



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## PRAYER GUIDE SEPTEMBER 2023

**1 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Discipleship **Josh Maurer** and Admin. Asst. for Discipleship Ministries **Mary DeMoss**—the new marriage ministry that begins this month. **Curt** and **Karen Cole**, Avant Ministries, Worldwide—their son Brandon and his family adapting to life as new missionaries with SEND Int'l in the Philippines; the 16 missionaries, from four different nationalities, who were appointed in July; the seven new missionary kids that Karen serves.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Ben Crane, Teri Hibben, Dick Jahns, Leigh Mikolajczyk. **Greg** and **Debby Nichols**, GEM, Czech Republic—the Father to open paths in their ministries to displaced Ukrainians in Prague, including ballet lessons, youth group and monthly outreaches; the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of the teens attending their Alpha Course in the Ukrainian language; the Ukrainian families they watch over who are making life-changing decisions about returning to Ukraine, and that Jesus would be exalted; a swift end to the Russian invasion.

**3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Kathy Balc, Ric Baptista, Brian Bauer, Roger Beyer, Bert Bunn, Ron Chiodras, Shawn DeMoss, Jean Dusek, Sheri Fuller, Sarah Garcia, Jan Hagstrom, Ed Hollatz, Brenda Kopp, Brian Smidesang, Chris Tews, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Norm Beasley, Stan DeLaCour (retired), Jim and Nan Green (retired), Marjorie Okoro, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Bill Stough, Jr. **John** and **Pam**, Africa—John and Pam's quick trip to Florida for a memorial service today for John's sister; John and a local crew preparing housing for a new team among a new people group; their crew to reflect the culture of their kingdom; God to prepare hearts for their team to live there.

**4 PRAY FOR: College Group**—the fall launch of Sunday morning College Gatherings and Tuesday Bible Study; the core group of students looking for a

deeper dive into discipleship. **Melissa Warner**, OMF, Thailand—her Thai language and culture learning; good relationships with her Thai teachers and fellow students. **Hanoi Bible College**, Vietnam. **Mike** and **Carol Beth**, Asia—sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as they care for kingdom workers in Asia; answers for long-term health issues for Mike; their children and their spouses in various life transitions to trust Jesus wholeheartedly.

**5 PRAY FOR: Karen Bradley**, WBT, U.S.—their English students in difficult situations in West Africa, India, Ukraine and Russia; creative teaching ideas where the internet is spotty; members of the SIL International English team to depend on the Lord as they teach and encourage their students; Karen’s family to continue to grow in the Lord and delight in his Word.

**6 PRAY FOR: Jim and Lynette Hatcher**, GEM, Austria—Jim as he shifts from 30 years of active mission leadership roles to focusing primarily on local ministry in Austria, especially teaching, preaching and discipleship; BAO, an Austrian church-based training program, as it recruits younger leaders who can update the materials and lead the program for the next generation.

**7 PRAY FOR: Steve and Mirian Cox**, WOL, Brazil—them to continue to invest in the lives of married students and for more couples to come for next year. **WOL Bible Seminary**, Sao Paulo, Brazil, **Jonatán** and **Teresa Simons** SIM, Colombia—their kids’ schooling as their oldest does online classes and the other two are homeschooled; the Lord to guide on how best to minister to the students; wisdom to know which opportunities to accept for broader ministry (in the church, local outreaches, etc.) and which to let go; thank God that Jonatán’s classes are going well this semester and for opportunities to speak at conferences.

**8 PRAY FOR: Brian and Warrie Blackburn**, Mercy Ships, Worldwide—a new field service in Sierra Leone and the Global Mercy as it remains in Freetown, Sierra Leone through May 2024; the offer of free surgeries to those in need and hands-on training and continuing education to Sierra Leonian medical professionals; the 48 crew kids and 15 teachers onboard the Global Mercy as school begins; daughters Addison and Alyssa, who started their sophomore year in high school in Texas.

**9 PRAY FOR: Adult Communities** as they resume tomorrow; growth and connections to take place. **Tim**, N. Africa. **Jim** and **Juliana Gieser**, YMCA, South Africa (mid-term to January 2024)—the second semester that began late July; students involved in the

residence life program, Bible studies and post-graduate reading groups to understand what it means to live out the gospel; visa renewals for all family members, especially since applications were submitted a year ago.

**10 PRAY FOR:** the **Visitor's Lunch** today; newcomers to connect with the life and ministries of the church. The **small group leaders training** this afternoon to equip and encourage leaders. Pastors of Visitation and Care **Bruce Main** and **Roger Burgess**, Women's Ministry Associate for Care and Visitation **Joan Engeseth** and Admin. Asst. of Congregational Care **Christy Chiodras**—wisdom for Bruce, Joan and Roger in addressing care concerns of our seniors. The **Hospitality Committee** and chair **Anna Walsh. Sara Klopfenstein**, YFC, France—praise God for their time in the Midwest to reconnect with friends and family; Sara, with activities and agendas of the school year, to be intentional in studying the Word with three new believers (two in their church, one in their choir).

**11 PRAY FOR:** those participating in **GriefShare**, which begins tonight, to find hope and healing. **Dan** and **Beth**, SIM, Ethiopia—Beth as she cares for her mom (retired missionary Muriel Stillwell) who requires 24/7 care; Dan's international chaplain trips. **Jeff** and **Marilyn**, Asia—thank God for the people who participated in Scripture-based trauma groups and their hunger to see God present in hard times; training workshops to equip additional trauma healing group leaders; God to guide a new translation team who are crafting Bible stories or Scripture in their own language for the first time; their four-month home assignment that begins in October; opportunities to share how the Lord is at work in SE Asia and to connect with partners.

**12 PRAY FOR: Church family serving in the military**—Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Hannah Kosirog, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, Wesley Schmidt, John Stough, David Tebbe, Joshua Wiltgen, Douglas Yates. **Chad** and **Leanna Wiebe**, SEND, Ukraine—Chad as he works with SEND Ukraine missionaries on their ministry assignments; wisdom in how best to minister to Ukrainian churches and refugees; Ukrainian pastors and volunteers to find much needed rest; the Lord's protection of their 3M Ukrainian missionary partners who returned to Central Asia, and provision of needed funds to remain in their ministries; additional financial support in the new year for Pastor Sergli Debelinskyl, president of the BIB Church Association.

**13 PRAY FOR: Women's and Men's Bible Studies** begin today; participants to see the character and power of God in the Book of Acts; the Holy Spirit to come alive in their lives; small groups to support one another well; children in Kids Korner to come to saving faith in Jesus and grow in him. **Thad and Joy McAuley**, GEM, Worldwide—protection from spiritual attacks for the mission and them personally; praise God for 73 college interns who shared Christ across Europe with GEM this past summer; Joy as she teaches French at a local high school.

**14 PRAY FOR: Robbie and Lauren Becker**, ECA, Colombia—God to provide the funding for a mission trip to India that Robbie is leading with 10 Colombians; God to strengthen the faith of these Colombians through his provision in the process; Robbie and Lauren's children—Annie (grade 7), Lincoln (grade 5), Gabi (grade 3) and Caleb (at home)—to allow God to use them for his glory; God to use their marriage and family to bless others. **Center for Applied Christian Ethics**, Wheaton. **Daniel Lanz**, Forman Christian College, Pakistan. **St. Trivellius Institute** Sofia, Bulgaria.

**15 PRAY FOR: Rod and Kathy Duttweiler**, EM, Nashville/Worldwide—their trip to three African countries through September 25; the East Mountain ministry as Caleb and Marissa return and engage in the work there in South Africa; Kathy and Rod as they host people coming to and through Memphis; them to be people of grace to their neighbors and anyone who stops by the house. **Nathan and Vera Beck**, GEM, Czech Republic—Nathan as he fills the interim pastoral role as chair of the board of elders at their church; the young leaders at the church to stay steadfast and not become discouraged in their ministry.

**16 PRAY FOR:** the ArtSpace Improv Workshop this morning; Missions Pastor **Curt Miller**, Missions Administrative Assistant **Kathy Bailey**, Missions Coordinator **Marilyn Papierski** and **Esther W**, ministry associate for communications—the team and the Board of Missions as they plan for the October missions festival; missionaries facing health challenges or experiencing transitions in ministry; the kids of missionaries as they adapt to the cultures and languages of their host countries.

**17 PRAY FOR:** The **Board of Missions** and Chair **Jim Tebbe**—thank God for the board care of our missionary family; God to guide missionaries who are in transition. Missions Associates **Scott** and **Jenny Hawkins**, ISI, NC—the Spirit to bring about new life in Christ in international students this school year; their

staff team and its plans for a fellowship group called Crossroads, that would gather bi-weekly and explore life issues in an open setting.

**18 PRAY FOR: STAMP teams** and the **STAMP Committee**—praise God for the experiences of the Wales and Chad teams this summer; the team preparing for Czech Republic in November; the Lord to lead the committee to the right trips for 2024. **Mom2Mom**—moms to find community and encouragement from other moms in similar stages of motherhood; mentor moms to easily connect with young moms; creativity in supporting these young moms well. **Charley** and **Cheryl Warner**, Barnabas, Ukraine—thank God for a safe return to Irpin, Ukraine, and joyful reunions with friends and ministry partners; debriefings and spiritual support for those who have experienced war trauma; the training of a Ukrainian member care team September 21-24 in western Ukraine; preparations for the next retreat for Ukrainian missionaries; Irpin Bible Church as it disciples new believers and shares Christ in a time of openness to the gospel. **Paul Adams**, WP, worldwide—wisdom as Paul travels to gather and then share stories from pastors around the world about God’s work in their lives and ministries; Paul and Mary to faithfully follow the Lord each day with eyes and hearts turned to him; Mary and Isaac to flourish in the Lord as Isaac is in third grade at a new school.

**19 PRAY FOR: Missions Treasurer Nate Peterson. Stephen** and **Karis Rigby**, Serge, Kenya— their Serge team and the start of a new season to establish a good rhythm as a team; the leasers of Ambassadors Football Kenya as they adjust to Stephen’s new role as Africa director; their daughter Abigail to have peace in her heart as she faces the challenge of a new school; them to enjoy these days with their dog who has terminal cancer; the Lord to help them process this with their kids.

**20 PRAY FOR: Hope Fellowship Church** (fourth church plant in Lombard), Pastor **Eric Channing** and the congregation—the start of fall ministries including Hope Kids and men’s and women’s Bible studies. **Emmanuel** and **Adugna Tahear**, SIM, Wheaton—the Lord to provide opportunities to serve locally and globally; continued provision and open doors for Adugna’s dentistry mission; funds to replace their old car they use for ministry and travel.

**21 PRAY FOR: Small groups** and leaders— small groups to flourish and multiply in care and encouragement of one another. **Hanoi Bible College**, Vietnam.

**22 PRAY FOR:** The **Sanctity of Human Life Task Force**—the peaceful prayer vigil tomorrow across from Planned Parenthood Aurora. **Caring Network DuPage**, Wheaton. **Greg** and **Faith Hurst**, SIM, Bolivia.

**23 PRAY FOR: Holy Trinity Church** (Chicago with congregations downtown and on the north side), Pastors **Jon Dennis** and **Kyle Edwards**, respectively and their congregations—the spread of the gospel to lead to transformation in the city.

**24 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Peg Carlson, Ruth Comfield, Patty Edmonds, Julia King, Wayne and Barb King, Marve Mayer, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Lillian Smith, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander. **South Asian Friendship Center**—a coalition of Christians open to engage with the Muslim community in the Chicagoland area. **Jon** and **Kathy Haley**, WV, worldwide—their translator who is working on the 1 Corinthians volume of the ZECNT; efficiency and insight for Jon as he finishes up the edition of the Apostolic Fathers Greek Reader; attention to detail for Kathy as she works on the layout for two translation projects.

**25 PRAY FOR:** the **STARS Family Services** golf outing today; an increased awareness of SFS and its role in the disability community. **José-Pablo** and **Jane Sanchez**, Decision/OCI, Spain—the Lord to take care of them while in the U.S. **Jake** and **Honah Finn**, OMS, Thailand.

**26 PRAY FOR: Living Hope** (formerly Christ the King Church, second church plant in Aurora), Pastor **Ken Carr** and the congregation. **Michael Walker** (mid-term June 2024), TCCL/UK—God to move mightily in London in a way that university students who don't know him would come to faith and Christian students would find a church home; wisdom, unity, strength and health during their outreach the second half of September.

**27 PRAY FOR: Mihai and Tamara Lundell**, OCI, Italy—Romanian ministry leaders in Genoa for three days of retreat to feel welcomed in the Lundells' home; Tammy as she teaches and leads worship at a retreat in Bulgaria for young women leaders in Europe; Mihai as he hosts meetings for two ministry networks he facilitates in Italy—member care and sports—which officially launch in January 2024. **New Covenant Church** (church plant in Naperville), Pastor **Chris Castaldo**.

**28 PRAY FOR: Outreach Community Center,** Carol Stream—the Pickle Ball Tournament on Saturday to help support Outreach. Church Librarian **Lisa Kern** and library staff. **Pastoral Residents Josue Alvarado, Matt Anthony, Felipe Chamy** and **Richard Moomjian**—the residents work with small groups, missions, men’s ministries and College Group; thank God for Richard’s ordination on September 24.

**29 PRAY FOR: Director of Communications Wil Triggs** and Creative Asst. for Communications **Kathryn McBride. Dick** and **Roslyn Albright**, TLI, Wheaton/Worldwide—pastors and church leaders attending preaching workshops in September and October; safe travel and good health for students and instructors; God’s grace and mercy on Dick and Roslyn as Roslyn’s brain disease continues to progress and her health deteriorates.

**30 PRAY FOR: Stephen** and **Teri Pardue**, TeachBeyond, Philippines—two dozen faculty and leaders who are working on advanced degrees to grow in wisdom, knowledge and skill as they seek to serve their churches and seminaries better; the Pardues as they parent teenagers, made more complicated at times by the realities of cross-cultural living; praise the Lord for growth in both the seminary and in the preschool that Teri directs; the Lord’s provision of resources and people to keep up with the work ahead of them.

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### MISSION ACRONYMS:

**GEM** - Greater Europe Mission

**ECA** - El Camino Academy

**EM** - East Mountain Leadership Development

**ISI** - International Students, Inc.

**OCI** - One Challenge International

**OMF**- Overseas

**OMS** - One Mission Society

**TCCL** - Trinity Church Central London

**TLI** - Training Leaders International

**WBT** - Wycliffe Bible Translators

**WOL** - Word of Life

**WP** - WordPartners

**WV** - World Venture

**YFC** - Youth for Christ

### PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

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