

December 18, 2023

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

*“May you be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him”*

Colossians 1:9-10

### **This Week**

Pastor Joey preaching on Advent (Luke 2:1-15): *Why Celebrate?*

### **LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH**

*Pray that worship, teaching & community will result in spiritual growth; pray for the Spirit's empowerment for those who lead ministries; for our outreach*

**Adults:** Better Together newcomers class

**Faith Kids:** Christmas party between services Dec. 17

**Student Ministry:** Christmas Party Dec. 13

**Local Outreach:** Life2Life evangelism training groups

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

**Deacons:** Kent Carmer, Ed Stehno

**Staff:** Brittany Johnson, Kristen King, Claire Kingsley

### **FAITH FAMILY**

*Pray for healing, hope, and comfort in Christ; that difficulty would draw people closer to Jesus.*

**Janna Baker:** recovering from neck surgery 11/30

**Amy Beattie:** sister Kristy – recurring leukemia; stem cell transplant 12/7

**Dan Breitwieser:** surgery to repair elbow 11/28

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

**Tom Macy:** right knee joint replacement 11/22

**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; home after hospital stay for recurring breathing issues

**Darlene Senisse:** unresolved stomach pains with eating

**Peg Shrum:** recovery from back surgery 11/6

**Low Truex:** shoulder replacement rehab

**Judith Waggoner:** home from hospital; cardiac issues

**Nancy Wooden:** MDS, blood cancer; stem cell transplant 10/6, home in lengthy recovery; good blood counts, very fatigued; suppressed immune system.

**Shirley Woolf:** brother, Ron Harper, passed away 11/21

### **Chronic Health Concerns:**

*Pray for encouragement, faith, and perseverance.*

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:**

*Pray that the Church will remember and care for those who are absent in body.*

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

*Pray for their protection, wisdom, and witness*

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

### **OUR NATION & WORLD**

Pray that officials will lead with wisdom and charity, and seek justice; that they faithfully serve in their offices; 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**

*Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships & friendships; that God's people will be led by the Spirit and recognize open-door opportunities; that God will remove barriers and lead people to hearts ready to receive his Word; for encouragement & endurance.*

**Randy & Valerie** (YFC, Southeast Asia): Pray for those coming to Christ thru YFC in S Asia being attacked, homes and possessions destroyed; strength for Randy and other leaders to sustain the heavy workload. Praise for those sharing their faith and for new believers!

**Mark & Charlene Canada** (MDE): Pray for personnel and funds for the growth and development of MDE and the gospel witness it brings to people who need Jesus.

**David & Emily Cetola** (Team): Outreach to local college students; possible move for Croce Via church.

**Lee & Pam Christenson** (Wycliffe): Direction for serving church and community; staffing needs, guidance for Wycliffe Church Relations dept; retirement changes.

**Joe & Kim Cluff** (CMF, Kenya): Praise of 16 years of marriage; continued success for Kim, Sophia & Theo at school.

**Marc & Stephanie Dodrill** (YFC, Spain): Grateful to be in the U.S., and will be at Faith Church 12/17. Praise for strong financial support in December!

**Mark & Alyssa Dunker** (Reach Global): Praise for time with family/friends in U.S. through Dec. Praise for Alyssa training Congolese/Kenyan students in trauma healing, teaching Pastoral Counseling in Ethiopia; Mark finished teaching 2 courses, pray for students' hearts to be transformed in a culture of widespread academic cheating; pray for class prep for next semester.

**Jacob & Becca Hash** (Josiah Venture, Poland): Praise for being able to speak in local high schools and invite students to follow up events - 80 heard the Gospel, 7 came to youth group; Winter Camp in January, team of 4 from Faith Church going to support.

**Scott & Lisa Hicks** (Barnabas International): Praise for Scott's trip to Egypt to provide consultation, counseling, teaching and training! Pray for the many global workers he counsels via Zoom.

**Ruth Hubbard** (InterVarsity): One month of sabbatical left, thankful for "resetting" some things and for rest; experiencing better sleep. Praise for a church home, pray for making friends and finding ways to serve.

**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): Praise that students are leading spiritually on their sports teams. Pray for Joost (soccer) and Adam (football) who both reached out to Doug wanting to meet with him and grow in their faith; hoping for 1,500 students at Winter Conference.

**Lisa Meharry** (Wycliffe): Pray for translation in Naskapi and other First Nation languages, for ability to fit a large work project "normal" tasks, wisdom to serve well, opportunities to love well at church & in neighborhood.

**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): Coaching Cru City staff to follow their callings, Bible studies with ESL students. Praise that one Hindu student recently received Christ! Planning to take a short-term trip to Cuba in Feb.

**Jeff & Peg Shrum** (Wycliffe): Praise for good medical care for Peg. Pray for healing and pain relief for Peg's back; Jeff's family to be comforted during the holidays after the loss of his sister this year. Praise for the new tools & resources to translate/distribute God's Word!

**Mark Slaughter** (InterVarsity): Pray for those who responded to the gospel this year and for the impact of mentoring young leaders. Strong giving in December!

**Kathi Small** (TEAM, Guatemala): Semester finished, now preparing for doctoral group meeting in Jan. & classes. Pray for Kathi's student, Silvia Mendoza, on a 2-month mission trip in Mexico - for safety and openness to what God is teaching her.

**Bill & Thelly Thomas** (Cru): Praise for the 87,000 leaders Cru trained in 2022 who helped open 23,500 churches! Traveling to Philippines for Dec. w/family and friends.

**KTS (Ukraine)**: Pray for finances for the school of Women's Leadership; for classes to run through the winter; for protection of students, grads, faculty, and staff; for peace, justice, safety, freedom, unity, and an end to war. Praise KTS and city have enough electricity; for the largest # of active students in KTS history: 774!

**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