

December 18, 2024

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

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1Thes. 5:16-18*

### This Week

Pastor Jeff preaching: Fourth Sunday of Advent

### LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

*Pray for growth in the fruit of God's Spirit; for God's wisdom for ministry leaders, outreach to neighbors*

**Local Outreach:** People using this season to reach out to neighbors; connections, spiritually significant conversations, invitations to worship Christmas Eve; Cru Day of Compassion 12/29

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

**Deacons:** Kent Carmer, Ed Stehno

**Staff:** Joel Bussell, Brittany Johnson, Claire Kingsley; extra work for Christmas Eve and year-end

### FAITH FAMILY

*Pray for hope in trials and care for one another*

**Grace Babb:** knee replacement surgery 10/24

**Amy Beattie:** sister Kristy, leukemia

**Noah Breitwieser:** Received MD gene therapy infusion; pray for isolation Dec – Feb, effective treatment, minimal side effects

**John Buben:** teaching at West Nairobi Christian School; return to IN 12/12 for Christmas break

**Dane & Liane Ezernack:** daughter Emma, age 3, recovery from removal of brain tumor and stroke; started aggressive chemo for cancer 12/2

**Joe Fitzgerald:** significant back pain; care for Nell

**Sue Foster:** fatigue, bp concerns, stability in walking

**Ruth Ann Gigax:** pain from fracture in lower back

**Jerry Gould:** painful shingles

**Agusta Harting:** pain from Tarlov Cyst, spinal fluid leak

**John Hooten:** spinal surgery 10/25

**Ruth Hubbard:** dad, Jim Hubbard, passed away 11/9

**Rich Jones:** MDS, blood cell counts deteriorating, chemo may be losing effectiveness

**Loraine Kelley:** on hospice care at home

**Emily Logan** (daughter of Larry & Linda Zornes): LMS, smooth muscle tissue cancer; chemotherapy

**Tom Macy:** left knee replacement 10/8

**Cullen Nance:** diagnosis & treatment for seizures

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

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

**Linda Roberts:** recovery from multiple broken bones

**Virginia Shafer:** sister, Mary Marlin Hurt, died 10/22; nephews wrestling with care decisions for their dad, Al

**Bill Shewan:** Sister-in-law's cancer has returned and is inoperable; treatment options limited

**Dan Smashey:** COPD, fluid retention, breathing difficult

**Bill Woolf:** shoulder surgery 11/19; rehab to regain strength & work on balance

### **Chronic Health Concerns:**

*Pray for faith, strength, perseverance & wholeness*

Rosy Andrade, Lucy Breitwieser, Noah Breitwieser, Ghasem Charmsazi, Robin Dawes, Mary Garriott, Rich Jones, Judy Parker, Leah Paterson, Fatemeh Saddigh, Sylvia Scott, Ron Sonti

### **Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living:**

*Pray the Church will remember and care for those who are unable to worship in person*

Betty Coleman, Frances Dawes, Joe/Nell Fitzgerald, Barbara Fountain, Norm Hughey, Audrey Pedersen, Sherry Rose, Peggy Sprinkle, Bob Tansey, Richard/Marge Upton, Kathy Valentine, Chandler/Judith Waggoner, Elizabeth West

### **Military Service:**

*Pray for their protection, wisdom, and witness*

Samuel Morford, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC  
Kyle Somers (Peklo's SIL), Air Force Reserve, deployed  
Anne Davidson Ward (daughter of Darrell and Robin), Navy MD, Pensacola FL  
Ryan Woolf (son of Mike & Elizabeth), Army, deployed in Kuwait

### OUR NATION & WORLD

Pray for those grieving, confused, and hurt by the shooting at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison, WI; for those at Blackhawk Church (EFCA) caring for the hurting; for witness of unity & godliness among God's people as testimony to Jesus' transforming power; for our political & civil leaders; for voices of unity and goodwill to prevail over division and anger; for those impacted by recent hurricanes; for the endurance of those providing relief & help for peace, safety, and security in troubled parts of the world, especially Ukraine and the Middle East; for Christians living and serving in in China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, and other difficult/closed nations

## **GLOBAL OUTREACH**

*Pray that God will open doors and bless partnerships & friendships; that God will lead people to hearts ready to receive his Word; for encouragement & endurance.*

**Randy & Valerie (YFC):** Randy's mom, Marilyn, passed away 9/15; pray for additional financial support.

**David & Karen Bradley (Jesus Film Project):** Rest & peace for David during his sabbatical and for the 7 leaders/teams he normally leads to stay focused.

**Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE):** Prep for MDE Gathering Conf. Mar 2025; wisdom, adjustments to life, medical help needs; MDE search for next CEO

**Dave & Emily Cetola (TEAM, Italy):** Praise for 96 over 3 nights who attended Thanksgiving dinners hosted by team from Faith! Pray for follow up and spiritual impact

**Kim & Joe Cluff (CMF, Kenya):** Joe's mom has thyroid cancer; Praise for finances provided to purchase lab equipment for Kim's classroom! Pray for integrating new teammates during the quarterly meeting at Thanksgiving and for more laborers for God's harvest.

**Kim & Jan Cone (ReachGlobal):** "Sango Action Bible" has reached CAR, pray God uses it to transform the lives of youths; pray for final edits & review of the Sango "Right Choices Bible"; son's ACL surgery went well; pray upcoming surgery on other knee will go well also.

**Mark & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain):** Praise for 2 new staff, partnerships with 3 new churches, and a seminary enabling them to provide leadership training! Pray for navigating changes; Mark working on material for a discipleship plan; financial needs.

**Mark & Alyssa Dunker (ReachGlobal, Kenya):** in Indy for 3 weeks in Dec.; Alyssa & Bethany visiting her Dad in Costa Rica in Jan. Alyssa preparing a "Trauma, Abuse and Suffering" counseling course; working remote from CA in Dec-May to help with care for his dad

**Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland):** Pray their time in Indy (Dec-Jan.) would be restful and restorative, health during travels; for Jacob's team as they serve faithfully: Agata, Natalia, Julia, Jonasz & Salomon; need for additional \$450 in monthly support.

**Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas Intl.):** Scott - in Honduras in Dec. Praise for progress in son Joshua's health!

**Ruth Hubbard:** Working part-time for MDE; search for her next role; grief in dad's death

**Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru):** Praise for Lord's work on campus! 70 athletes coming to Butler student-

led Bible studies in 3 sports, coaches' study doubled! Pray students continue to seek the Lord, even in holiday break; pray for Cam, Grant, Alex to grow in their faith.

**Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe):** Pray for churches receiving newly translated Scriptures to be able to worship with all their might! Praise for Lisa's Nov. trip to FL - fulfilling work and refreshing vacation time!

**Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project):** Pray for Tom on the recent loss of his father.

**Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe):** for Jeff's daily study of Hebrew; for the Huba translation team in Nigeria; for Jarawara translation advisors who are facing trouble from tribal elders; the Lord would continue to provide all Jeff & Peg's needs

**Andy & Janet Singleterry (Servant Partners, San Jose):** Recent car trouble — pray protection for them and their vehicles; wisdom around repairs/sales; Janet's kidney function going down after trending up for 3 years, pray function would stabilize or even heal; \$15K needed for the San Jose team by end of year.

**Mark & Dawn Slaughter (InterVarsity):** Strong financial giving in Dec., discernment and preparation for Nigerian pastor's conference (12/30-1/4); mentoring & training with Lausanne Younger Leader Gathering 2026.

**Kathi Small:** (TEAM, Guatemala): Praise for a good trip to IN and a good report from oncologist! Pray for open doors and hearts as Kathi delivers Christmas treats to neighbors; for refreshment during a few days away; for eyes to see who might need encouragement this season.

**ABTS (Lebanon):** Hosting/feeding 100+ displaced on campus; theology programs at full capacity; pray for an end to regional hostilities and a lasting resolution to conflict, for Christian responses to those in need; praise for appointment of Wissam Nasrallah as President of ABTS with Elie Haddad's retirement (Oct., 2025)!

**KTS (Ukraine):** For a war-weary nation, for justice, hope, peace and freedom for Ukraine; for soldiers' and civilians' safety and healing from injuries and trauma; continued growth of Ukrainian church; for wise, honest leadership; for economic hardships; For KTS President Ruslan Khmyz and his family.

**NEGST (Kenya):** Pray for strong enrollment in Jan. and provision for needy students and programs, provision of all the resources needed to establish the new School of Law; wisdom in planning and favor with regulators. Pray for relaunching the Doctoral Ministry program.