





## **JANUARY 2023 BRIEFING**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:7, ESV)

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. (Psalm 68:19, ESV)

Thought I'd send out a quick message with some information about what's been happening.

- 1) I was able to visit the Capitol yesterday (Jan. 17) for the first time this Legislative Session, which began last week on Monday, January 9. I was only there for three hours but the Lord abundantly blessed the time. I was able to renew connections and begin new ones with dozens of people in the Capitol. More people than usual were there because, to my surprise, yesterday was the State of the State Address by the Governor. There was a lot of energy and excitement in the building with everyone generally in a good mood.
- 2) I couldn't attend the opening of the Legislative Session last week because I was still recovering from surgery that I had on December 29 to remove the lesion on my right kidney we've been watching since 2019. The surgeon removed the growth and a clear margin of normal tissue around it and left the rest of the kidney intact. I was supposed to spend one night in the hospital after surgery but ended up being hospitalized four nights (ugh). Post-surgery testing showed the growth was cancer (clear cell renal carcinoma), and the cure for that type of cancer is to remove the growth no further treatment. The surgeon declared me cured, but I will have CT scans for a couple of years in the future just to make sure.
- 3) The verses above reflect my current thoughts on how the Lord is sustaining and providing for me and Hazel on a daily basis. The Lord is using all of you to encourage us thank you!

Praise God for His goodness!

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