

Pray for us...
Hebrews 13:18a

This weekend is the annual Pastors Retreat for the leaders at Berean during which we spend a few days together in fellowship, meals, and in focused discussion to “meet minds” on important issues facing our church. We have times of intensity, and of levity; times of great agreement, and of lively debate. In all, however, I am always highly encouraged by the common heart your pastors have for Christ and for his body, the church. This group is one unlike any other organization, committee, or board I have been a part of. It is a collection of unrelated men who know the powerful binding unity of everlasting brotherhood, separate and different souls but united by one Spirit, and each with the humble goals of becoming more like our Lord Jesus and to faithfully model him, and speak of him to the world.

How can we, sinful men, do this crazy hard thing? Only empowered by our common Spirit. And you, my friends, can help us. Please, as Paul appeals in Hebrews 13:18 (above), “pray for us.” Especially this weekend, but not just this weekend. We, along with you, need to pray and be upheld in prayer to have any hope of accomplishing the task before us.

On this note, I leave you with an excerpt from A.W. Pink’s exposition on Hebrews 13:18:

The servants of Christ stand in real and urgent need of the prayers of their people. They are but men themselves, ignorant, weak, and erring, and unless they are granted a double portion of the Spirit they are not equipped for their arduous and honorable calling. They are the ones who bear the brunt of the battle, and are the special objects of Satan’s attacks. They are often tempted to compromise, to keep back that which, though unpalatable to them, is most profitable for their hearers. In the face of many disappointments and discouragements, they are apt to grow weary in well doing. It is, then, both our duty and privilege to supplicate God on their behalf for daily supplies of grace to be granted them from on High; that they may be delivered from temptations, kept faithful, steadfast and devoted.

Prayerfully Yours,

Pastor Aaron