



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## PRAYER GUIDE JANUARY 2023

**1 PRAY FOR: HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Senior Pastor **Josh Moody** and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Josh as he shepherds the church; him as he preaches in the ongoing series from Mark’s Gospel; Pastor Josh as he speaks at the Chicago Course on Preaching on January 9; his teaching at Wheaton College this semester on gospel faith and life; Pastor Josh as his preaching is distributed through media, radio and online through God Centered Life Ministries.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Karen Bagge, Ruth Diffin, family and friends of Tom Johnston, Jeff Kirchman, Annette Strauch, Nathanael Strauch, Joan Stough, Doug Walter, Elizabeth Walter, Bruce Wilson. **Culture Impact & Evangelism Committee** and chair **David Kelley. Cory** and **Kristiana Miller**, GEM/Europe—the teenagers who attended their MK camp event in France this New Year’s weekend; God to continue to move and work in their hearts; praise God for the opportunity to serve and get to know these missionary kids; stamina and joy in their work and ministry during the winter months as their family needs rest and steady rhythms at this time; progress and confidence in learning German.

**3 PRAY FOR:** Director of Children’s Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children’s Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller and Karin Tuurie**—new teachers who begin this semester and other volunteers to fill the remaining spots; the teachers to fully engage in their important roles; the right students to apply for Summer Crew; the interviews this month for Summer Crew and discernment in the process. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, US— good follow up from the InterVarsity Urbana Missions Conference with people who expressed interest in InterVarsity Link staff (sending staff to sister movements in other countries) and with the COD students who attended; the five-session “Go Global” training on discernment and calling that Link offers;

Jane as she participates in forums on equipping others; the start of COD classes on January 23, that Jeff and the InterVarsity students would reach out effectively to new students; spiritual growth in breadth and depth among the students.

**4 PRAY FOR:** Assts. for Children's Ministries **Angie Schroeder, Liz Stahler** and **Sarah Tews**—thank God for the behind-the-scenes support Angie, Liz and Sarah provide for children's ministries. **Joshua** and **Kara Duncel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—their teammate Jim and his wife as they transition to the U.S. after 30 years of ministry in France; God to provide Jim clarity in his new role and raise up a new catalyst for international church planting in Europe; Joshua and Kara as they prepare for home assignment this summer; their children during this transition; God to use this time to grow their family's faith in his promises; increased collaboration and unity among churches, believers and mission organizations in Hungary and across Europe; that John 17:22-23 may be lived out to the watching world. **Ongoing health needs: Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Don Genheimer, Nan Green, Chuck Howard, Marjorie Okoro.

**5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program,** Supt. **Danika Kelly** and leaders—thank God for leaders who are committed to encouraging girls to grow in Christ. **Katherine**, Middle East—the team of four new workers in the Middle East, who are just able to tell Bible stories and have gospel conversations in Arabic; God's provision of new team leaders as two leaders return to the U.S. for family reasons.

**6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program,** Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and volunteers—the men as they point the boys to Christ and encourage them to follow him. **Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—praise God for evidence of his restorative powers at a recent university club meeting and reunion of over 50 Kids Alive DR young adults; the health care specialists at each KA site and the local doctors who collaborate to help children and families with acute and chronic medical needs; their seven schools that opened in September with record student enrollment and almost no restrictions for the first time in over two years. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Nursery Supt. **Ashley Gosselin**, Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Sarah Mikolajczyk**, Preschool Children's Church Superintendent **Kristie Smalley** and teachers—these little ones, their parents and nursery and preschool volunteers to stay healthy this month.

**8 PRAY FOR:** Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and staff—a good return to Wonders of Worship after the Christmas break. Elementary Bible School Supt. **Dan Burden** and teachers—thank God for teachers and team leaders who faithfully point elementary school students to Christ; new families who join Kids' Harbor this new year to feel welcomed. **Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, TLI/Worldwide—wisdom as Todd and Sue love their adult children and seek to influence them to love the Lord; the Lord to grant Todd much wisdom and grace in his new role at TLI; a movement of God's Word to continue to grow in Vietnam, New Zealand, Australia and other places where TLI has strong partners.

**9 PRAY FOR:** Praise God for the return of Upward basketball today; the coaches, especially as they talk about Jesus with their players. **John** and **Esther**, Eurasia—John to have God's wisdom and the Holy Spirit's help as he works hard to finish his dissertation; the Lord to open doors and clarify his direction and solidify relationships and roles for the next place of service (church and school in a large international city); continued healing for John's shoulder; thank God for his kindness to them while in Wheaton for a furlough and for restoration of Esther's health.

**10 PRAY FOR:** Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben** and adult volunteers—students to experience the joy of the Lord in school and at their activities this winter; middle schoolers to grow in their love for God and their neighbors during the second semester; the adult leader team to continue to have God's strength as they minister to students. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**—the young children and volunteers to stay healthy during the winter; little hearts to begin to understand Jesus' love. **Maggie Bailey**, KA/Dominican Republic, mid-term through July 2023—Maggie as she teaches laboratory science to fifth through ninth graders, an advanced art class as well as coaching UI6 girls' soccer; God to use soccer to impact these girls and show them the redemptive grace of God through the gospel.

**11 PRAY FOR: Women's Bible Study—Heidi Johanik** (Bible study coordinator, a.m. lead) and **Susan Krisch** (p.m. lead); the study in the Gospel of Luke that begins today, that God would open women's eyes to see Jesus, some for the first time; women who are new to studying the Bible to consider the invitation of the gospel. **Josh** and **Brittany**, Asia—the Lord to provide the financial means necessary for these workers to continue this ministry to those in restricted countries, who may never have another opportunity

to hear the gospel; continued good health for Brittany during her pregnancy as the family joyfully anticipates welcoming this new addition in the spring. **Rick and Janice McKinley**, MAI (1), North Carolina/ Worldwide—Rick as he oversees future trips, in the preparation and training of the tour leaders; the Lord to use these trips to communicate the gospel to those they meet and to impact the lives of those who participate; the sports ministry movement to continue to proclaim the gospel around the world; those who are currently considering ministry involvement this coming year.

**12 PRAY FOR: Joan**, Mission Associate Asia—the Adesa English Club; Compassion/Laras Asri internship hotel management program and its private English classes; the Korean mothers' study group; Siwi, her brother Arigga, and his wife, Atik, to come to know Jesus. **World Impact Committee**—a good number of high school students to apply for the World Impact teams this summer; wisdom and discernment for the committee as they form the teams to serve in Czech Republic, Spain and Dominican Republic. High School Pastor **Baxter Helm**.

**13 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary Carol Schick.** Events Manager **Diane Stephen** and Event Coordinators **Charis Ellis, Alta Johnson, Danika Kelly** and **Marilyn Papierski.** **Homebound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Vivian Borrink, Peg Carlson, Patty Edmonds, Jerry Haddock, Julia King, Marve Mayer, Dick Peterson, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Lillian Smith, Tony Zalar, Forrest Zander.

**14 PRAY FOR: Men's Ministries and Men's Bible Study. Kevin Cox**, Word of Life/Brazil, mid-term through March 2023—the summer campers to continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and be involved in a local church; God to help campers stay the course with decisions made at summer camp.

**15 PRAY FOR: Women's Ministries**—moms and caregivers tasked with caring for children and family members; abundant grace, patience and joy; women who are new to College Church to find safe harbor, community and nourishment from God's Word within our church family; women in the church who are grieving, experiencing physical pain and suffering or relational strife; God to use his Word and his people to care for those who are struggling to persevere by faith. **Jim and Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia—guidance in accepting invitations to do pastoral training in 2023 in Bolivia and Kenya in view of Jim's teaching schedule in Waukesha; Kathy as she tries to help a special needs student in the elementary school; God to intervene and grant healing to this little boy and strength to Kathy; praise the Lord that, after a

long separation, they have been granted visitation with their seven-year-old granddaughter, which has been a happy reunion for all.

**16 PRAY FOR:** College Pastor **Ben Panner**, Ministry Associates for College **Grant Flynn** and **Liz Oster**. **Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—Jeremy and Christy and the exciting new opportunities in their work that also leaves them feeling like there's never enough time to get everything done, especially with family responsibilities; Christy as she still suffers from long COVID; the general health of family; financial provision for Jeremy's school as it faces severe financial difficulties because of inflation and the European energy crisis; the Lord to use this need to create a sweet dependence on him within the campus community.

**17 PRAY FOR:** **Bob** and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—Becky's health and recovery to continue to improve; their church visits in the US this month; Bob to have freedom and skill as he teaches and that his classes in archaeology continue to be well received; the Holy Spirit's presence to be evident as courses progress. **Judy Blumhofer**, Christian Health Service Corp., Honduras—their dear Honduran friends who they have cared for and employed all these years; the Lord to provide for their every need and comfort and sustain them as they part ways; Judy as she finishes packing and moves, says goodbye to dear colleagues and friends and walks forward into what is next.

**18 PRAY FOR:** Service & Engagement Committee and chair **Daniel Conroy**—insight in how best to encourage and motivate people to become involved in the church community. **Twice is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and all those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups—a steady stream of donations to the resale shops; the positions of part-time sales associates to be filled at both shops.

**19 PRAY FOR:** **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program). **Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—the training of new staff and adjustment for students joining La Palabra de Vida; the start of the 2023 school year in February; wisdom in decisions about Natalia's schooling for the remainder of high school; the legal processes for registering a new start-up Christian school on the coast of Costa Rica.

**20 PRAY FOR:** **Keenagers** and chair **Don Childs**—the dinner and program tonight, featuring special guest Jean Kuecher, puppeteer and producer of the Marionette Playhouse, as she presents the biblical story of Queen Esther. **Commons Café** on Sunday morning and Coordinator **Diane DiLeonardi**.

**21 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**, Admin. Assts. for Music **Lauren Fortosis** and **Delena Ollila**, Ministry Associates for Music **Debbie Hollinger** and **Ruth Gregornik**. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer** and accountants **Beate Carlson** and **Cindy Schuerman**

**22 PRAY FOR:** The Visitors Lunch after the third service today; those who attend the lunch to feel better connected to church. The **Front Door Ministry team**. **Anita Deyneka**, ME, Wheaton/Eurasia—safety for A Family for Every Orphan (AFFEO) colleagues and those from other organizations who continue to help evacuate orphans and vulnerable children to places of safety within Ukraine or to bordering countries; the many Ukrainian orphans who have fled the country to find safety in the arms of organizations like AFFEO. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

**23 PRAY FOR:** Chairman of the Council of Elders **Howard Costley**, Vice Chair **David Gieser** and Secretary **Jeremy Taylor**—over the next few days, take time to thank God for our elders and their leadership. **Philip**, South Asia—the truths of Scripture to shape his life; opportunities to share this good news with others in this part of the world.

**24 PRAY FOR:** Elders **David Bea** and **Mark Berg**. **Phil** and **Ann Baur**, Pioneers, FL—discernment and careful listening to the Holy Spirit as they plan out their 2023 calendar, including board meetings, mission events, family visits, domestic and international travel; the Pioneers leadership team, who recently reviewed the past year and saw God at work, guiding, providing and enabling them to reach deeply into unreached communities with the gospel; praise God that he is at work and will accomplish all he has said he will.

**25 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Randy Jahns** and **Henrich Johnsen**. **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries/Dominican Republic—a rested and refreshed time for staff members as they intentionally pour into the lives of their athletes; wisdom and guidance as they launch into new areas and ventures with the mission of “empowering local leaders to make disciples through sports.”

**26 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Jeff Oslund**, **Roger Sandberg** and **David Setran**. **Dan** and **Michelle**, Asia—strength and wisdom as they continue to be challenged with life in a “new” and different culture, the U.S.; praise God that the Spirit continues to work in Indonesia and at the school where they have worked for the past seven years; more opportunities for their teammates and friends as they share Christ’s love with many there. **Tyrannus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

**27 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Chad Thorson** and **Brian Wildman. John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, WBT/ North Carolina—wisdom for John as he develops Bible translation software and for Vivi as she meets with women.

**28 PRAY FOR:** The **Becoming One** class this morning; the mentor couples as they encourage engaged, soon-to-be-engaged and newly married couples in their marriages.

**29 PRAY FOR:** **Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain. The Kids' Harbor **God's Good Design class** on biblical sexuality for fourth and fifth grade students and their parents that begins today through February 12; parents to feel equipped and children to understand and trust God's plan.

**30 PRAY FOR:** President **Joe Biden**, Vice-President **Kamala Harris** and the administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators **Tammy Duckworth** and **Dick Durbin**. The U.S. House of Representatives and the speaker of the house and Representatives **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11) and **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14).

**31 PRAY FOR:** **Jane**, Asia—growth in her ability to serve missionaries serving in South and Central Asia; the Lord to restore and renew those to whom she will provide care and counsel; Jane as she communicates with workers in a certain country in the Middle East in the plans for a trip there in March.

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#### MISSION ACRONYMS:

**GEM** - Greater Europe Mission

**IVCF** - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

**KA** - Kids Alive

**MAI (1)** - Missionary Athletes in Action

**ME** - Mission Eurasia

**SV** - Salt Ventures

**TLI** - Training Leaders International

**UWM** - United World Mission

**WBT** - Wycliffe Bible Translators

**WV** - World Venture

#### PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



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