

January 22, 2024

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

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:17-18

This Week

Pastor Jeff preaching from Acts 11:19-30

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 our neighbors

Faith Kids: Gospel impact in young lives, especially non-believing kids who attend

FSM: Winter retreats this weekend

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

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

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

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 (also Brittany Johnson's uncle), passed away 12/31

Tom Forsberg: daughter, Annaliesa, pituitary tumor removal 1/22; recovery and follow-up

Maggie Hooten: right knee replacement 1/24

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: improved from chronic stomach pain; learning to manage diet

Bob Tansey: fractured hip 1/20, surgery at Methodist
Mark Tomlin: Sister-in-law, Tammy Velasco, died unexpectedly Jan 1

Amanda Waddell: St. Vincent-Carmel with weakness & dehydration; for ability to return to independent living.

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.