

May 7, 2025

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

"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1-2

This Week

Pastor Jeff preaching on Acts 1:1-8

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

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

All Church: for Faith Church and the Woestmans in pastoral transition

FIEC: Peace and safety for students; recruitment for 2025-26 teaching season

Global Outreach: Formation & prep of Serve & Learn teams going to KTS/Poland, Italy, Spain this summer

Elders: Terry Fleck, Scott Freeman, Phil Johnston, David Kenley, Doug Leatherman, James Nussbaum

Deacons: Scott McDonald, Ben Paterson

Staff: Anna Hannum, Pat Patterson

Pastors: Nathan Kingsley, Tom Macy

FAITH FAMILY

Pray for hope in trials and care for one another

Bonnie Benshoof: healing & pain relief from spine surgery (4/17); challenging time being self-employed

John Buben: teaching at West Nairobi Christian School;

Ray Childers: Heart cath 5/8 in prep for heart valve replacement in a few weeks.

Lee & Pam Christenson: son & daughter-in-law (David & Devan) lost home in a fire None injured! Pray for family (5 kids) in all the disruption

Stan Derksen: brother-in-law Larry has terminal cancer, on hospice; other sister has colon cancer

Lois Deyo: pancreatic cancer

Dane & Liane Ezernack: daughter Emma, age 3 – brain cancer; chemo and follow-up surgery (Mar 28)

Joe & Nell Fitzgerald: Joe recovery from pneumonia, rehab from fractured vertebrae; care for Nell

Anne Forbes: hip replacement Apr 28; rehab & sleep

Sue Foster: Parkinson's, stability in walking

Agusta Harting: pain from Tarlov Cyst, spinal fluid leak

John Hooten: pain relief, strength & recovery from spinal surgery; Maggie caring for John at home

Rich Jones: MDS, pray for bone marrow donor match & insurance approval

Matt Mahan: employment & financial needs

Joe March: heart cath revealed need for surgery, TBD

Cullen Nance: diagnosis & treatment for seizures

James Nussbaum: grandfather Darrell, broken arm revealed a mass to be biopsied

Brad Parker: failing health with liver cancer, pain

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

Sylvia Scott: passed away Apr 15; funeral June 21

Virginia Shafer: Knee revision surgery Mar 25

Bill Shewan: sister-in-law's cancer has grown; pray for effectiveness of immunotherapy

Richard Upton: passed away Apr 10; funeral set for May 31, 11 am at Faith; visitation at 10 am.

Angelica Verastegui: Knee surgery Mar 25

Chronic Health Concerns:

Pray for faith, strength, perseverance & wholeness

Lucy & Noah Breitwieser, Ghasem Charmsazi, Robin Dawes, Rich Jones, Judy Parker, Leah Paterson, Fatemeh Saddigh, 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, Barb Fountain, Norm Hughey, Audrey Pedersen, Sherry Rose, Peggy Sprinkle, Bob Tansey, 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

Sam Sawada, IN Air Nat'l Guard Reserve

Anne Davidson Ward (daughter of Darrell and Robin), Navy MD, Pensacola FL

Ryan Woolf (son of Mike & Elizabeth), US Army

OUR NATION & WORLD

for our political & civic leaders to seek God's wisdom and advance policies that reflect His character;

for the many civil servants, gov't employees, researchers, and contractors who serve the common good and whose employment is uncertain;

for FIEC students, Iglesia de Fe members, and immigrant neighbors who are fearful of their safety;

for peace, safety, and security in troubled parts of the world, especially Ukraine and the Middle East

(renewed attacks on Gaza and attacks in Yemen);

for foreign Christians living and serving in Turkey who are facing deportation, for believers suffering threats and persecution in Congo, Nigeria, and Myanmar

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.

Joe & Kim Cluff (CMF, Kenya): For Kim and kids to finish school year well, that the CCMA committee would make training curriculum even better, that their team stays focused on their mission and values as they grow; will be in OH & KY in June & July.

Kim & Jan Cone (Wycliffe): Praise for good health & God's blessing on the trip colleagues took to the Luto-speaking area of the CAR; wisdom for Kim as he and a colleague write a paper comparing orthographies used to write the Sango language, for their daughter-in-law, Tirza, struggling with Lyme disease.

Mark & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): Their church has a new vision for mission through evangelistic cell groups, pray they wait on God's timing and do just as He leads them; Mark turning 70 in June.

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (ReachGlobal, Kenya): In CA caring for Mark's parents and teaching NEGST classes remotely, returning to Nairobi 5/6; pray for a good care plan for Mark's parents, for wisdom teaching the 2nd half of the term, for Alyssa's work permit.

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Pray for online small groups for leaders that Jacob and a new teammate will lead; lots of family travel – for girls to adjust/sleep in new places.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas Intl): Scott at a medical missionary conference in Orlando this summer; working with 5 medical mission hubs in different countries; pray God will open the minds and hearts of counselees, wisdom for Scott in their healing; health for their immediate family (multiple concerns).

Ruth Hubbard (MDE, Indy): Stepping into Director of Marketing role for MDE! April-May, rebuilding partnership team and support raising. Pray for God's provision for this next season of ministry and life; that people will be motivated by the Spirit to give joyfully. Praise for recent provision and encouragement!

Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru): Praise for the blessing of men leading studies/coming alongside teammates and 36 students attending Ultimate Training Camp this summer in CO & MN! Pray for 400 new Cru & AIA interns who starting training in April; for students at Butler processing a recent suicide on campus; final month on campus - discipleship & outreach.

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): First Chichonyi NT for the people of Chonyi, Kenya! Recent meetings in Orlando

were productive & encouraging, campus sale moving forward — clarity for those in leadership; wisdom & compassion for Lisa serving those experiencing life changes; days off continue to be a gift.

Tom & Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project): Pray for wisdom for the JFP Executive team; production of the animated Jesus film; that their 6 grandkids will grow in their knowledge & love of Jesus.

Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe): Jeff's daily study in Hebrews, thoroughness in his paper on AI translation tool, that the Lord will use the 4 NTs recently dedicated in S. Asia; wisdom on selling their home.

Andy & Janet Singleterry (Servant Partners, San Jose): Half-way through sabbatical, pray for refreshing time at a Priory retreat in May; Ana and Nayeli both graduating from college; Janet did not get the General Director role – processing that and transition back to work; team needs \$9K/month for the communal pot of 8 staff.

Mark & Dawn Slaughter (InterVarsity): Mobilizing & equipping Christian Life Fellowship (Greentown, IN) in evangelism; serving on a team selecting 300 mentors for Lausanne's next Younger Leader Gathering in 2027.

Kathi Small: (TEAM, Guatemala): Teaching an Education course on Saturdays this trimester and re-reading 3 years of doctoral classes in prep for an exam, pray for concentration; having tea with 3 neighbors, pray for God-guided conversation.

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): Praise for powerful time at youth retreat! Pray Esther continues to open up and to find in Jesus she is not alone; for Elena to find a friend at school to stick with her; God to provide for an unexpected car repair; healthy pregnancy for Jenn and baby (due in Sept.), wisdom parenting toddler, Loyal.

ABTS (Lebanon): Pray for a lasting resolution to ME conflict, for Christian responses to those in need; for Wissam Nasrallah as President of ABTS on Elie Haddad's retirement (10/25); Elie & Wissam in Indy May 17-18.

KTS (Ukraine): Resilience for faculty and students; protection as attacks intensify; safety of Vitaliy Maryash & Eduard Borysov; graduation ceremonies are being held in smaller groups; praise KTS can keep providing studies despite attacks.

NEGST (Kenya): Pray for 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.