

Devastating Loss: Pastor's Wife Dies After Brutal Assault by Home Intruder

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In times of tragedy, the church is called to stand together in faith, lifting up those in desperate need of God's healing touch.

Today, we unite in prayer for Lucy Pat Curl, the 85-year-old wife of longtime pastoral care minister Bill Curl, who was brutally attacked in her home. Now in critical condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Lucy Pat is in need of nothing short of a miracle.

The devastating attack has shaken the congregation of First Baptist Church Orlando, where she and her husband have faithfully served for over five decades. Senior Pastor David Uth described the heartbreak of seeing her condition, saying, "Rachel and I stood there with her yesterday, and with Bill, and the sight of her body. What he [the attacker] did to her, and you just look up and go, 'God, she's one of your finest.'"

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As reported by The Christian Post, Pastor Curl was at the church's Center for Pregnancy when his wife was attacked. The details of the assault are harrowing, but even in the midst of such darkness, the faith of her family and church community remains unshaken.

The Attack and Her Call for Help

On that fateful afternoon, Lucy Pat heard a knock at her door.

When she opened it, the man standing there claimed to be a community service officer. When she asked for identification, he instead forced his way inside. Despite her age, Lucy Pat fought back, sustaining serious injuries in the process. During the struggle, she fell and struck the right side of her head on a coffee table, causing significant trauma.

After the intruder fled, she managed to make her way to her vehicle, where she pressed the horn repeatedly in an attempt to signal for help. When no one responded, she returned inside and waited until her husband arrived home and immediately called 911. Though critically injured, her strength and resilience allowed emergency responders to reach her in time to provide urgent medical care.

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A Call to Prayer and Faith

Despite the dire prognosis from doctors, Pastor Curl refuses to give up hope. He boldly declared to one of the medical professionals, "Do you know my God? He can do anything." His steadfast belief echoes the faith we are called to have in moments of crisis.

Pastor Uth has rallied the congregation, asking, "Do you believe in miracles?" It is in this spirit that we now call on all believers to join in prayer. Scripture reminds us that "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective," (James 5:16). We must stand in agreement, interceding for Lucy Pat and believing in the power of God to do what no human hands can accomplish.

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