

November 27, 2023

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

“You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.” Psalm 40:5

This Week

Pastor Nathan preaching on Advent: *Why Christmas?*

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

All Church: Baptism service 12/3

Adults: Better Together newcomers class starting 11/26

Care: GriefShare event “Surviving the Holidays” 11/19

Local Outreach: Formation and start of Life2Life evangelism training groups

Elders: Matt Saefkow, Steve Shambaugh, Tom Waltz, Marc West, Mike Zumbrun

Deacons: Mark Tomlin, Dave Yurek

Staff: Amy Mitchell, Gregg Herke, Julie Snyder

Pastors: Jeff Schultz, Joey Woestman

Finance Committee: Jeremy Davis, Jim Fair, Josh Horstman, Kristen King, David Stowers

FAITH FAMILY

Amy Beattie: sister Kristy – recurring leukemia; pray for stem cell transplant scheduled for 11/30

Noah Breitwieser: wisdom for physicians and parents on treatment options for Duchenne MD

Pam Christenson: foot surgery on 11/28 to relieve pain

Fred Cowan Jr.: auto accident 9/13; recovering at home

Jim Fair: recent diagnosis changed from Hodgkins to a low grade asymptomatic follicular lymphoma that does not require intervention at this time.

Barry & Julie Foster: daughter Evy has MS. Hopeful it will be controlled with medication.

Ruth Ann Gigax: Assisted Living at the Barrington

Tom Macy: right knee joint replacement 11/22

Mattie Neff: 95th birthday on 11/8; slow healing wound on the inside of her right ankle

Brian Parker: MSA (Multiple System Atrophy); hospice care at his home in Kalamazoo

Jerry/Judy Parker: daily challenges with Judy’s care

Sylvia Scott: pancreatic & lung cancer; rehab after recent hospitalization for pneumonia; awaiting release

Darlene Senisse: unresolved stomach pains with eating

Peg Shrum: back surgery 11/6 to relieve pain; cemented 3 vertebrae; no driving for 4 weeks

Bob Tansey: glad to be back at the Bickford

Low Truex: shoulder replacement surgery 11/15

Judith Waggoner: resting at home after hospital stay; congestive heart failure

Nancy Wooden: MDS, blood cancer; stem cell transplant 10/6. home in lengthy recovery; anti-rejection meds; suppressed immune system.

Shirley Woolf: brother, Ron Harper, passed away on hospice care

Chronic Health Concerns: Rosy Andrade (neuropathy), Lucy Breitwieser (mild CP affecting left leg), Noah Breitwieser (Duchenne MD), Ghasem Charmsazi, Betty Coleman (spinocerebellar ataxia), Robin Dawes (chronic pain/ neuropathy), Mary Garriott, Malinda Herke, Rich Jones (MDS), Sharon Kelly (ovarian cancer); Judy Parker; Leah Paterson; Fatemeh Saddigh (back pain)

Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living:

Doris Craig, Frances Dawes (Brownsburg), Ethel Ewing (Maple Park, Westfield), Joe/Nell Fitzgerald (Stratford); Norm Hughey (Woodland Terrace), 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:

Fields Alexander, U. S. Marines, Camp Pendleton
Samuel Morford, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
Sam Sawada, Indiana Air Nat’l Guard, Ft. Wayne

OUR NATION & WORLD

Pray that officials will lead with wisdom and charity, and seek justice; that they faithfully serve in their offices to promote well-being;

for the impact and witness of the Church in a culture of fear, division, anger, and violence;

for a just peace and an end to hostility; that people might live in safety, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine; for the peace, safety, reconciliation, and healing of those scarred by war;

for Christians caught in the middle of violence – for their hope and protection, and the Church’s witness and impact as nonviolent peacemakers.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

David & Karen Bradley (Jesus Film Project): Praise for 25 years of ministry! "The Animated Story of Jesus" premieres Dec. 2025 in 100 languages; pray for producers, directors, technicians, and animators.

Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE): Pray for new members & volunteers and for the refining of some processes.

David & Emily Cetola (Team): Reengagement in ministry after in U.S. trip this summer; outreach to local college students; possible move for Croce Via church.

Lee & Pam Christenson (Wycliffe): Direction for best ways to serve church and community; staffing needs, guidance, direction for Wycliffe Church Relations dept; retirement changes on the horizon.

Joe & Kim Cluff (CMF, Kenya): Praise of 16 years of marriage; continued success for Kim, Sophia & Theo at school; Great harvest in Olkoroi! 63 Discovery studies w/279 members and 33 baptisms May-Aug.

Marc & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): Praise for increased #s at YFC summer camps and leader training courses; pray for time for support raising in Spain and response so that YFC Spain can be self-supporting.

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (Reach Global): Pray for transition to culture in Nairobi & finding community there; Praise for Alyssa's successful D.Min. defense! Jacob & Bethany's adjustment to parents being in Kenya

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Praise for teammate Jonathan's heart transplant 9/21; pray for him, his wife, daughter and doctors.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas International): Scott traveling to N. Africa for ministry (counseling, speaking, consulting). Lisa traveling to her sisters. Pray for safety and health; for Scott – wisdom, clarity, energy, safety; pray for people to whom Scott ministers.

Ruth Hubbard (InterVarsity): Halfway through 4-month sabbatical, seeking a balance of rest and productivity; pray for adjustment to CPAP & sleep. Dad turns 95!

Cindy Irwin (TEAM): Praise for Afghans connecting her with other Afghan families; for classes at the Loft and the privilege of praying with students.

Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru): 160 students attended Cru Beyond Conference (11/4), for their seeking Jesus after graduation and joining in his mission; guidance for discipleship and outreach to athletes at Butler, U Indy, & Marian U., and efforts to launch at IUPUI.

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): wisdom for unique situations with new clients; for people of Vanuatu to understand the Bible & be transformed; for adjustment to sleep apnea device & improved sleep; helping with Jr High at FMC.

Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project): Praise for chaplains spreading the gospel in war; for Ukrainian and Russian soldiers to find salvation; pray for finances needed to move to the next phase of animation project.

Tom & Kristi Miller (Cru City): Tom coaching people through their Ministry Partner Development, including 3 couples seeking to serve with Cru's military ministry.

Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe): Praise – productive trip to Thailand for Flex parsing workshop; Jeff can now help other translators; Peg working on a check of 3 John for the Jaminawa people of Brazil; Peg – surgery 11/7 to stabilize her back and relieve pain

Dave & Joy Skinner (OM, South Africa): Praise for 600+ people who distributed Greek NTs; pray for Greeks who received NTs to read and believe; local orthodox priests would encourage reading of NT; for follow up.

Mark Slaughter (InterVarsity): Pray for follow-up with Greek students who made commitments at Getaway.

Kathi Small (TEAM, Guatemala): In Indy 10/6-20 for oncology check-up and time w/dad; pray for church doctrine class she is teaching, for preparation of course descriptions for a new program of study to begin in Jan, and for her doctoral work. Praise for 5 years serving at Central American Theological Seminary!

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): In the U.S. for 6 months, currently in Wheaton; grateful for a season of rest; pray for a balance of rest and being with people; for Loyal to sleep longer in the mornings.

KTS (Ukraine): Pray for the 30 chaplains from the front lines who came for advanced training at KTS, including KTS academic dean, Vitaliy Maryash; pray for protection of students, grads, faculty, and staff; for peace, justice, safety, freedom, unity, and an end to war.

ABTS (Lebanon): Pray for peace & protection in the face of threats & violence along the border with Israel; for the Church to be agents of hope & peace