

Hey guys, well this is my third update and probably the last before seeing you all again, continuing thanks for all the prayers and the emails, I really do appreciate them.

Since my last update, there have been some changes here, the ministry is now called Lionheart Restoration Ministries, and the Knoxville House Of Prayer is now called the Prayer Furnace of East Tennessee. Over the past month, there has been an Art Showing within the church, based on restoring the arts from the Tabernacle of David. Setting up was fun and although hard work it was just really nice to be serving. Pastor Mike has also started up a new series on Abba, God as our Father, it's super interesting and I'm learning that only through a relationship with the Father can we impart destiny, and our destiny is to know Him in His fullness. Also what was really interesting is that we loose joy in life and through what happens in daily life so much because of suffering. What we don't realise is that joy is a discipline and we should never loose our joy. Even though we go through trials we should still rejoice in the Lord just as Paul did.

I am now on my forth book, I completed 'Desiring God' by John Piper, I found this book really difficult and long to read, but I did get a lot out of it. In a brief summary it was about Christian Hedonism, this is someone who is on the pursuit for his or her joy whilst pursuing God's glory. It is the pursuit of joy through suffering and



through this that the all-satisfying worth of the Source of our joy is magnified.

Our goal within our lives and the chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying him forever. We as humans have an infinite abyss that can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, which is only by God himself.

We desire happiness, and who wouldn't but our desire of happiness should be given all to God. If we enjoy and have enjoyment without noticing, our enjoyment flows to praise and praise completes our enjoyment. Praise is not an alternative of Joy but rather an expressive of joy and praise without joy is hypocritical. Our joy is found in our God and we are commanded in Psalm 37v4 to find joy in our loving God.

'Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart'

In completing this book I began my forth book 'The Knowledge of The Holy', which should be finished in the next day, but it has been really interesting to look at the attributes of God and how they work together. It also shows us where we get alot of our confusion from in the world

and how it can distort our perspective on the attributes of God. It really focuses on the nature of God and how we can understand God more deeply and experience Him more everyday.



Lionheart Worship Team with Brian and Ramey Whalen and Ray and Denise Hughes.

Within internship, I have been continuing prayer watches, on Friday nights I've been playing percussion which I have been really enjoying. I have also been playing on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, Tuesday evenings and on Sunday. While in the office, doing administration work, I have been helping make brochures and updating the website and in the coming two weeks we will be getting prepared for conference. I have even managed a bit of babysitting. Conference is the 12th-14th March with Paul Keith Davis, Aaron Evans, and Bobby Conner and I am really excited about it. I have also had the opportunity to play with Brian and Ramey Whalen two awesome worshipers for the Lord in which they led worship one Sunday morning.

Again sorry for the long update, and again thank you for all you're continual prayers and I pray that you will be blessed.

Prayer Points:

- As a body, that the conference will go well, without any hitches and that the prophets and speakers that are coming will have safe travel.
- That I will continue to seek God in my quiet time and listen to what He is saying.
- For the 28th March I will have a safe journey home.
- When I get home that I will not be distracted from what God has taught me and I will continue to grow in Him.

Again thank you so much,

God Bless

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