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Birthdays 11/20/2020

Meagan & Daniel Jones

Anniversaries 11/23/2020



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Contribution last week

\$5,166



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Repair and Maintenance

I'm sitting in Par Automotive in Tampa as I write my blog for today. I came because I noticed a couple of the tires on Norma's car had a rather balding look to them. Turns out that I need a entire new set. When I pulled in I looked at the maintenance sticker, I was due for an oil change. Ok. No problem.



But I also need a front-end alignment. Well, I guess that comes with the territory. Now my friend, Tim Engle who owns Par, informs me, "You need new brakes!" "Don't tell me that!" I exclaimed.

Good-naturedly Tim shrugged his shoulders and said, "Ok, you don't."

"Do I Really?"

"Yes," he replied.

"But the rotors are ok, right?"

"No," said Tim. "They're hot," you need new ones! "Don't worry, they're not expensive on that car."

Right!

All of this has got me to thinking. And changing my post for today. No, I'm not soliciting funds for car expenses. But it got me to thinking how this is a metaphor for life. Repair and maintenance.

Suppose I told Tim. I'm not spending that much. I just want two tires. Forget the oil change. No brakes. I drove over here. I'll be fine driving home. Besides Norma will never know the difference. We all know what would happen sooner or later without the proper automotive repair and maintenance. Continued inside



PRAYER LIST - AS OF 11/15/2020

Matthew Bruce deployed until April 2021
Natalie Bruce & children exposed to COVID-19
Richard Howe tested positive to COVID-19
Tom Sutherland - Debbie passed 11/15/2020

Jess Hart infected leg

Todd Foster has requested prayers for the mother of his friend Troy King who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Ollie Robinson - Home with antibiotics

Libby Darnell, widow of James Darnell, Jr.

John DeMas' mother, Janet -

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia

Lashlee's daughter, Lauren - Chrones

Janie Brewer - arthritis in her knees.

Phyllis Lauer - severe headaches

Marsha Williamson - Parkinson's

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, COPD, Hospice

Patricia Lange (Carrie Puckett's mother) - Finishing last chemo soon - Feeling low.

Agnes Kochik - (Ron's mother) - Fall, hip

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) - chemo

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK. IF YOU HAVE NEWS THAT SHOULD BE SHARED IN THIS WAY, PLEASE CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL JOHN BURCH OR RONALD MCDONALD.

Please continue to pray for our **deacons** (Jim Keith, Kerry Lashlee, Ron McDonald, Bud Porter, Paul Puckett, Craig Sims, Gary Smith, Curt Williamson) and their work.

Please continue to pray for our **elders** (John Burch, Rodger Cobia, Ron Kochik and Neal Smith) and their work.

Please continue to pray for the **evangelists** whom we support (Navitesh Dutt in Fiji; Joel Holt in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Ricky Shanks now working in Georgia; Tim Shepherd in Tennessee; Gustavo Marino in Montgomery area **and our own Bill Robinson.**

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Yet how often do we ignore the warning signs for repair and maintenance of the soul? The spirit? The mind?

Too many folks are trying to cruise-control through life with little thought for self-examination. Maybe it takes having "flat tire," in some relationship before we see the need to change. Or our emotional gas tank is running on empty and we try to make it to the next exit without refueling. Sometimes temptation comes along, and our spiritual brakes are shot and we can't stop in time.

What is needed? Spiritual repair and maintenance. We need to get into the Word. Talk to God in prayer. Spend some time in fellowship with those who can help. It's interesting that some folks "go to church," hear what they need to do, but say, "Don't tell me that!" Or "I made it here. And I'll make it home fine, thank you." Why do we believe a good mechanic more quickly than a knowledgeable preacher? Or a godly Shepherd? Or a devout Christian friend? We're told some repairs are needed, but we choose to ignore their advice.

Automotive maintenance requires the effort to come to the mechanic, time spent waiting for the work to be completed, and money invested to provide a safe and reliable ride for my wife. Nothing shocking there! But, that is also true spiritually. To repair a broken home, a ruptured relationship or a rotten attitude will require the same things. A commitment to make the effort. A willingness to invest the time. And sometimes even the expenditure of money.

Sometimes we have a maintenance issue and don't even know it.

Steve Shepherd tells about the time his 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with over 100,000 miles on it was making noise. He said it sounded like the valve tappets were rattling. His son, Shane said, "Dad, did you check your oil?" I said, "No, it doesn't use oil." "However, I went out and checked my oil and it didn't even register on the dipstick. I could hardly believe it. I just happened to have some oil and put two quarts in the engine and it just barely showed on the dipstick. Later, I discovered that I had an oil leak that I didn't know about." How often is this true in our family relationships? One guy said, "My wife is leaving me and I didn't even know she was unhappy!"

Regular maintenance is important. It can save you heartaches. Headaches. Time. Energy. And in the long term even money. And not just for your car!

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman