



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2025

1 PRAY FOR: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Senior Pastor **Josh Moody** and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Moody as he preaches God’s Word, both at church in the new year, and as it is distributed through media, radio and online through God Centered Life Ministries; Pastor Moody as he travels to the UK for ministry in Cambridge, Belfast, London and Oxford from February 17 to March 3. **Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S.—Jim in Bolivia the first half of the month teaching a graduate course on the theology of the Reformation; smooth travels there and back as he resumes teaching at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute right after he returns; Kathy as she continues her ministry in the elementary school as a special needs aide and takes care of their granddaughter for part of the time Jim is away.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: friends and family (including Rob Wolgemuth) of John Green, Amy Johncola, Dan Miller, Heidi Thompson. **Evangelism Committee & Cultural Impact Committee** and chair **Paige Cunningham**. **Kristiana Miller**, GEM/Europe—praise God for his good work and protection during GEM-K Winter Camp; the teenagers who attended that event to know and trust God more deeply; God to provide the right people at the right time and in the right places to grow their ministry team; God to prepare and send the right people to work alongside them going forward.

3 PRAY FOR: Director of Children’s Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children’s Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller and Karin Tuurie**—the Following Jesus class after school for fourth and fifth graders in January, February and March; the children’s ministry leader collaboration conference at our church on February 6; good participation of local leaders and that they would be

encouraged. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, U.S.—Jane and her involvement at the graduate and faculty ministry weekend retreat, January 17-19, meeting students and staff from seven states in the Midwest; good connections around missions and cross-cultural ministry and an increased vision for crossing cultures; Jeff, at an InterVarsity conference on planting new student groups on university campuses, January 9-12; the newly emerging black campus ministry at College of DuPage; waiting for the U.S. government to issue green cards to their son-in-law and grandkids so the family can move from New Zealand to Wheaton (it's been 14 months already).

4 PRAY FOR: Assts. for Children's Ministries **Suzanne Shirley, Liz Stahler** and **Megan Stough. Joshua** and **Kara Duncel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—Kara as she takes on an expanded role serving two of the leaders at ReachGlobal Europe; Joshua as he meets with the leaders of Lausanne Europe to discuss how their mission can collaboratively support the Lausanne movement in Europe. **Ongoing health needs:** Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Glenn Belsley, Laura Billsten, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Jean Dusek, John and Gerda Dykstra, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Anna Gunther, Joanne Hollatz, Janel Prichard, Diane Ruiz, Mark Smith, Raynie Smith, Joe Walta, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Ann Baur, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Muriel Stilwell (retired).

5 PRAY FOR: the first **Signs of Love “Building Bridges”** event this afternoon and its free sign language classes and social hour for the entire community; bridges to be built between the hearing and deaf communities. **Midweek Evening Girls Program**, Supt. **Danika Kelly** and leaders—the leaders and girls as the midweek program returns on January 15; girls to invite friends to join them on Wednesday evenings.

6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and volunteers—the leaders to encourage the boys to grow in their love for God. **Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—the GoTeam members there this month to be effective in their work and to grow spiritually; God to provide passionate workers as house parents in their residential system and in missionary positions including a team host; their newest missionary, Abby Jones, as communications coordinator; abundant support for their expanded baseball ministry in Constanza, their growing independence program and their help for

special needs youth. **Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology**, Nairobi, Kenya. STAMP Thailand—for the team as they travel back to the States after its 10-day trip.

7 PRAY FOR: Nursery Supt. **Suzy Yoder**, Preschool Bible School Supt. **Laura Swoboda**, Preschool Children's Church Supt. **Kristie Smalley** and teachers—a healthy winter for volunteers and the little ones they serve. **Daniel** and **Charis**—D's visit to their mission field in early February while at a conference in Asia; the plans for a short-term team in August; clear purpose and wisdom as the OMF U.S. personnel team modifies its policy in assessing the behavioral health of its appointees; Their son as he grows in his faith and begins his second semester of his freshman year at public high school. **Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI U.S.—their MAI reception on January 9 at the National Soccer Coaches Convention, where Christian coaches will gather for fellowship and encouragement; Rick as he leads a missions trip for the Messiah University alumni men's team to Medellin, Colombia, January 17-22.

8 PRAY FOR: Elementary Bible school superintendent **Christina Achziger** and teachers; Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and volunteers—thank God for Kids' Harbor volunteers who faithfully and joyfully point children to Jesus each Sunday. **Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, TLI/ U.S.—wisdom to assess the best way seasoned Vietnamese pastors/trainers can bring training to 100-200 pastors in Cambodia; strong translators who can translate from English-Vietnamese, English-Cambodian and Vietnamese-Cambodian; the Lord to bring transformation through the Word they study and that the glory of Jesus will be evident to all.

9 PRAY FOR: the **FCA basketball** season that begins next week for boys and girls; the adult volunteers as they coach and lead discussions about the Christian faith. **John** and **Esther Waldrop**, World-Venture/Philippines—wisdom as they prepare for their classes next semester; guidance for John as he oversees the spiritual formation component of the theological studies program; provision for all the needs of their daughter Hope as she resumes college this semester.

10 PRAY FOR: Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben** and adult volunteers. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanna Dickson. Women's Bible Study**—the administrative team and its behind-the-scenes serving for the morning and evening studies.

11 PRAY FOR: the women's monthly gathering this morning as the group looks at the seven I AM statements of Jesus in the Book of John. **Josh and Brittany**, U.S.—their team to find effective avenues for gospel proclamation among the Hui, a largely forgotten people; each of their precious children to know that they are loved by them and by their heavenly Father and be deeply satisfied in him all the days of their lives.

12 PRAY FOR: **Joan**, Missions Associate, Asia—a new class of graduate students she is teaching English to using Bible stories; Joan as she mentors Ani, Natalie, Morigo, Mahmud and Ria, Eunice, Helen and Mary; Siwi to accept Jesus as her Savior and for her brother Angga and his wife, Atik, to do the same. High School (HYACKS) Pastor **Baxter Helm** and adult volunteers—thank God that he is at work in our high school students; the students to grow in their understanding of God's Word.

13 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Angie Schroeder** and Event Coordinators **Ruth Calderone, Alta Johnson, Olivia Johnson** and **Danika Kelly**—the coordinators as they work with families for weddings and special events; the hosting involved with outside rentals. **Homebound and care centers:** Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barbara King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Margaret Roy, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander.

14 PRAY FOR: the **2025 Women's Retreat** that is about a month away; the retreat committee as it works with the venue in Deerfield; women will come prepared to rest, sit under biblical teaching and have fun. **Caleb** and **Marisa Duttweiler**, East Mountain, South Africa—work tasks to be finished well; God to send them a few more applicants for next year's residencies.

15 PRAY FOR: **Men's and Women's Bible Studies** as the spring semester begins today; the men as they study the Book of Isaiah and the women as they study 1 and 2 Chronicles. **Tim Sattler**, Fellowship of the Word, U.S.—national pastors who are leading exposition workshops in their countries and beyond their borders; praise God for the abundance of fruit they saw this past year; thank God for providing the needed funds; trust in God's provision for the work.

16 PRAY FOR: **Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—their continued adjustment to a new country: language learning, setting up their house and adjusting to new rhythms; financial provision with a new budget; God's to provide time and energy as they get settled; missionary scholars who are willing to join the team. **Judy Blumhofer**, Give Hope 2 Kids, Honduras—a special clinic at the end of the month for kids with cleft lips/palates; those who come not only to have the very obvious physical needs met, but also their spiritual needs in Jesus; more staff for their school, VIDA Christian Academy, including teachers, therapists and support staff; Angel, who turns 10 on January 23, to grow in his love for Christ this year.

17 PRAY FOR: **Keenagers** this evening to be a good time of fellowship around dinner and the program with the DuPage Symphony Trombone Quartet. **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program)—thank God for the gift music is to young children. **Bob** and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—their new outreach to primary grade students in towns around Bulgaria; their regular volunteers who work tirelessly in the Pink program to transform lives; Tsetska Sterling, the recently hired director of InnovAid, their hospital volunteer program for Bulgarian teens; the Fabers as they recruit new missionaries for Salt Ventures.

18 PRAY FOR: Service & Engagement Committee and Chair **Katie Nussbaum**. **Twice Is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and volunteers.

19 PRAY FOR: the **About Us Lunch** today to encourage those who are new to church to become involved. **Commons Café** on Sunday morning and coordinator **Diane DiLeonardi**—thank God for a hot cup of coffee and warm conversation on a winter Sunday morning.

20 PRAY FOR: Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer** and accountants **Beate Carlson** and **Cindy Schuerman**. **Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—Natalia in the last semester of her senior year of high school and prepares to launch out to Taylor University next fall; the next generations of leaders for churches and ministries in Central America and the Caribbean; the Befuses to be attentive to God's leading as they seek to equip servant leaders and promote a flourishing church."

21 PRAY FOR: **God's Children Sing**. Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**, Admin. Asst. for Music **Emma Cooksey**, 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.—orphans and other vulnerable children globally, an end to the war in Ukraine. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India—believers across the country as persecution has increased in recent months.

23 PRAY FOR: Chairman of the Council of Elders **Brian Wildman**, Vice Chair **Mark Bradley** and Secretary **David Setran**—wisdom from the Lord in all the Council's discussions and decisions. The **Becoming One** class on Saturday to equip and encourage engaged, soon-to-be-engaged and newly married couples in their new marriages.

24 PRAY FOR: Elders **Mark Berg, Jay Cunningham** and **Steve Ivester**—the elders to shepherd the congregation well in caring and praying for them. **Phil** and **Ann Baur**, Pioneers U.S.

25 PRAY FOR: Elders **Randy Jahns, Glenn Kosirog** and **Jeff Oslund**—the five initiatives for the proclamation of the gospel. **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries/Dominican Republic—their staff to have refreshed bodies, minds and souls to invest in their athletes in 2025; a smooth rollout for some structural changes in their sports ministry that will help them focus on discipleship in all they do with their athletes; mutual transformation for the spring teams as they come to serve with coaches and athletes; God to work in ways to draw everyone closer to him.

26 PRAY FOR: Elders **Roger Sandberg, Chad Thorson** and **Dave Tweeten**—thank God for our elders and their service to Christ and his church. **God's Good Design** class on biblical sexuality for fourth-fifth graders and parents now through February; parents to be equipped to lead their kids in these conversations.

27 PRAY FOR: **John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, WBT/U.S.—Paratext team is thankful that there will be sufficient funding to maintain current staffing for both Paratext 9 (his team) and Paratext 10 studio, the Paratext 9 team as one of their leaders left Wycliffe at the end of October, and they are having to adjust assignments to cover what he was doing, Vivi, as she will restart ESL instruction on January 13, she had nine students from eight different countries in the fall and expects them to continue.

28 PRAY FOR: Katherine, Middle East—training she will give to team leaders on how to support language learners and that together they will serve their co-workers well; the Father to provide an opportunity to visit two potential locations for new teams in the Middle East, where political changes have opened new doors; wisdom in moving forward.

29 PRAY FOR: Giles and Debbie Davis, SEND, Spain—after 20 years as missionaries for SEND, they are in a time of sabbatical for six months now that started at the beginning of November and ends at the end of April, they ask that God would use this time to guide and shape them so that the next 10 years of the ministry are even more fruitful and glorifying of His name than the past, they look forward to seeing all that He will do in the years to come and the joy it will bring to form a part of it.

30 PRAY FOR: President Donald Trump, Vice-President **J.D. Vance** 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: The membership class on Feb. 9; a good turnout as people start the process of becoming a member of the church. **Jane, U.S.**

MISSION ACRONYMS:

GEM —Greater Europe Mission	SV —Salt Ventures
FoW —Fellowship of the Word	TL —Training Leaders International
IVCF —InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	UWM —United World Mission
KA —Kids Alive	WBT —Wycliffe Bible Translators
MAI —Missionary Athletes in Action	WV —World Venture
ME —Mission Eurasia	
OMF —Overseas Missionary Fellowship	

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



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