



## **FEBRUARY 2023 BRIEFING**

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13-15, ESV)*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

*As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust. (Psalm 103:13-14)*

I emailed last month's Briefing to you on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, having visited the Capitol for the first time on January 17. I was very excited about finally getting to the Capitol after recovering from surgery, but the Lord had other plans. I got COVID.

The next time I went to the Capitol was February 1. So in essence, I missed the entire month of January. However, the Lord knows that we are frail, and His steadfast love and compassion are truly amazing.

Last week, with the help of two Christian Senators (one Republican and one Democrat), I was able to reserve meeting space in the Capitol for prayer meetings to be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings every week until the end of the legislative session in May.

The Monday prayer meeting is for Senate Members Only and the first one was yesterday. Over 10% of the Senate attended! (11.4% to be exact – 4 out of 35)

Tomorrow will be the Aide, Staff, Intern prayer meeting. Thursday will be for House Members Only.

By design, the meetings are brief (15 minutes, from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.). At the meeting yesterday, one senator praised the format as being very helpful, because as you can imagine, a legislator's time is very precious.

Every meeting will begin with me reading one or more passages of scripture with a few brief words of explanation and application. In addition to any personal requests that they want to make, we will use the scripture to guide us as we pray. Yesterday, I invited anyone to pray or said I would be happy to be the only one to pray. Three of the four prayed.

Here are this week's passages:

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Colossians 4:5-6)*

I am thrilled with this new phase of ministry! The Lord is at work in wonderful ways!

Praise God for His goodness!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Del".

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise God for His continuing mercies which never fail and are new every morning!
- Praise God for successful surgery on my right kidney. The growth they took out was Clear Cell Renal Cancer, and because it was taken out completely there is no further treatment required!
- Praise God for recovery from COVID. I had a moderate case that was fairly challenging, but thankfully I now feel 100% recovered.
- Pray for the Lord's blessing on the weekly prayer meetings. My hope is the combination of God's Word and Prayer will be a source of spiritual growth and encouragement in the lives of each participant.
- Pray for a much needed increase in financial support.
- Pray God will create in the hearts of His people and the churches in Colorado a willingness and desire to financially support MTS-Colorado.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support!

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