

March 20, 2023

A weekly guide of prayer concerns in the Faith Church family and ministry

"Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you." Psalm 33:20-22

This Week

Pastor Joey preaching from Matthew 27:27-37

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Faith Ministries: Pray for God's direction in budget planning process; for staff & volunteers investing extra hours in planning & prep

Faith Kids: Praise for young families visiting and connections through parent lunches

FIEC: Pray for volunteers to have hearts like Christ's to respond as he would to conflicts and problems during the season of Ramadan.

FSM: 4 week focus on sex & sexuality; pray for good conversations, equipping & engagement

Persian Fellowship: Pray for the Iranian Christian family whom the Deckerts are helping get settled.

Iglesia de Fe: Praise for increased attendance & impact in people's lives!

Elders: Larry Reed, Fred Rescorla, Jerry Risser, Nathan Roth

Deacons: Kent Carmer, Ed Stehno

Staff: Brittany Johnson, Kristen King, Claire Kingsley

FAITH FAMILY

Betty Coleman: treated for pneumonia at home

Sheila Essink: knee replacement (1/30)

Irene Evans: comfort as she nears the end of her earthly life; daughters are with her

Ruby Grosdidier: knee replacement (1/4)

John Hooten: healing & PT after Dec foot surgery; scan Mar 17 on lungs

Marti Miles: septoplasty on 3/2; recovery at home

Brian Parker: MSA (Multiple System Atrophy)

Leah Paterson: some improvement in chronic GI condition; seeing specialists Mar 20 & Apr 4 – pray for clear diagnosis & effective treatment

Brad Schultz: Jeff's brother, pastor in Shelbyville, pancreatic cancer; weak/ill from chemo

Sylvia Scott: lung & pancreatic cancer; Rejoicing over PET scan results that chemo is working!

John Switzer: Nephew, Milton, mesothelioma

Richard Upton: Memory Care/Allisonville Meadows

John Wolfgang: recovery at home after Covid & pneumonia; on oxygen

Dolores Wood: compression fracture in her back; very painful.

Chronic Health Concerns: Rosy Andrade (neuropathy), Lucy Breitwieser (mild CP affecting left leg), Noah Breitwieser (Duchenne MD), Ghasem Charmsazi, Betty Coleman (spinocerebellar ataxia), John Crocker (Hepatic encephalopathy), Robin Dawes (chronic pain/ neuropathy), Malinda Herke, Rich Jones (MDS -Myelodysplastic syndrome), Sharon Kelly (ovarian cancer), Marti Miles (Ramsey Hunt syndrome); Judy Parker; Leah Paterson; Fatemeh Saddigh (back pain)

Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living:

Doris Craig, Irene Evans (Barrington), Ethel Ewing (Maple Park), Joe/Nell Fitzgerald (Stratford); Norm Hughey (Woodland Terrace), Bob Irvin (Prairie Lakes), Phyllis Irwin, Jimmie Sue Lickliter (Hooverwood), Mattie Neff (Autumnwood Village), Audrey Pedersen (Hooverwood), Sherry Rose (Willow Springs), Bob Tansey (Bickford), Richard/Marge Upton (Allisonville Meadows), Kathy Valentine (Sunrise/Old Meridian), Elizabeth West

Military Service:

Samuel Morford, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
Fields Alexander, U. S. Marines, Camp Pendleton

OUR NATION & WORLD

Pray that officials will lead with wisdom & integrity; for justice, peace, truth, and mercy in our nation; for those grieving losses from recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; for those leading rescue efforts and offering comfort; praise that giving through EFCA Crisis Response for earthquake relief has exceeded the \$200,000 goal!

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Randy & Valerie Beaverson (YFC): Praise for Asia-Pacific Directors retreat in Thailand, opportunities to pray with/encourage many facing significant trials.

Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE): Praise for good MDE conference 3/10-11 at Faith Church.

Joe & Kim Cluff (CMF, Kenya): Financial partners for Leonards and Loibor-Mongis so they can join the Kenyan team; protection & growth of Kericho team (started 51 DBS groups in 2 months); Joe travels to Nakuru 3/26-29.

Lee & Pam Christenson (Wycliffe): Praise for 400+ new translations started in 2022! Lee – for reduced knee pain with PT, cataract surgery in May; Pam – wisdom in working on tracking the team's work with churches; for timely responses to requests.

Marc & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): for Pedro & family in his new role as National Director for YFC Spain; for 4 leadership training courses currently underway; for many to hear & respond to the Gospel at retreats this month; for YFC staff (Ana, Luis, Isaac) in balancing work & academic studies.

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (Reach Global): Move to Kenya is delayed due to work permit issues; pray for permits to come through for moving to Nairobi in Aug. & begin teaching in Sept; for Alyssa's work on her doctorate; for the 50 students in Mark's Marriage & Family class; praise for Bethany's job!

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Pray for continuing impact from Winter Camp 2/19; for new friendships, esp. w/Polish & Ukrainian students.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas Intl): Praise Scott was able to quickly help w/a crisis debriefing for a team in Africa in Dec.; presenting at a Crisis Debriefing training in FL, pray for the team to communicate well and for participants to take it all in.

Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru): Praise for steps of faith some took at Athletes in Action Retreat; wisdom in helping lead High School Getaway in May, 400-600 students. Pray students on campus see their need of Jesus & reach their teams.

Tom & Kristi Miller (Cru City): Recent travel to Cuba working w/ local churches & translators, able to share the gospel with many; pray for new believers Jaime & Gloria, Tomas & Roberta, Rosa and others!

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): Praise in learning new tasks for her member care role! Praise – closing on a new home; hoping to move by the end of March; family is working through details of mom's estate.

Andy & Janet Singleterry (Servant Partners): Andy's application for PhD at Fuller (finding an advisor); Nayeli's community at college/finding a church; Shalom's leadership development/search for pastoral partnership.

Dave & Joy Skinner (OM, South Africa): Dave - recovery from the flu, wisdom for repair of ministry van - blown engine; for fruitful ministry in Lesotho and for the ministry team: Stephan & Christine, Sekelemane & Mabulere, Thabo & Masenoko.

Kathi Small (TEAM, Guatemala): Praise – father is settling into new apartment, increased financial support! Pray for female students Kathi will mentor this year, class prep, doctoral work, and publishing her interview on transformation through education.

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): Isaac – feeling to return to finger after surgery, praise that the tumor is benign; providing 10 hrs/week of 1-on-1 therapy for grad school internship.

Dan & Michelle Tebbe (One Challenge): In Wheaton this school year. Praise for new friends, experiences, healthier family patterns. Pray for openness to whatever God has for the future, clear direction. Also for Ms. L in Indonesia and for J & S in U.S. hoping to serve Jesus in some challenging ways.

Bill & Thelly Thomas (Cru): Thelly to minister well to 2 groups of ladies she meets with weekly; wisdom for Bill to serve the President & VP teams of Cru Global; Bill recovering from diverticulosis, fatigue; wisdom/courage on increasing financial partners.

ABTS (Lebanon): Grateful for Elie Haddad's visit Mar. 11-12; pray for further US visits this month

KTS (Ukraine): A section of the seminary building is being equipped to be a bomb shelter for 60 people