

February 27, 2024

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

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Ps. 100:3

This Week

Pastor Jeff preaching from Lamentations 3:1-39

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

FIEC: Need for Level 2 teacher

FSM: Ellie Preston stepping down 2/28 (not returning after maternity leave); search for new Youth Director

Outreach: Life2Life groups, lifestyle evangelism

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

Deacons: Mark Tomlin, Dave Yurek

Staff: Amy Mitchell, Julie Snyder, Pat Patterson

Pastors: Jeff Schultz, Joey Woestman

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

FAITH FAMILY

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

Amy Beattie: sister Kristy, leukemia; recovering from stem cell transplant 12/7; suppressed immunity

Sarah Carmer: Aunt Joellen passed away Feb 8.

Jim Casassa: recovery from shoulder replacement 1/8

Pam Christenson: severe ankle sprain while in Florida; impact on plans and return flight 2/28

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

Maggie Hooten: recovery from knee replacement

Kelleys: Charlie – change in medication due to cancer progression; Loraine – ongoing immune suppression

John King: new position at UPS starts 2/19; same location, but unsure of exact position

Emily Logan (daughter of Larry & Linda Zornes): LMS, rare cancer in smooth muscle tissue, found in 3 places; 6 rounds of weekly chemotherapy, 2 weeks between

Dale Luther: wife, Margo, died Jan 29; memorial service on March 23 at Faith at 11:00 am

James & Tina Miles: son, Will (age 20), died 12/31; pray for younger brothers Alex, Marcus, and David.

Cullen Nance: tests to determine cause of seizures and related symptoms; some improvement with meds

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

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

Pat Patterson: Faith Church building assistant, recently came to faith! Pray for growth, encouragement.

Jenny Peklo: son-in-law Kyle Somers (Lindy's husband) in Air Force Reserves, will be deployed in late March

Sylvia Scott: pancreatic & lung cancer

Bob Tansey: rehab for hip fracture at Hamilton Trace

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), Barbara Fountain (Robin Run), 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 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, especially in Ecuador, Ethiopia, Middle East, Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine; for safety & healing of those scarred by war; for believers' hope and protection in the midst of violence and the Church's witness as peacemakers.

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.

Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE): MDE - 6 new members! Onboarding a significant number due to a new partnership with a missions' organization that has asked MDE to provide BAM services for their workers!

Lee & Pam Christenson (Wycliffe): Direction for serving church and community; praise for a good retirement celebration!

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

Mark & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): Applying to a new school for granddaughter Elisa which will be a better fit; praise for time with friends and family in the US in December which was a balm after a difficult Fall.

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (Reach Global): Co-teaching Marriage & Family @ NEGST this term; Mark also teaching Preaching Skills, Alyssa teaching Hebrews and Pastoral Counseling; pray for approval of work permits.

Steve & Joan Eisinger (ret.): Retreat 2/19-24; pray for refreshment & discerning direction for next season of life; granddaughter Daisy - rest & recovery from hosp. visit for febrile seizures

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Youth group stepping into deeper relationships, new people open to the gospel; Wojtek (Jacob's "Timothy") sharing the gospel weekly at a basketball outreach; Becca's great-aunt Joellen passed away Feb 8.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas International): impact from ministry at SEND missions conference; clear communication & helpful care; Lisa taking role as Member Care Coordinator for missionaries at their church.

Ruth Hubbard (InterVarsity): Position eliminated at IV, last day is Mar 8; moving back to Indy, provision of place for dad to live; clarity/direction for next steps for her work/ministry.

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): Winter Conference ran smoothly and 71 indicated a decision for Christ! Joost is growing in Christ — pray for growth, protection from the evil one, witness to his team and family.

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): Pray for the Nkukoli Oral Bible Storytelling team; for wisdom with clients and for them to love with God's word/know God better; praise for extra work project going well and restful sleep!

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): Traveling to Cuba 2/24-3/23 to join a team of 11 working with 5 churches sharing house-to-house and training church members to share their faith. Pray for team health, unity with Cuban workers & interpreters, open hearts.

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 Mark as he mentors Alex & other evangelists; that God would raise up a new generation of evangelists within IV; discernment of priorities in 2024; Mark's recovery from COVID.

Kathi Small (TEAM, Guatemala): Beginning third/final year of doctoral studies, taking 2 courses this semester, also teaching General Epistles; pray for the courses' practical application; for Marielos considering employment options; praise - SETECA celebrated 95 years of service!

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): 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.

NEGST (Kenya): For AIU head Dr. Nelson Makanda; for transition, effectiveness in new role, deepened relationships with Faith & other partners.

KTS (Ukraine): Pray for protection of staff and campus, peace in Ukraine; for wisdom on opening of branch campuses, for operational funds for seminary ministry in 2024; completion of shelter on campus; praise for good visit with Vasyl Ostryi at Faith 2/18.

ABTS (Lebanon): Pray for peace & protection in increased violence along the border with Israel; caring for displaced believers on campus; search process for next ABTS President (Elie Haddad retiring end of 2025 school year).