

Dear ,

Eagle News:

I hope this letter find you very well and filled with His peace and joy!!

It's so difficult to know how to order news in these letters. Do I share difficulties first, the end with uplifting or start with all the uplifting news and end with needs? I decided that the blessings far exceed the difficulties, so I'll start with the difficult news...

Many of you know and have been blessed by Marjorie Bahr. I have some sad news. She had a heart attack and went home to be with Our Lord. I know that is not sad news for her, but we will miss her. Please lift the many people she effected in prayer, especially Jeff Starr as she is the 3rd important woman he has lost in the last few months.

My mother has finished her chemo and will have a follow up pet scan next week. Art's brother was diagnosed with bone cancer a few weeks ago and is not doing too well. Please lift him and his family up in prayer.

My son-in-law's father, Joe, has been hospitalized with COVID and pneumonia. Please lift them in prayer too.

All is well here. Steve and I went to Colorado for a week with the grand-kids and my daughter/family. We took the 2 grandchildren that live in Arizona with us and there are 7 grandchildren already in Colorado, so it was a week of enjoying our grands. Last time that I went to CO it was to watch the older boys while the rest of the family went to attend their father's graduation from latent prints training. Since I only had 2, I was able to spoil them rotten...when there are 7, it's hard to spoil individuals. This time they had come up with a great plan that I should spoil the next 2 older boys and next time the younger children. Did I mention they are brilliant children? ;-) So I spent a day each with the next 2 older boys spoiling them the best I know how. We went to lunch then shopping. We found that Olive Garden was open and a Chinese Buffet. At Olive Garden, we were able to get full meals with dessert, but the Chinese Buffet didn't have dessert, so we had to go to Cold Stone. Cold Stone is a frozen yogurt place. You select the flavor of your yogurt then add as many toppings as you like. My favorite is cheese cake yogurt with salted almond pieces, hot fudge and whipped cream. Both boys wanted to purchase weapons - evidently boys like to play war. They ended up buying air guns and I bought face guards for all the boys. They assure me that they will not do too much damage to each other and their parents pre-approved, so there you go...a peaceful grandma purchasing weapons...I don't know how that happens!!

Christian moved out on the day after we left for CO. One of his workmates had a room to rent and he is now with him. All is peaceful in our home again.

At the onset of COVID, God gave all the people that make up our church the same message. Psalm 91 – fear not, I will keep you safe! Henry spoke up at the start of our service and shared what God had told him. The rest of us sat listening in surprise as the same message had come to each of us individually! God is so incredibly good. We have continued to safely meet and lift each other in the midst of all the external (as in outside of our group) fear. When I was feeling like maybe we were not behaving responsibly, God spoke again using the verse about not allowing me to be ashamed for my faith in Him. He is more than able and has spoken clearly.

When Steve Barrett was still inside, we used to write to him, but he kept sending messages out through other's letters that he hadn't heard from us in a long, long time. It was frustrating and I would quickly write again to assure him that he was in our thoughts and prayers and that all was on track for his homecoming. After several months, we received a letter from Steve Barrett and it wasn't our Steve Barrett. Evidentially there were 2 Steve Barretts in prison at the same time – who would've thought. Recently the other Steve Barrett finished his sentence and was released. I started wondering how he was doing, so I looked him up on the sex offender registry – then James and I went to find him. We found him. It was amazing. The address on the registry was a church. We were quite puzzled, but got out and tried to find a way to enter the church. I was knocking on windows and doors. James went around to the back and found a man wanting to know what we were doing there. It was the other Steve!! He has been hired as a caretaker for an Indian church. They know all about his history and have accepted him in Christ. His life is parallel to our Steve's. He does all the same jobs/responsibilities, right down to playing guitar!!

We purchased another home about 2 miles from the other two Eagle homes. It's a new build. Link has moved in already and Sekou is working on getting permission to move there too. The church will move our meetings there – it is bigger and will have less residents (just 2). The kitchen is beautiful and large, so it will be easier for me to cook our Saturday meals.

Steve has been fishing a few times with Larry. I think Larry starts a new job next week.

All of the Eagle men are back to working fulltime, except Kevin (Raymond). Kevin wants a job in the music industry, so he continues to look. If he hasn't found something by the end of July, he will settle for a job less than his dream job.

I have started doing yoga every day. I sit at a computer all day for my job, so it's good to get some exercise and I'm enjoying yoga.

For Mother's and Father's Days we did a parade in the front of my folk's house. We made posters and food and dropped them off. The Eagle men all participated in making the posters and it meant a great deal to me and to my folks!

Tonight we are having a movie night. I've ordered a wide variety of pizza and we plan to watch Independence Day – we may watch the second one too – depends on how tired we all are after pizza, popcorn, donuts, cheesecake, chips, and anything else we may decide to eat. Things have felt a bit strained with all the bad news reports and such, so I think it's important for us to keep our eyes on our Lord and have some fun!! Steve B has the sound system almost ready and will have it done by 4 when the pizza arrives.



We recently met to celebrate Bob's birthday. All members of this family are stuck at 25 years old, so that's what we celebrate. We had a great time! Bob said it was his best birthday ever – it is our 3rd 25th birthday party for him!

Henry's daughter has started a tee shirt business and Link had a logo he had designed, so he asked her to make a tee shirt with his logo. It says "Worship Core". When I saw his tee shirt, I asked if we could follow suit at Eagles' Nest. This picture is of the worship team in their tee shirts.

In the picture from left to right, Kevin (Ray), James, Sekou, Luis, Jimmy, Bob, Mike, Henry, Dave, Larry, Link and Steve B.

We have just received 2 applicants and accepted them both into the nest. Greg will come home later this month and Johnathan in December.

Jeff plans to come home to the nest for the first 3 to 6 months of 2021. He still has responsibilities in Cottonwood and is not sure how he will proceed.

So...how can you pray? Our prayer requests do not change but are so very important to us! Thank you for praying and not growing weary. God answers these prayers (like you don't already know that) and they are essential to our well-being and success. In addition, please pray that those of us who are married will continue to grow in our relationships. Marriage is intended as a reflection of our relationship with God. We face many challenges and your prayers are essential.

Please pray for God's people, that they will focus on God, listen carefully and always obey. Pray that we will all love Him with all our hearts, souls, strength and minds, that He will make us feel and see what He feels and sees and that we will all represent Him VERY well!

Please pray that in addition to loving and supporting each other, we reflect Our Lord so that those not already in relationship with Him will be drawn to Him.

Steve and I are feeling VERY blessed! God is faithful. God is more than capable. Please pray that we keep our focus on Him and that He receive all the praise and glory!

We want to be exactly where God wants us, doing exactly what He wants us to do – all the time.

Blessings!

Steve and Deb Schmidt