

January 16, 2024

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

*"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:7-8*

### **This Week**

Pastor Jeff preaching from Acts 11:1-18

### **LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH**

*Pray that worship, teaching & community will result in spiritual growth; pray for God's wisdom for those who lead ministries; for our outreach to neighbors*

**AWANA, Faith Kids, FSM:** Restart of mid-week ministries; caring for those impacted by death of Will Miles; comfort & hope for those who are grieving

**FIEC:** New student registration; need for Lvl. 2 teacher

**Local Outreach:** Life2Life groups restarting; people to invite friends to Winter Open mini-golf Jan 27

**Elders:** Phil Johnston, David Kenley, Doug Leatherman, James Nussbaum

**Deacons:** Scott McDonald, Ben Paterson

**Staff:** Anna Hannum, Ellie Preston

**Pastors:** Nathan Kingsley, Tom Macy

### **FAITH FAMILY**

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

**Amy Beattie:** sister Kristy, leukemia; stem cell transplant 12/7; suppressed immune system

**David Benshoof:** prostate cancer treatment 12/22

**Jim Casassa:** should replacement surgery 1/8

**Michael Christian:** brother, Perry, passed away 12/31; pray for peace for the family.

**John King:** uncertainty around job situation at UPS; pray for discernment, wisdom, decisions, provision

**James & Tina Miles:** their son, Will (age 20), died in a car crash on 12/31; pray also for younger brothers Alex, Marcus, and David.

**Cullen Nance:** tests to determine cause of seizure on 12/23 and related neurological symptoms

**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

**Darlene Senisse:** unresolved stomach pains w/eating.

**Mark Tomlin:** Sister-in-law, Tammy Velasco, died unexpectedly Jan 1; pray for husband Kyle, sons Daniel

and Drew, and Tammy's mother-in-law, Jane, who's lost her husband, her daughter (Kim Tomlin), and now her daughter-in-law in the last year.

**Amanda Waddell:** St. Vincent/Carmel with weakness & dehydration; worsening symptoms from a progressive neurological condition

**Nancy Wooden:** MDS, blood cancer; recovering at home from stem cell transplant 10/6.

### **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 not able to worship in person.*

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), Chandler/Judith Waggoner (Stratford), 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, IN Air Nat'l Guard Reserve, Ft. Wayne

### **OUR NATION & WORLD**

Pray that officials will lead with wisdom and charity, seek justice, and faithfully serve in their offices; for a just peace and an end to hostility; that people might live in safety, especially in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; for the peace, safety, and healing of those scarred by war;

for Christians in the middle of violence – for their hope and protection, and the Church's witness and impact as winsome ambassadors of Jesus' Kingdom.

## **GLOBAL OUTREACH**

*Pray that God will open doors of ministry and bless partnerships & friendships; that God's people will be led by the Spirit; that God will lead people to hearts ready to receive his Word; for encouragement & endurance.*

**R & V:** Pray for those coming to Christ in S. Asia who are being attacked, homes and possessions destroyed; strength for R. and other leaders to sustain heavy workloads. Praise for those sharing their faith and for new believers!

**Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE):** MDE brought in 6 new members, and is onboarding a significant number in January due to a new partnership with a missions organization that has asked MDE to provide BAM services for their workers with business ventures!

**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):** Praise for strong financial support in December and good visit to U.S.!

**Mark & Alyssa Dunker (Reach Global):** 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 Jan 22-26, team of 4 from Faith Church going to support.

**Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas International):** Scott in Chaing Mai, Thailand 1/15-2/2 counseling at a missions conference for SEND; pray for clear communication & helpful care; wisdom for Lisa considering a new ministry at church.

**Ruth Hubbard (InterVarsity):** Thankful for sabbatical rest and reflection and for her church home; pray for friendships and ways to serve; dad (95) out of hospital & back in nursing home; peace of heart and mind.

**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):** Pray for students Joost and Adam to stay in the word/grow in faith. Pray

those who just graduated (Bret, Colin, Jeremy & Carson); impact of Winter Conference.

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

**Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project):** For Tom & his involvement/many decisions on the new Animated JESUS project; pray God provides the talent and funding needed to release the film in Dec. 2025.

**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):** Healing and pain relief for Peg's back. Praise for the new tools & resources to 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):** Pray for Kathi's student, Silvia Mendoza, on a 2-month mission trip in Mexico, also for Miriam and Marcelo facing challenges in home life; Kathi prepping for classes starting at the end of Jan. Pray for good start to school year & financial provision for students.

**Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain):** In midst of 6-month furlough in U.S. Pray for wisdom balancing activities and sabbatical rest; for João to know God's grace/follow Jesus; Elena (recently baptized) to love Jesus/know He is always near; Raquel to have a job that aligns with her passions & calling.

**Mark & Kathy Wilson (Via Nations):** Providing partner development training to ministry leaders around the globe.

**KTS (Ukraine):** Pray for protection of staff and campus, peace in Ukraine, for nearly 100 from KTS serving on the front line including Vitaliy Mariash; for wisdom on opening of branch campuses, for operational funds for seminary ministry in 2024; completion of shelter on campus.

**ABTS (Lebanon):** Pray for peace & protection with increased violence along the border with Israel, and for the many people being displaced; for the Church to be agents of hope & peace; for students and graduates serving in dangerous places.