



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## PRAYER GUIDE

### MAY 2024

**1 PRAY FOR:** Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer**—thank God for the successful installation of new lighting and controls in the sanctuary; praise God for a quality support staff dedicated to Jesus and this church; a strong financial finish to this current fiscal year that ended on April 30, 2024, and a strong start to 2024–2025. Treasurer **Ken Heulitt**, Financial Secretary **Eric Enstrom** and assistants—thank God for the faithful financial support from the congregation as the fiscal year ended near our giving goal and giving is above last year’s level; the church to pray, give and act in a powerful way to accelerate our community and global kingdom impact.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Vann Bush, Dan Schroeder. **Janet**, SAFE, U.S.—wisdom in preparing the final Zoom sessions for use with students, as well as parents; students to feel prepared for the start of college; praise God for answered prayer on her trip to Thailand for SAFE’s conference, which encouraged and equipped families through workshops, testing services and one-on-one advising; praise for protecting her from medical challenges during the trip.

**3 PRAY FOR: Bill** and **Laurie Stough**, AIM, Uganda—mentoring trips to DR Congo mid-July; trips in June to two churches in the Ugandan diocese, two indigenous mission organizations and YWAM; thank God for Bill’s trips with AIM Uganda field leaders, and time with the bishops of Soroti Diocese and North Karamoja Diocese and people from mission agencies; a good housing situation when they return from a few weeks in the States to help their new granddaughter. **Ongoing health needs:** Rich Barrie, Brian Bauer, Bert Bunn, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Carolyn Denning, Jean Dusek, Cliff Dyhouse, Doug Dykema, Tyler Ferguson,

Sheri Fuller, Dick Jahns, Jason Riek, Brian Smidesang, Becca Tally, Nancy Tally, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Steve Dresselhaus, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Elsa Maust, Marjorie Okoro, Stephen Rigby, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Carol Wenninger (retired).

**4 PRAY FOR:** Technology director **Tim Hollinger**, digital ministry manager **Tony Visconti**, AV director **Shelton Thompson** and AV manager **Joseph Abdelmelek**. **Ben** and **Mandy Pehrson**, WBT, Papua New Guinea—the Aitape West translation workshop; Ben as he checks translations and advises the Onnele language teams; his PhD research to become a linguistics consultant in addition to a translation consultant; Noah as he waits to hear from graduate schools for next year; Jacob and Jenny Beth as they finish their final year of middle school; the Lord’s guidance for Mandy and Ben as they parent their children.

**5 PRAY FOR:** the **children’s choirs** as they present “Forward by Faith,” a musical look at God’s faithfulness to College Church. **Homebound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Carolyn Denning, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Julia King, Marve Mayer, Margaret Roy, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander. **John** and **Elsa Maust**, MAI (2), U.S.—thanking God for the 99 Asian Christian publishers and writers at MAI’s “LittAsia” training conference in Thailand in April; the Holy Spirit’s inspiration to publish a clear and compelling message of hope in Christ for readers in hard places for the gospel; continued preparations for LittWorld 2024 in Mexico, November 3–8; healing for Elsa’s lingering problem with double vision. **Steve** and **Lois Krogh**, TLI, U.S.—Steve as he teaches expository preaching at the Baptist Theological School in Novi Sad, Serbia, May 6–11; him to return to the States in time for his youngest son’s graduation from college on May 12; God’s continued grace on Christ Church in South Metro Atlanta, (College Church’s fifth church plant), where Steve is elder chair and Lois volunteers in various ministries.

**6 PRAY FOR:** **Phil** and **Jessica Smith**, FLI, U.S.—wisdom and provision to bring Jesus-saturated love to more of the most vulnerable people globally; the Smith family to grow in the fruit of the Spirit; their son Oliver, who begins in the ROTC program at Wheaton College this summer. **Kristen** (Eurasia)—their son, Parsa, as he grows and develops; their transition into parenthood; new teams to successfully obtain residence permits; good spiritual conversations with refugee friends. **STARS Disability Ministries**, Sunday morning 9:30 supt. **Dorothy Nicholson** and 11:00 supt. **Nathanel**

**Strauch**—the STARS to follow God wholeheartedly as they hear his Word and worship each Sunday.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Director of Disability Ministries (STARS) **Julie Clemens**, ministry associates for Disability Ministries **Kristin Visconti**, **Christine Williams**, admin. assistant for Disability Ministries **Kim Jimenez** and **volunteers**—thank God for financial scholarships available to STARS who want to attend summer camps. **Norm** and **Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S.—Norm’s continued healing with his high blood pressure; additional financial partners to join them in ministry; praise God for providing jobs for their daughters.

**8 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services** (SFS), living arrangements and services and board chair **Tony DiLeonardi** and board members. **Stanley** and **Marjorie Okoro**, GEM, France—effective follow-up with the new people they met during their Holy Week outreach; **Virginie**—not yet a believer, but a regular at Espace Café, who has joined their volunteer team.

**9 PRAY FOR: Derek Wang**, ministry associate for 20s Ministry—the annual one-day retreat on May 11; good community and learning from the Word. **Laurie**, Asia—for Jesus’ name to be spoken in conversations; growth of believers; faithful donations to cover some loss of support; new friendships since many expats have left the city; praise God that she feels at home after starting over in many ways. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, YFC, Spain—their transition from sabbatical to ministry; a joyful carryover of what they learned to their jobs; the summer camps to be full of campers whose hearts are ready to hear and live the good news.

**10 PRAY FOR: World Relief Corp.**, DuPage/Aurora. **John** and **Clara**, Middle East—an uncomplicated delivery of their baby due May 16; safe travels to the States; daughter Ashley and her closest friend, who will attend summer camp together in the U.S., to grow in Christ and enjoy their camp experience.

**11 PRAY FOR:** today’s **membership class** to encourage participants to move forward in the membership process. The last **women’s monthly gathering** of the school year; thank God for how he has been at work in these gatherings.

**12 PRAY FOR:** many filled baby bottles to be returned today as the **Coins for Caring Network** campaign ends. **Robert** and **Laurie Nordstrom**, OMF, U.S.—praise God that over 50 international students studied the Bible with their team this semester; the Holy Spirit to remind them of the truth of the Word; special opportunities to share the gospel with those who graduate this month and are leaving Chicago. **Jamie** and **Kim Viands**, AIM,

Kenya—**Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology/AIU** under new leadership; wisdom to make changes that result in better training for their students; Jamie to negotiate a reasonable workload with the school, renew his contract and pursue a new work visa with Kenya; God's guidance and peace in this stressful process; their children to continue to grow in the love and knowledge of Christ.

**13 PRAY FOR: Retired missionaries:** Jim and Nan Green, Austin and Margrit, Chuck and Anita Howard, Norm and Sue Kapp, Muriel Stilwell, Bill and Ruth Stough, Gene Taylor, Roger and Naomi Walkwitz, Bob and Carol Wenninger. **T** and **R**, Eurasia—their move to another Middle Eastern country this summer to join a team doing advanced training of house fellowship leaders; praise God that their kids will attend a small Christian school and have opportunities to make friends with peers in similar life experiences; additional funds for living expenses now that T will no longer be receiving his teaching salary.

**14 PRAY FOR:** The Board of Deaconesses and chair **Amy Kruis**—a seamless transition for the new deaconesses as they begin their service, and the current deaconesses who are finishing their service. **Jeff** and **Irene**, Asia—encouragement during this hot and highly polluted season in their city; Irene, who has daily headaches, nausea and dizziness from the heat and pollution that also affects Jeff and the kids; rain to help the air quality; a good transition as an 18-year-old girl from the tribe they work with comes to live with them; spiritual protection. Board of Deacons and chair **Bruce Bonga**—the presentation of the 2024-2025 budget at the Annual Meeting; the new deacons as they begin their terms of service. **Missionary Furlough Homes**, Wheaton.

**15 PRAY FOR:** Facility director **Howard Kern**, asst. manager **Paul Ross** and **staff**—wisdom in tackling seasonal projects. **Tim** and **Carol Avery**, Pioneers, Kenya—daily grace; faithful parenting of their three daughters; Tim as he trains Ekklesia Afrika's new assistant editor; this to accelerate Ekklesia's publishing efforts to build up the church in East Africa; wisdom as Tim teaches Hebrew and a New Testament class this coming term.

**16 PRAY FOR: Odesa Theological Seminary**, Odesa, Ukraine—peace and safety; an end to the war. **J** and **E**, North Africa—renewal of their residency; good connection with a new colleague at work; navigating life with a newborn. **Jonathan** and **Amy Harris**, OM, Wales—their weekly book table and door-to-door outreach in Grangetown, Cardiff; praise

God for the growth of Grace Internationals ministry; its outing on May 18 to point people from different cultural and faith backgrounds to the Savior; God's guidance for Grace Church as it was offered a building in the Grangetown area for their growing church family.

**17 PRAY FOR:** the final Keenagers dinner and program of the season this evening; the Keenagers leadership and plans for the new season. **Jeff and Ann VanDerMolen**, KA, Dominican Republic—Ann as she leads the Anija School, and helps equip her staff in trauma care and special education to work with students from difficult backgrounds; Jeff and Ann as they mentor a group of kids into adulthood, many who have grown up in the Kids Alive residential programs.

**18 PRAY FOR: Susan Perlman**, JFJ, U.S.—opportunities to invest in younger staff, and for the Holy Spirit to guide her ministry as she continues to navigate the balance between in-person and remote communication. **Bangui Evangelical School of Theology**, Bangui, Central African Republic.

**19 PRAY FOR: Pastor Moody** as he preaches on Philippians 3:12-16 this **Vision Sunday**; the **Annual Meeting** this evening to be unified and God-honoring. U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice **John Roberts** and the U.S. Judiciary. **Terri Miller**, ReachGlobal, U.S.—peace in Europe, particularly between Russia and Ukraine; Ukrainian women and men, trained through ReachGlobal's chaplaincy workshops, who serve in hospitals, rehabilitation centers and in their communities; summer outreach events across Europe to draw people to Jesus and build bridges between local churches and their communities; their daughter Claire as she raises support and prepares to serve for two years in Paris with ReachGlobal.

**20 PRAY FOR: Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Judiciary. Jeff and Tamara Hershberger**, SEND, Japan—the ongoing ministry and response efforts in the earthquake-damaged areas of western Japan; God to raise up new Christian workers and pastors to replace those retiring in the near future; the Lord to enable their family to finish this term well (home service from June 2024); praise the Lord for providing a new place to live; a quick transition and a clear witness in their new neighborhood.

**21 PRAY FOR: Steve and Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Mexico—their home assignment starting in June; a newer vehicle; more men from their neighborhood joining in the Patios; elder-quality leaders for the growing Patios; Steve's recovery from double vision, which is preventing him from driving.

**22 PRAY FOR: Arab Baptist Theological Seminary**, Beirut, Lebanon. Illinois Governor **J. B. Pritzker** and his administration, including Lieutenant Governor **Juliana Stratton**. Illinois State Senators **Doris Turner** (Dist. 48), **Laura Ellman** (Dist. 21), **Suzanne Glowiak Hilton** (Dist. 23) **Seth Lewis** (Dist. 24); Illinois State Representatives **Janet Yang Rohr** (Dist. 41), **Amy Grant** (Dist. 47), **Jenn Ladisch Douglass** (Dist.45), **Diane Blair-Sherlock** (Dist. 46), **Jennifer Sanalidro** (Dist. 48) and **Maura Hirschauer** (Dist. 49).

**23 PRAY FOR:** Wheaton Mayor **Phillip Suess**, DuPage County Board Chair **Deborah Conroy** and other local, school district and county officials. **J** and **L**, Asia—the country of Myanmar as the war rages and people live in fear and hopelessness; them to find hope in Jesus; gospel opportunities during water festival; young people who are fleeing the mandatory conscription; the gospel to spread amidst chaos and that what the enemy would use for destruction the Lord would use to spread his kingdom.

**24 PRAY FOR: Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Islam. Repeat Boutique**, Wheaton—a good supply of donations throughout the summer. **Tim** and **Deanna Smith** (missions associates) GEM, U.S.—discernment as their executive team meets with the board to plan for the next year; the anticipated changes as they seek to share God’s love with Europeans, immigrants and refugees; wisdom in creating stronger partnerships with local churches based on what God is calling them to do.

**25 PRAY FOR:** the **all-church Summer Kickoff** celebration on June 1; friends or neighbors you can invite to enjoy the afternoon at College Church. As the **school year ends in Kids’ Harbor** tomorrow, thank God for the faithful volunteers who pointed children to Jesus; the summer volunteers as they begin in June. **David and Majka P.**, GEM, Europe—their four interns who are helping with GoodSports, the community ministry in Bratislava; the monthly international cafés at a central location in Vienna, and the international students who come and stay for a Bible study; their family to stand firm when encountering spiritual attacks. **Asian Theological Seminary**, Philippines.

**26 PRAY FOR: The heads of state in Europe and Eurasia. Joe** and **Holly Greeson**, SEND, U.S./Canada—several co-workers torn between family needs such as aging parents and struggling children and staying on this field for ministry to find good balance; Joe and Holly as they plan for retirement.

**27 PRAY FOR:** As we remember men and women who have served our country in the past, we remember and pray for those from **our church family who currently serve in the military:** Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Luca Warren, Joshua Wiltgen, Douglas Yates.

**28 PRAY FOR:** **Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain. Children's choir director **Debbie Hollinger** and her team: **Lea Lamb, Brad Warren** and **Pam Whittles**—thank God for the weekly army of faithful volunteers; the hearts of the children to move closer to Jesus as they sing biblical truths and Scripture in their songs; those attending the spring musical concert on May 5, especially those who don't yet know Jesus, to hear the gospel clearly.

**29 PRAY FOR:** College Church display at Cream of Wheaton today through Sunday; good conversations with people who stop by the display; good weather throughout the weekend.

**30 PRAY FOR:** **Daniel** and **Julie**, Southeast Asia—wisdom to support and love their sons well; the translated Bibles to go to people who have never heard the gospel. **Heads of state in Asia.**

**31 PRAY FOR:** the Summer Kickoff celebration on Sunday afternoon; people from the community to come to Summer Kickoff celebration on Sunday and discover more about us and the God we love.

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#### MISSION ACRONYMS:

**AIM**—Africa Inland Mission

**FLI**—First Love International

**GEM**—Greater Europe Mission

**JFJ**—Jews for Jesus

**KA**—Kids Alive

**MAI (2)**—Media Associates International

**OM**—Operation Mobilization

**OMF**—Overseas Missionary Fellowship

**SAFE**—Services in Asia for Family Education

**TLI**—Training Leaders International

**WBT**—Wycliffe Bible Translators

**YFC**—Youth For Christ

**PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:** WANDA POOR



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