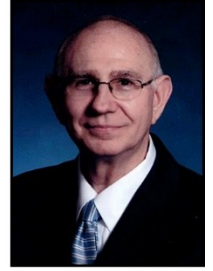


B. CLAYTON SHUMPERT



October 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

These words come to mind as I write this letter—THANK YOU! Thank you for praying for us during this period of surgeries for Joan and for me. The hip surgery I had on 9-3-25 was to repair torn tendons. The doctor said the tendons were “bloody, inflamed, angry looking, and in shreds.” I’m amid physical therapy and recovery.

On September 30 Joan had knee replacement surgery. About three years ago her right knee was repaired; now the left knee has been repaired. She spent one night in the hospital. She is home and physical therapy has been difficult but also necessary. She says it gets a little better every day. We are grateful to our family for helping us through it all. Friends were kind and helpful too.

It was a pleasure to be a witness for Christ to those who helped. One nurse had never heard of the millennial reign of Christ. She asked, “Is that in the Bible?” She had said, “Wouldn’t it be nice if people could live in peace?” So that opened the door for me to tell her about the 1,000-year Kingdom. One day God’s people will live in peace.

Thank you for helping us faithfully.

In Christ,

B. Clayton Shumpert