

December 29, 2025

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

*And the angels said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
Luke 2:10-14*

SUNDAY – Guest Speaker Mark Dunker preaching from Ephesians 5:21-33

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

All Church: Lead Pastor Search Team – Chelsea Mohler, Tom Waltz, Andrea Preston, Jerry Risser, Ann Marie Shambaugh, Nate Snyder, Gabe Short,

Men of Faith: Friday AM Bible Study going through Paul's letter to Titus

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

Deacons: Mark Tomlin, Dave Yurek

Staff: Amy Mitchell, Julie Snyder

Pastors: Jeff Schultz

Finance Committee: Jim Fair, Brian Hackman, Josh Horstman, Justin Mohler, David Stowers

FAITH FAMILY

Pray for hope in trials and care for one another

Lee Christenson: laminectomy recovery

Ruth Ann Gigax: recovering from fractures of right femur and wrist; back at the Barrington

Ruby Grosdidier: pancreatitis recovery at home

Rich Jones: home after stem cell transplant

Joe March: home recovery from cardiac bypass 11/12

Jim Miles (Marilyn): recovering from knee injury and surgery; rehab at home

Brad Parker: seeking approval for liver transplant

Larry Sievers: back surgery on 12/22

John Switzer: recovery from stroke

Chronic Health Concerns:

Pray for faith, strength, perseverance & wholeness
Lucy & Noah Breitwieser, Ghasem Charmsazi, Sue Foster, Augusta Harting, Cullen Nance, Leah Paterson, Fatemeh Saddigh, Ron Sonti, Ethel Dumas (sister of Reba O'Pere)

Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living, Unable to worship in person: Frances Dawes, Tom/Robin Dawes, Joe Fitzgerald, Barb Fountain, Mary Garriott, Ruth Ann Gigax, Norm Hughey, Judy Parker, 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 National Guard Reserve
Anne Davidson Ward (daughter of Darrell & Robin), Navy MD, Pensacola FL
Ryan Woolf (son of Mike & Elizabeth), US Army

OUR NATION & WORLD

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Ti 2:1-2

Pray for ending of Russian war on Ukraine with a just agreement to end the fighting
President Trump, Vice President Vance; Senators Young and Banks; Representatives Spartz, Carson, Baird and Pence; Governor Braun, local mayors and Judges.
Suffering, persecuted, and displaced people all over the world: DRC (Congo), Gaza, Iran, Israel, Myanmar, Nigeria, Sudan, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, et. al.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

David & Karen Bradley (Jesus Film): Pray for production of films in heart languages to reach/disciple people around the world & see churches planted; fundraising for the animated Jesus that will leverage existing 2,200+ languages. Karen: knee replacement on 12/16; Christian Martial Arts where Karen serves as chief instructor and operations manager and reaches local community. 12/13

David & Emily Cetola (TEAM, Italy): Opportunities to share Christ — hosting the church group to celebrate graduation of Turkish student, hoping to share gospel over coffee with Paola (who practices English with Emily) & her husband, inviting friends who don't usually attend to come to Christmas brunch Sunday morning. For Grazia to understand & believe gospel. 12/22

Mark & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): Pray for members of evangelistic cell group to grow in faith & invite others. YFC has opportunity to provide government-recognized training course for youth workers to 25 volunteers from Gypsy churches in Spain. 12/13

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (ReachGlobal, Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology): Pray for time indy from 12/11 to early January; for Jacob & Bethany and family-time together this month, for national missionaries Samson & Judy Monda raising support team with ReachGlobal. 12/10

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Logistics, relationship connections and clear direction for "Recharge", local one-day gatherings for youth leaders to network, connect, receive training. Creativity for Jacob's team planning a training conference in March for 200 youth leaders from across Poland. Jacob started Masters in Global Leadership through Wheaton. Healing & wisdom treating Becca's "tonsil"/sore throat. 12/22

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): New software project is scheduled to be completed earlier than expected, pray it will be available in January. Pray for Lisa to learn new tasks well. Grace & wisdom for clients who work in challenging parts of the world. 12/22

Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project): Praise: 2,240 completed JF languages, 740 million saw JF in the past year, Fundraising for animated film surpassed \$100 million, launched pilot episode of "Anubhav: Experiencing Jesus" contextualized for Hindu audiences, created by South Asians for South Asians. Tom settling into new role. Daughter, Rachel's wedding in March. Pray for 2-yr-old great nephew battling leukemia. 11/26

Emily Nussbaum (Cru): Praise for recent conference for upperclassmen considering post-graduation plans. Pray for teams to reach students in Poland, Belgium, SE Asia, and many U.S. campuses. Provision of \$4,000 to offset monthly expenses by end of year. 12/13

Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe): Move to East TX near Maggie Jo & family. Praise for safe delivery of grandson, Hudson. The Mwaghuval Bible approved for printing, Jeff's trip to So. Africa and Nigeria went well. Pray house will sell quickly; for Christians of Nigeria suffering persecution; Peg's checking of the Bunong Bible; for health, that apartment management will be responsive to needed repairs. 11/26

Andy & Janet Singleterry (Servant Partners): Transitions: Janet's mother living with them; Ana adjusting to being a SP intern/new job, Nayeli is post-college/ job hunting. Financial stability for San Jose team, \$7K need by year end; Immigrant neighbors; families struggling with loss of SNAP benefits. Cayla & Tyra speaking at Urbana seminar 12/13

Mark Slaughter (InterVarsity): Mark speaking Jan. 2-12 at the Global Strategy Leadership Congress to Lagos, Nigeria. Pray for logistical, spiritual & message preparation and that gifted evangelists be mobilized. Mark consulting on Evangelism Resources for Christian Colleges. Pray students are mobilized to share their faith. Year-end provision of \$6,000. is. 12/22

Kathi Small (TEAM, Guatemala): Praise — week-long visit to a friend in NC, singing in Christmas choir. Pray for SETECA students having cross-cultural mission experiences this month, work on dissertation proposal, that mold issues in her apartment would be solved. 12/22

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): Spiritual growth for Robert & Mary. Christian community for kids who came to camp from non-christian families and made a decision for follow Christ. For "counselors in training" to grow in their fire for Jesus. Son, Loyal, going through transitions of new school, learning Catalan, new brother, returning from furlough. Parenting of Loyal & Jack. 12/22

Mark & Kathy Wilson (Via): Training global workers in support raising. Praise that 28 workers in a Brazilian ministry are now fully supported by ministry partners; 3 years ago there were only six workers, all underfunded. Pray for provision of \$15,000 in year-end giving.

MDE: In 2025: 20 new client members stepped into their calling, 37 volunteers offered their gifts, and 13 new ventures began to thrive.