase, obtain, or be given a larger piece of property to at some point facilitate a womens' shelter, a classical Christian school, various adult educational services, life skill counseling, and transitional/interim housing to help those out of poverty into home ownership. It is also our prayer that with God's movement through the ability to provide specialized community services that even the government will seek out the church for wisdom in how to care for its people.
- Please pray for the ability for LPC to provide a youth outreach ministry and a new male minister staff person.
- Please pray for the ability to have an additional long-term construction staff person.
- Please pray for the provision of a full-time housekeeping and cleaning individual for the LPC facility.
- Now that summer is coming to an end and many people are returning to school, etc., we are

experiencing a considerable dip in volunteer count. Also, having reached the 2nd year mark of Hurricane Katrina (August 29th), many across the nation are under the false impression that everything is "all put back together" by now. Resultantly, Sarah Denton, LPC Resource Coordinator, generated a massive mail-out to 2,000 churches emphasizing the ongoing need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Please pray that God will provide continued volunteers and finances to LPC so that we can continue to assist the community.

- Now that the relief work has shifted from the "clean-up phase" to a "new
- construction/re-building stage", please pray that more skilled volunteers will come to LPC to serve the community, such as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, framers, dry-wallers and those able to do finish type work.
- Please pray for the provision of specific volunteer teams or individuals ("Minute Men") who can be called upon to come to LPC periodically for specific jobs at specific times.
- For a retired couple to come and live on-site at LPC for a few months out of the year to provide regular "handy man" type work at the LCP facility and/or on homes built by LPC for the community.

🌀 Resident Recipes 🌀

On each newsletter we'll include a local southern recipe for you to try and enjoy as you remember us in prayer. Enjoy!

Merliton & Shrimp (Shrimp and Eggplant casserole)

INGREDIENTS: 3 medium to large sized eggplants, 1 medium yellow onion, 2 cloves garlic, 1/2 stick butter or margarine, 1 ½ pounds of fresh Gulf shrimp, 2 tomatoes, 8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese (for the really ambitious substitute fresh merliton for the eggplant, that's how the locals make this!)

- ❑ Skin and eggplant and dice into small bite size pieces. Place in large pot and cover with cold water and some salt. Let sit in water for about 45 minutes, then drain.
- ❑ Place back in the pot with about 2 cups of water and simmer until the eggplant is soft. Drain the water, then place the softened eggplant in large bowl and mash it until you can't see any more "hunks."
- ❑ In a skillet, melt butter and brown diced onion and garlic until it is clear in color. Add diced tomatoes and let mixture simmer for a little while on low heat until they begin to look rather withered. (I usually boil some water first and when it's boiling, I dip the tomatoes in one at a time for a few minutes so they're really easy to peel).
- ❑ Add the shrimp (I either dice the shrimp into medium-sized pieces or slice the shrimp down the middle so it looks as though you're getting a whole shrimp when, in fact, it's just half of one.) Cook in skillet until the shrimp turn pink in color.
- ❑ Incorporate the shrimp mixture and shredded mozzarella cheese into the mashed eggplant and place in a greased baking dish. Bake at 300 degrees for about 25 minutes - just until it's hot.

(If desired, you can prepare the eggplant part ahead of time and freeze it. Then thaw out later and add the shrimp).

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