



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE NOVEMBER 2024

1 PRAY FOR: the high school retreat at Dickson Valley Camp this weekend; high school pastor, **Baxter Helm, adult leaders, students** and retreat speaker **Pastoral Resident Matt Heaton**. Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer** and our **ushers**—praise God for the completion of the City of Wheaton’s water main and street resurfacing work on Seminary Avenue; thank God for the over \$500,000 paid down on our debt received through the Gospel Now project.

2 PRAY FOR: families as they volunteer at Feed My Starving Children; thank God for service projects that help children learn to serve. **Those experiencing grief or loss:** Jill Bryan, Marilyn Cepuran, Susan Dunn-Hensley, Jane Lazar, Michelle Smidesang, Nancy Smidesang. Thank God for the hope of heaven. **Steve** and **Lois Krogh**, TLI, U.S.—Steve and Lois in Natal, Brazil; Steve as he teaches a class on the biblical theology of the New Testament; Lois as she leads a workshop on prayer for the pastors’ wives and teaches with an interpreter for the first time

3 PRAY FOR: John and **Elsa Maust**, MAI (2), U.S.—God’s blessing on the LittWorld 2024 global Christian publishing conference starting today in Mexico; participants to gain fresh vision and skills to publish good news for readers in hard places of the world; John’s retirement as MAI president on November 11. **Ongoing health needs:** Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Dick Duncan, Jean Dusek, John & Gerda Dykstra, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Victor Gordeuk, Andrea Hanna, Wini Hoffner, Joanne Hollatz, Sharon Jahns, Elizabeth Jones, Michelle Linhardt, Vivien Pehrson, Tom Piety,

Janel Prichard, Jim Reid, Diane Ruiz, Nancy Tally, Seth Walter; **missionary health needs:** Jim and Nan Green (retired), Muriel Stilwell (retired). Thank God that he hears us when we cry to him for help.

4 PRAY FOR: Bill and Laurie Stough, Farming God's Way, U.S.—their FGW envisioning trip to Soroti Church of Uganda; praise for finally being in their own place; the work that still needs to be done on it; them as they encourage the five churches who were introduced to FGW in Kotido, Uganda. Director of Technology **Tim Hollinger**, Digital Manager **Tony Visconti** and AV Managers **Joseph Abdelmelek** and **Shelton Thompson**—thank God for Tim and his staff who use technology to serve the church.

5 PRAY FOR: Ben and Mandy Pehrson, WBT, Papua New Guinea—the typesetting and printing of Scripture portions; the printing, distribution and use of newly translated books of the Bible, wisdom in parenting. The **ArtSpace workshop** on garden design on November 16; a good turnout for the workshop.

6 PRAY FOR: STARS (Disability Ministries), Sunday morning Supt. **Dorothy Nicholson** and Supt. **Nathanael Strauch**—praise God for faithful volunteers so STARS can offer the classed they do **Phil Smith**, FLI, U.S.—healing and endurance for FLI team members in difficult seasons of life; Phil and the leadership team to wisely support these families; end-of-the-year fundraising efforts; Phil as he visits people and invites them to invest in the ministry; much fruit from his visits.

7 PRAY FOR: Director of Disability Ministries (STARS) **Julie Clemens**, Ministry Associates for Disability Ministries **Cassie Crowell, Sarah Kvam, Christine Williams** and **Kristin Visconti**, Admin. Assistant for Disability Ministries **Hope Loeffler**—thank God for his provision of a new admin for Julie. **Norm** and **Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S.—Norm and his team as they tackle a busy training schedule for organizations on a small budget; Norm as he develops training tools for co-workers around the world to keep them as safe as possible as they share the gospel in risky places; additional financial partners to join their work.

8 PRAY FOR: The Parenting with a Purpose seminar on November 11; David Setran and the panel of parents as they talk about creating God-focused moments in the home. **STARS Family Services** (SFS, living arrangements and services)—praise God for the Jean Hooten House, Kenny Hansen House and Washington House and the residents. **Stanley** and **Marjorie Okoro**, GEM, France—thank God for

the STAMP France team that came in October; fruit from their time here; bold decisions to follow Christ in Tourcoing, especially Kevin.

9 PRAY FOR: those participating in this morning's membership class as they begin the membership process at College Church. Facility Director **Howard Kern**, Asst. Manager **Paul Ross** and staff. **Laurie**, Asia—Laurie to work out transportation needs with the main road in front of her apartment closed for road construction and she depends on Ubers and taxis; the building of relationships and the growth of believers; steady and faithful support for tithes and donations. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, Youth for Christ, Spain—teenagers who attend their weekly club program to be integrated into the larger group; the high school ministry team who is without its leader and needs extra support; Isaac and Jenn to care for this team and their own team during this transition; plans to move into a home in Jenn's hometown, 20 minutes outside of Barcelona.

10 PRAY FOR: today is **Orphan Sunday**; vulnerable children locally and globally; the **Family Advocacy task force**. **World Relief Corp.**, DuPage/Aurora—thank God for ESL students eager to learn a new language. **David** and **Majka Phillips**, GEM, Europe—David as he serves as an elder in their church, International Chapel of Vienna; this young international church to grow and be a good witness to all nations who come there; praise God for the team of five GEM workers in Slovakia who are committed to evangelism, discipleship, church planting and serving; praise God for their partners GoodSports and CEF and other believing friends in Devinska Nova Ves, Bratislava, Slovakia.

11 PRAY FOR: Thank God for **those serving in the military**: Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake & Tiffany Johanik, Peter Johanik, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Luca Warren, Douglas Yates. **Daniel** and **Julie**, Southeast Asia—opportunities to speak of Christ to those who haven't yet heard; praise the Lord for two years in their current place of service. **Robert** and **Laurie**, OMF, U.S.—the international students who will have Thanksgiving with American families (including College Church families); the international students attending an end-of-the-year conference, that non-Christian students would come to faith in Christ and the believers would grow in theirs.

12 PRAY FOR: Jamie and Kim Viands, AIM, Kenya—Jamie as he teaches in the master’s program and does administration in the bachelor’s program; continued good friendships and ministry opportunities for Kim and the kids; Talia and her myofunctional therapy to help her breathe through her nose; thank God for the major improvements she is making and for a good dental therapy provider in Nairobi; praise God for a moms and daughters Bible study their church has started; a similar Bible study for their sons. Keenagers and president, **Charles Welander**—the dinner and program this Friday, November 15; **Everett Peterson** as he recounts his visit to the Oshkosh Wisconsin Air show.

13 PRAY FOR: Retired missionaries: Jim and Nan Green, Austin and Margrit, Chuck Hogren, Chuck and Anita Howard, Norm and Sue Kapp, Muriel Stilwell, Bill and Ruth Stough, Gene Taylor, Bob and Carol Wenninger. **T. and R.**, Asia—an end to violence and killing, and for peace to be established in their region; God to give their team wisdom and connections to provide appropriate and effective training to house church leaders; their family to adjust to their new location and begin building deep relationships with expats and locals.

14 PRAY FOR: Jeff and Irene, Asia—Jeff to efficiently and effectively learn Eastern Lawa to transition into full-time translation in 2025; Irene to thrive in her counseling studies and to balance studies with her other duties; their kids to thrive spiritually and emotionally; Jeff and Irene to be wise shepherds for them. **Missionary Furlough Homes**, Wheaton—thank God for well-appointed homes for missionaries on home assignment.

15 PRAY FOR: Derek Wang, Ministry Associate for 20s Ministry. **Tim and Carol Avery**, Pioneers, Kenya—the Lord’s grace in marriage, parenting and homeschooling, the family to bless and be blessed in the life of their local church; the publishing and seminary work to build up the church in East Africa.

16 PRAY FOR: the GriefShare seminar, **Surviving the Holidays** this evening; encouragement to those who are dealing with loss during the holidays. **Odesa Theological Seminary**, Odesa, Ukraine—God’s people to be steadfast wartime witnesses; thank God that many people in Ukraine have turned to God. **J and E**, North Africa.

17 PRAY FOR: Thank God for today's **About Us Lunch** and the opportunity for those who are new to church to discover more about us. Treasurer **Ken Heulitt**, Financial Secretary **Eric Enstrom** and assistants—strong support of the Lord's work as congregational giving has been weak the past few months; increased commitment to all aspects of the Gospel Now project. **Jeff** and **Ann VanDerMolen**, KA, Dominican Republic—wisdom for Ann as she guides the ANIJA school; her coaching of her coordinators; organizing and training staff to work with students; finances to provide quality service to the students; Jeff and his involvement with the DR board as they look towards the ministry's future; Jeff and Ann in their roles as parents and as mentors to a group of former ministry kids now in their 20s and moving towards adulthood.

18 PRAY FOR: **Susan Perlman**, JFJ, U.S.—God's protection of their workers in Israel; Susan as she visits with Jewish seekers in San Francisco; their staff in Ukraine who are preaching the gospel as missiles continue to hit Odesa and Kyiv. **Bangui Evangelical School of Theology**, Bangui, Central African Republic.

19 PRAY FOR: U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice **John Roberts** and the U.S. Judiciary. **Terri Miller**, ReachGlobal, U.S.—fruitful ministry and missions enterprises across Europe and globally; traveling mercies and divine appointments in the coming months; God's provision; thanksgiving for all he's done. **Jonathan** and **Amy Harris**, OM, Wales—the individuals they are meeting with to study the Bible to come to salvation; thank God for the Grace Internationals events, where people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds are hearing the gospel; God's blessing on their Christmas event on December 6; thank God for open doors to the Christian message in the public schools in Wales; Amy and the Open the Book team and the weekly visits to two elementary schools in a multicultural area and present Bible stories.

20 PRAY FOR: **Illinois Supreme Court** and **Illinois Judiciary**. **Jeff** and **Tamara Hershberger**, SEND, Japan—thank God that Tamara and Lewis have adjusted quickly to the fall semester in Japan; safety and strength as they adapt to a new normal in the home; the Lord to help Marcus adjust well to college and find good friends, mentors and a local church; the Lord to open doors for ministry for Jeff to serve in a Japanese church in the Chicago area; him to steward this home service well; the church in Japan to be faithful in preaching, strengthening disciples and declaring the gospel; the Lord to continue to use their missionary team as Jeff is away during this home service.

21 PRAY FOR: Illinois Governor **JB Pritzker** and his administration, including Lieutenant Governor **Juliana Stratton. Steve** and **Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Mexico—the Lord to bring men from their neighborhood into the Patio so they can prepare the next generation of leaders; the Lord’s will in dealing with the English-speaking foreign community who want to come to the Patio which would make it more difficult to reach their immediate neighbors; thank the Lord for safety in travel and for the provision of a newer vehicle.

22 PRAY FOR: Current Illinois State Senators **Doris Turner** (Dist. 48), **Laura Ellman** (Dist. 21), **Suzanne Glowiak Hilton** (Dist. 23) and **Seth Lewis** (Dist. 24); and Illinois State Representatives **Janet Yang Rohr** (Dist. 41), **Terra Costa Howard** (Dist. 42), **Jenn Ladisch Douglass** (Dist. 45), **Diane Blair-Sherlock** (Dist. 46), **Amy L. Grant** (Dist. 47), **Jennifer Sanalitro** (Dist. 48) and **Maura Hirschauer** (Dist. 49). **Arab Baptist Theological Seminary**, Beirut, Lebanon—protection and provision, both materially and spiritually for the seminary staff and students.

23 PRAY FOR: The Board of Deaconesses and Chair **Ann Lawrenz. Heads of state in Europe** and **Eurasia. Heads of state in the Americas** and **the Pacific. Marcos** and **Mariana Romero**, Reach Beyond, U.S.—Marcos and Mariana’s health; their trip to LA to family weekend at Biola University, where their nephew is a student, and considers Marcos his grandpa; the KNOG-Manantial station’s fundraiser event in early December, with a pledge goal from their listeners of \$150,000.

24 PRAY FOR: The Board of Deacons and Chair **Bruce Bonga**—thank God for our deacons. **Janet**, SAFE, U.S.—Janet as she prepares new sessions for teens and parents; her work with adult TCKs who are processing their childhoods; wisdom as she equips teens and adults and makes important decisions.

25 PRAY FOR: Asian Theological Seminary, Philippines. Wheaton Mayor **Phil Seuss**, DuPage County Board Chair **Deborah Conroy** and other local, school district and county officials. **J** and **L**, Asia—the Lord to protect his people as violence and conflict is expected to increase with the end of rainy season; people to turn to Jesus as they face difficulty related to violence, a collapsing economy and a hopeless (humanly speaking) political situation.

26 PRAY FOR: Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and **Islam. Repeat Boutique**, Wheaton. **Kristen** (Eurasia)—their

investment in some teenage Iranian girls through weekly Bible studies; soft hearts to trust God and believe his Word; protection of refugees, some desperate enough to smuggle themselves to Europe, refugees to know Jesus as the way, the truth and life; health for Kristen and her family through the winter; financial provision as inflation is badly impacting the cost of living there. **Bolivian Bible Seminary**, Cochabamba, Bolivia. **Tim and Deanna Smith** (Missions Associates) GEM, North America.

27 PRAY FOR: the Thanksgiving Eve service tonight; Pastor Moody as he preaches on Psalm 65, “Why Give Thanks and Praise to God”; an encouraging time as we share God’s faithfulness to us.

28 PRAY FOR: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1)

29 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers: Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Marica 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, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander.

30 PRAY FOR: Heads of state in Asia. **Joe and Holly Greeson**, SEND, U.S. based—Joe and Holly as they make some new friends, visit some old friends, and miss their AK friends and family; their retirement on January 1, 2025.

MISSION ACRONYMS:

AIM—Africa Inland Missions

FLI—First Love International

GEM—Greater Europe Missions

JFJ—Jews for Jesus

KA—Kids Alive

MAI (2)—Media Associates
International

OM—Operation Mobilization

OMF—Overseas Missionary
Fellowship

SAFE—Serving in Asia for
Family Education

TLI—Training Leaders
International

WBT—Wycliffe Bible
Translators

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



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