



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

# PRAYER GUIDE

## OCTOBER 2024

**1 PRAY FOR:** Senior Pastor **Josh Moody**, Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—our coming holiday and Advent series, “The Joy of Jesus;” friends and neighbors we can invite to College Church during this season; the Bible-teaching ministry of Pastor Josh, God Centered Life, as it expands on Moody Radio, online and worldwide. Pastor of Evangelism **Jim Johanik** and the **Evangelism & Culture Impact Committee** and chair **Paige Cunningham**.

**2 PRAY FOR: Women’s Ministries**—women to grow in their understanding of Scripture and their relationship with the Lord; small groups to be safe places of community for discussion and sharing; wisdom and joy for Women’s Bible Study facilitator **Heidi Johanik** and evening lead **Susan Krisch**. **Cory** and **Kristiana Miller**, GEM, Europe—God’s direction and generous provision for their staffing needs with the GEM-K team; the right people for specific roles to grow the team; the logistics of GEM-K’s preparations for two major events—their winter camp and next spring’s renew event; their daughters Rylynn and Melody as they settle into a new school year in their Austrian schools; the girls to make good progress in their German fluency in order to thrive socially and academically.

**3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Sal Cirrincione, Shawn DeMoss, Dick Duncan, John and Gerda Dykstra, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Andrea Hanna, Vivien Pehrson, Tom Piety, Jim Reid, Diane Ruiz, Brian Smidesang, Nancy Tally, Seth Walter; **missionary health needs:** Jim and Nan Green (retired). Muriel Stilwell (retired). **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, U.S.

**Pastor Josh Maurer** as he prepares to lead the seminar “Christian Political Engagement in an Age of Pundits, Personalities and Partisan Polemics” on October 7.

**4 PRAY FOR:** Director of Children’s Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children’s Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller** and **Karin Tuurie**, Admin. Assts. for Children’s Ministries **Suzanne Shirley, Liz Stahler** and **Megan Stough**—praise God for the launch of school-year Kids’ Harbor programs and excellent volunteers; the safety drills this month to prepare teachers well for unexpected emergencies. **Joshua** and **Kara Duncel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—Joshua as he attends a global church conference in Colombia this month that God would be glorified and the churches represented would be equipped to plant new churches in their countries; new residency permits to continue to minister in Hungary and across Europe; Kara as she balances home schooling, helping with the church youth group and her new role approving expense reports for a regional leader of their mission.

**5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Morning Children’s Program** and Supt. **Suzanna Dickson**—thank God for volunteers who serve, allowing young moms to participate in the morning Women’s Bible Study. **Midweek Evening Girls Program**, Supt. **Danika Kelly** and **Midweek Evening Boys Program**, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and leaders—the children who participate in the evening programs who don’t know Jesus as their personal Savior yet, that he would call them to himself. **Katherine**, U.S.—a family of new believers to have easy travel to their new home in the region; the Lord to draw the husband’s relatives to himself; team members to know how to support this family from a distance; wisdom and good counsel in supporting other new believers facing persecution; a family joining a new team to find an apartment or home in a neighborhood where the wife can connect with neighbors; good language helpers to help them settle well during the few months before their baby arrives; good medical providers and community as they begin family life.

**6 PRAY FOR:** our high school students involved in today’s **Teen Takeover Service**, including students in the **Glorify! Ensembles. Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—the needed 150 student champions (formerly child sponsors) this fall to help fund unsponsored children and new students entering their schools; God to continue to provide the passionate workers they want as house parents in their residential system as well as several missionary positions; positive daily

and weekly rhythms for them; praise as Victor and Leslie celebrated 30 years of marriage last month; them to honor Leslie's aging parents; continued good connections with their four adult children and opportunities to see them in the coming months.

**Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

**7 PRAY FOR:** the start of **Grace Groups** tonight for those affected by mental illness; thank God for its warm, caring and confidential environment; individuals and families to experience mental and emotional resilience as a community; group facilitators to be filled with wisdom and compassion. Nursery Supt. **Suzy Yoder**, Preschool Bible School Supt. **Laura Swoboda** and Preschool Children's Church Supt. **Kristie Smalley** and volunteers—both volunteers and these young children to stay well during cold and flu season; thank God for volunteers who point little ones to Jesus. **Daniel** and **Charis** (*pseudonyms*)—hearts to turn to the Father in their highly restricted region.

**8 PRAY FOR:** **Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, TLI, U.S.—wisdom to press into the work the Lord is putting before them; a larger team who believes wholeheartedly that God's Word is the key to transforming hearts, communities and entire cultures. **Twice is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups.

**9 PRAY FOR:** Elementary Bible School Supt. **Christina Achziger**, Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase**—thank God for volunteers who serve faithfully each week. **John** and **Esther**, IGSL, Philippines—grace and wisdom as Esther and John teach and develop relationships at IGSL; continued comfort for Wendy and Luke in the stillbirth of their son; wisdom for Mollie as she teaches middle school English in Albania; thank the Lord for a smooth transition to Manila and IGS.

**10 PRAY FOR:** the **Gospel Now event** this evening to communicate clearly the ministry opportunities envisioned for the Crossings. Saturday's **ArtSpace workshop**, "Let's Make Movies!"; praise God for his gift of creativity. **Josh** and **Brittany**, U.S.

**11 PRAY FOR:** It's retreat weekend! Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hibben**, Admin. Asst. **Trish Main** and **adult volunteers**—the KMs retreat this weekend at Dickson Valley Camp to be a good time of fun, fellowship, worship and teaching from God's Word. The **20s Ministry Fall Retreat** in Sawyer, MI, to inspire meaningful spiritual growth. **Rick** and **Janice**

**McKinley**, MAI, U.S.—the follow-up of their 15 mission trips, especially their Germany tour in August when sports Bibles were given to over 100 German players as well as children from an orphanage; God's Word to reap a harvest for his kingdom; praise the Lord for the 500-plus college and high school athletes involved in their ministry this summer; God to continue to use them as most are back on campus; praise the Lord for the healing that has taken place since Rick's total knee replacement, and thanks for the prayers.

**12 PRAY FOR: Men's Ministries**, including **Men's Bible Study**—the first Men's Breakfast gathering of the year this morning to encourage men to cultivate a hunger for God's Word. **Joan** (missions associate), Asia—the Compassion/Laras Asri Internship Hotel Management people who work in a secular world as she continues to help them learn English in their various work internships; Helen, the director of an English ministry in Lombok, who is helping with a Muslim outreach.

**13 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary Carol Schick.** Events Manager **Angie Schroeder**—thank God for a new part-time wedding and events coordinator. **Caleb** and **Marisa Duttweiler**, East Mountain, South Africa—East Mountain as it continues to raise funds for a property and recruit for residency; Caleb's upcoming meetings with partners and Caleb and Marisa's upcoming meetings with the residency team; discernment and equipping as they potentially step into areas of more leadership in their local church.

**14 PRAY FOR: High School Pastor Baxter Helm,** Admin. Assist. **Meagan Cortesi** and the **high school ministry associates**—God's Word to be at work as students read and study the Book of Exodus; God to guide and encourage the adult volunteer team as they seek to shepherd students. **Tim Sattler**, Fellowship of the Word, U.S.—the national pastors who are leading exposition workshops in their countries and beyond their borders; Fellowship of the Word, Singapore, launched to help fund and further their work throughout Asia; God's clear direction as they establish Fellowship of the Word Global and the needed funding; praise God for the strong biblical exposition they have seen among pastors.

**15 PRAY FOR: Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S.—their teaching discipleship to produce qualified candidates for missionary service as Jim teaches missions, church history, Old Testament history and the Reformation at Ethnos360 Bible Institute (Waukesha); praise the Lord for Jim's trip to Kenya

and the theological breakthroughs he witnessed in understanding salvation and the identity of Christ; Kathy to be a fruitful witness as she works as a special needs aide at the local elementary school; families who are struggling and need Christ.

**16 PRAY FOR: Jeremy and Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—they to be fully settled in their new house as school starts; a good balance with language learning, setting up their home, and continuing in their ongoing ministries; financial provision with their new budget and God’s provision of time and energy; health for their family, especially for Caleb who is having trouble sleeping at night.

**17 PRAY FOR: Bob and Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—their return to regular weekly visits of PINK to Peshtera, Breznik and Tran; planning and the Lord’s timing for suppers and desserts for PINK; needed funds to keep programs going such as ceramics, dance, origami, English, crochet and more in three locations. **Judy Blumhofer**, Give Hope 2 Kids, Honduras—Judy who began working in a government health center this month, which is the last hurdle to clear prior to being granted Honduran Medical Licensure; understanding and flexibility as site assignments are allocated and schedules are determined; the completion of Angel’s adoption before the Honduran election in November; praise God that her Honduran residency has been approved.

**18 PRAY FOR: Pastor of Worship and Music Erik Dewar**, Admin. Asst. for Music **Emma Cooksey**, Ministry Associates for Music **Debbie Hollinger**, **Ruth Gregornik**, **Delena Ollila**, and **Robin Wiper**—the planning of Advent services and additional services during the holiday season. Organist **H. E. Singley**, **adult choir** and **God’s Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program) and Director **Sarah Herr**—“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” (Psalm 47:1)

**19 PRAY FOR: Matt and Lisa Befus**, Mesa Global, Costa Rica—they to be attentive to God’s leading as they seek to “equip servant leaders” and promote a “flourishing church” in their region.

**20 PRAY FOR: Phil and Ann Baur**, Pioneers, U.S.—Phil and Ann on their road trip from Florida to Michigan (family visit) to Wheaton next week for the missions festival, and then back to Florida; safety and alertness on the road and meaningful visits with family and friends; Pioneers’ vision to engage an additional 250 unreached people groups over the next 20 years; God’s blessing on this endeavor as the Lord continues to bring more and more people into His Kingdom.

**21 PRAY FOR:** the **Word Conference** this evening; Pastor Moody and Neil Shenvi as they focus on “The Authentic Authority of God’s Word.” Service & Engagement Committee and Chair **Katie Nussbaum**. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer**—all of us at College Church to use our time, talent and treasures for God’s kingdom work and his glory.

**22 PRAY FOR:** Elder Council Chair **Brian Wildman** and Vice-Chair **Mark Bradley** and Secretary **David Setran**—the upcoming elder retreat in November. **Front Door Ministry team**. **Anita Deyneka**, (missions associate), ME, U.S.—upcoming travels and God’s greatly needed guidance for ways to best serve him and assist their national co-workers; a meeting of the Ukraine Task Force now through the October 27; the strategy and prayer meetings with Christian colleagues and organizations working to help Ukraine; Mission Eurasia’s annual board meeting in November, which will focus on Ukraine and the many ministries with our brothers and sisters there.

**23 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Margaret Roy, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger, Forrest Zander. Thank God for elders **Mark Berg, Jay Cunningham and Steve Ivester**. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

**24 PRAY FOR:** Thank God for elders **Randy Jahns, Glenn Kosirog and Jeff Oslund**. **Tyrannus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

**25 PRAY FOR:** the **Keenagers** dinner and program this evening as they welcome and interact with our global workers in town for the missions festival. **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—their family as they kick into new school-year rhythms, energy, growth and fruit to encourage their staff and coaches as they pour into the over 1,100 athletes daily in their sports ministry, more opportunities in areas they have planted churches to begin combining their church-based ministry with opportunities to use sports with their community.

**26 PRAY FOR:** Thank God for elders **Roger Sandberg, Chad Thorson and Dave Tweeten**. **John and Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, U.S.—John’s team as it continues to support Paratext and develop a new Bible translation program; Vivi as she has opportunities to share Jesus in the context of her classes.

**27 PRAY FOR: It's Missions Festival Sunday—** Festival speaker **Stephen Pardue** as he preaches in the morning services; our global partners as they share in Adult Communities, student ministries and children's classes; the Missions Discovery Lunch for those who are considering missions; *Missions Classified* with global workers serving in challenging locations; good interaction with visiting missionaries.

**28 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Alex Balc, family and friends of Jeanne Blumhagen, Lisa Burden, family and friends of Kimberly Jimenez, Melissa Peterson, Evelyn Reeve, family of Florence Scott, family and friends of Roger Walkwitz.

**29 PRAY FOR: Giles and Debbie Davis,** SEND, Spain—thank God for their travels this month to the Grand Canary Islands to train youth leaders at a weekend retreat, and a week of teaching at a Discipleship House on hearing God's voice; praise God for the international conference in Colombia they attended for workers with the Evangelical Free Church (to which their federation of churches in Spain belong); the almost 100 youth leaders from all parts of Spain who participated in training retreats in August and September; God to use their training as they serve him.

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

**31 PRAY FOR: Jane,** U.S.—encouragement and hope for workers in hard regions.

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#### MISSION ACRONYMS:

<b>GEM</b> —Greater Europe Mission	<b>ME</b> —Mission Eurasia
<b>IGSL</b> —International Graduate School of Leadership	<b>SV</b> —Salt Ventures
<b>IVCF</b> —InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	<b>TLI</b> —Training Leaders International
<b>KA</b> —Kids Alive	<b>WBT</b> —Wycliffe Bible Translators
<b>MAI</b> —Missionary Athletes International	<b>WV</b> —World Venture

**PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:**  
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