



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2024

1 PRAY FOR: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Senior Pastor **Josh Moody** and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Josh as he preaches a new sermon series this month; him as he teaches at the Chicago Course on Preaching for the Simeon Trust on January 22; God Centered Life, which continues to expand its radio ministry worldwide.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: Dick Albright, family and friends of Freda Davis, Bob and Jan Bastian, Jenelle Colling, Barb DeLew, Elizabeth Diffin, Joanne Hollatz, Nathan Hutchins, Joe Maurer, Cindy Powell, Evelyn Reeve, Ray Smith. **Culture Impact & Evangelism Committee** and chair **David Kelley**. **Cory** and **Kristiana Miller**, GEM/Europe— thank God for the recent GEM-K Winter Camp and God's work in the teenagers at this special time; Rylenn's and Melody's faith to thrive; encouragement for their hearts; praise God for safety and good returns home after many travels.

3 PRAY FOR: Director of Children's Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Sarah Herr**, **Jennifer Miller** and **Karin Tuurie**—God to provide the right team members for Summer Crew 2024; the winter family open gym events to be opportunities to bring friends and connect to one another. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, U.S.—Jeff and Jane as they attend InterVarsity's staff conference in Orlando this week; Jane to connect with any staff interested in serving students overseas (through InterVarsity Link); this conference to be a place of encouragement and meeting Jesus as participants focus on their mission on campus; Jane as she trains global program directors (summer teams) in Mexico City, January 30–February 3, which works with sister movements of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students; College of DuPage students

involved with InterVarsity as the second semester begins January 22; the group to grow as it reaches out to students on campus from a variety of backgrounds; open hearts.

4 PRAY FOR: Assts. for Children's Ministries **Suzanne Shirley, Liz Stahler and Megan Stough. Joshua and Kara Dunckel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—their fresh transition back to daily life and ministry in Hungary; new teammates to join the strategic collaboration team; peace in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza. **Ongoing health needs:** Danny Arciaga, Brian Bauer, Bert Bunn, Jan Burton, Ron Chiodras, Shawn DeMoss, Carol Denning, Jean Dusek, Dan Ford, Sheri Fuller, Amy Johncola, Brian Smidesang, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Steve Dresselhaus, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Rick McKinley, Marjorie Okoro, Muriel Stilwell (retired).

5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program, Supt. **Danika Kelly** and leaders—thank God for the growing third- and fourth-grade club; new leaders to serve the girls, many of whom don't attend College Church. **Elizabeth**, Middle East—God's leading for the language consultancy she works with; Pearl's spiritual growth and wisdom for Elizabeth and teammates as they walk the road of discipleship with Pearl; the Lord to continue to be at work in their region and that he would use the media campaign to bring locals into relationship with him; her to be strengthened and encouraged and find joy in the Lord's will for her.

6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and volunteers. **Victor and Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—the King's Day celebration today at each site to have a great spiritual impact on the children who receive gifts this day instead of Christmas Day, to begin to realize that Baby Jesus is the best gift from God to humankind; multiple work teams there this month to help them advance the ministry work and encourage national workers and children; Vic and Leslie to begin the year in a good rhythm of time with God, time dedicated to marriage and family and time in ministry. **Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology**, Nairobi, Kenya.

7 PRAY FOR: Nursery Supt. **Suzy Yoder**, Preschool Bible School Supt. **Laura Swoboda**, Preschool Children's Church Supt. **Kristie Smalley** and teachers—the young families they serve to have a good rhythm to the Lord's Day; teachers and little ones to stay healthy during the winter. **Daniel** and **Charis**—a dear friend and the family grieving the loss of their adult son; Med Mission and praise for the completion

of another semester in Christian Global Health in Perspective; follow-up with contacts made at the Global Missions Health Conference last year; thank God for an encouraging gathering with other missionaries last month in Pennsylvania.

8 PRAY FOR: Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and staff. **Christina Achziger** and teachers. **Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, TLI/ U.S.—God to raise up the right partners (co-workers, prayer warriors and financial donors) to enable the work to flourish; them to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom each day; thank God for how far he has brought them in this last year-and-a-half; Todd and Sue not to be overwhelmed or hesitant and to walk with him with confident, joyful hearts.

9 PRAY FOR: **John** and **Esther**, Asia—John's project about the transforming power of the gospel in the region where they had been serving to be effective in encouraging and inspiring the church toward revival and missions; them to be an encouragement and blessing to their family, churches and supporters while stateside.

10 PRAY FOR: Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben** and adult volunteers. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**. **Women's Bible Study** and **Heidi Johanik** (Bible study coordinator, a.m. lead) and **Susan Krisch** (p.m. lead)—the women as return from Christmas break and their study of the Book of Acts. **Men's Bible Study** also resumes its study in the Book of Acts; the Holy Spirit to stir hearts to proclaim the gospel.

11 PRAY FOR: **Josh** and **Brittany**, U.S. **Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI (1), U.S.—“D” and his family—his sister and niece were kidnapped and murdered in his home country, which makes it hard for him to read his Bible and pray; Tom (Ukraine) and Zack (Israel), two of their MAI missionaries currently serving in very difficult situations; protection for them as well as ongoing ministry during these days; their witness at the National Soccer Coaches convention this month.

12 PRAY FOR: **Joan**, Missions Associate, Asia—the Adesa English Club that uses Bible stories to teach English to a group of 15- to 18-year-old students, who are on a scholarship program through a local church; Abdiel Seminary in Ungaran, that also uses Bible stories to teach English to professors and students who are studying to be pastors, music directors and Christian education pastors; the Compassion/Laras Asri Hotel internship management program, and the several young ladies in this program who are Christians to be strong in their faith in a

secular environment; the mentorship of several young women; Siwi and his wife to come to know Jesus.

World Impact Committee. High School (HYACKS) Pastor **Baxter Helm** and adult volunteers—gospel-centered friendships in their small groups; God to powerfully teach students and adults as they sit under his Word in the study of 1 John.

13 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Charis Ellis** and Event Coordinators **Alta Johnson, Danika Kelly** and **Marilyn Papierski**. **Homebound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Peg Carlson, Ruth Comfield, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Julia King, Marve Mayer, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Forrest Zander.

14 PRAY FOR: Men's Ministries and **Men's Bible Study.** **Caleb** and **Marisa Duttweiler**, East Mountain, South Africa—Caleb and his new role as East Mountain residency director; them to create healthy rhythms around this busier schedule; wisdom in leading these programs well and for God's glory; East Mountain as it begins fundraising to purchase a property for residency and other ministry programs; the Lord to provide the resources and help in communicating their vision; praise God for connecting with alumni who come and stay with them for a few days for refreshment and encouragement; more opportunities to disciple in this way.

15 PRAY FOR: Women's Ministries. **Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S.—God to guide Jim and the Bolivian Bible Seminary in exploring a teaching trip in 2024, where Jim would teach a class for the Bolivian church plants in Spain and Argentina; one of Kathy's students at the school where she serves as a special needs aide who struggles with health issues, self-control, anger and focus, that God would heal his body, mind and spirit.

16 PRAY FOR: College Pastor **Ben Panner**, Ministry Associates for College **Grant Flynn** and **Liz Oster**—students as the new semester begins; friendships to deepen around the Word. **Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium. **Judy Blumhofer**, Give Hope 2 Kids, Honduras—timely headway on Angel's adoption; the families she works with in the clinic and at school to come to know Jesus and the hope and joy he brings even in hard times; the families of young Javi and Warrior (foster babies), who are experiencing hard times that only the Lord can deliver them from.

17 PRAY FOR: Bob and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—the Lord to strengthen Bob with wisdom to lead well in the work that Salt Ventures

is doing in Africa, India and Bulgaria; Becky to make good progress on her dissertation; Innovaid, their new ministry to reach children at risk; young people to encounter the Lord through the Word as they gain work experience by volunteering in the Pancharevo clinic; thank the Lord for the steady slow growth at New Day church.

18 PRAY FOR: Service & Engagement Committee and chair **Katie Nussbaum**. **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. **Tim Sattler**, Fellowship of the Word, U.S.—Fellowship of the Word Singapore has been launched to help fund and further their work throughout Asia; the transition of Fellowship of the Word to an independent nonprofit in the first part of 2024; praise God for the growth of Fellowship of the Word with partners in more countries and more staff as 2023 ended, and increasing growth in the new year.

19 PRAY FOR: **Keenagers** and chair **Charles Welander**—the first dinner and program of 2024 this evening; a warm welcome, especially to first-time attenders. **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program). **Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica.

20 PRAY FOR: **Commons Café** on Sunday morning and coordinator **Diane DiLeonardi**. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer** and accountants **Beate Carlson** and **Cindy Schuerman**.

21 PRAY FOR: **God's Good Design**, the biblical sexuality class for fourth- and fifth-graders, and their parents that begins today and runs through February. Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**, Admin. Asst. for Music **Lauren Fortosis**, Ministry Associates for Music **Ruth Gregornik**, **Debbie Hollinger**, **H. E. Singley**, **Delena Ollila** and **Robin Wiper**.

22 PRAY FOR: The **Front Door Ministry team**. **Anita Deyneka**, ME, U.S.—wisdom to know how to best support and love the increased number of Ukrainian orphans during this time of war in that nation; safety of those involved in the difficult and dangerous process of rescuing and reuniting Ukrainian children with their parents and caregivers. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

23 PRAY FOR: Chairman of the Council of Elders **Howard Costley**, Vice Chair **Brian Wildman** and Secretary **Jeremy Taylor**—wisdom from the Lord in all the Council's discussions and decisions. The **ArtSpace workshop** "Writing Your Faith Journey" on

Saturday; College Church missionary **John Maust** as he leads participants in writing their faith stories.

24 PRAY FOR: Elders **David Bea, Mark Berg** and **Mark Bradley**—the elders to shepherd the congregation well in caring and praying for them. **Phil** and **Ann Baur**, Pioneers U.S.—Pioneers U.S. as it follows the Lord's leading in brainstorming how to reach out to an additional 250 unreached people groups over the next 10 years and what this would mean to Pioneers International; safety and peace of mind for workers in West Africa, across North Africa and in the Middle East as they minister; the churches in these countries to be used by the Lord as agents of peace and testimony to his gospel; praise God for Phil and Ann's 33 years of service as missionaries, and that they still love what they do.

25 PRAY FOR: Elders **Steve Ivester, Glenn Kosirog** and **Jeff Oslund**—the five initiatives for the proclamation of the gospel. **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries/Dominican Republic—an energized focus as their staff launches the GO Sports spring semester in January; their athletes and families to see Jesus in their ministries; intentional conversations about Jesus; safety and protection for their staff and athletes.

26 PRAY FOR: Elders **Roger Sandberg, David Setran** and **Chad Thorson**—thank God for our elders and their service to Christ and his church.

27 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. **John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, WBT/U.S.— the Platform Bible team (the next version of Paratext) as it transitions from a technology demonstration to working on the first version users could actually use, which will take around a year and only contain a small number of features; them as they are building a new home and putting their current home on the market; thank God that Paratext 9.4 testing is complete and will be distributed soon.

28 PRAY FOR: all involved in the Sanctuary lighting project; the project to stay on schedule; safety and efficiency.

29 PRAY FOR: **Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—comfort to Giles and his family in the recent loss of his mother, Freda.

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 **Mike Johnson** and Representatives **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11) and **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14).

31 **PRAY FOR: Jane, U.S.** The **membership class** on Saturday, February 3; participants to be ready to take the next steps in becoming a member of College Church.

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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