



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

FEBRUARY 2025

1 PRAY FOR: Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer**—thank God for his faithfulness through our congregation during the year-end giving period; wisdom and discernment for the budgeting process for 2025-2026 during the next few months. The **ArtSpace workshop, Growing Your Writing Muscles in 2025** this morning; the panel of College Church writers as they share best practices with the participants. **Men's Breakfast** this morning to encourage men to pursue godly leadership.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: Karla Bare, Noël Beyer, Ken Bryer, David Dick, Peter Girgis, Phil Girgis, Dick Jahns, Sarah Mikolajczyk, College Church missionary Cory Miller, family and friends of Fred Miller, family and friends of Cheryl Newing, Elizabeth Reid, Nancy Roth, Steve Roth, family of Ed Selander, Beth Stough, Laura Swoboda.

3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs: Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Laura Billsten, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Diane Dick, Ruth Diffin, Jean Dusek, Lisa Eckert, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Sara Jo Gogots, Joanne Hollatz, Barb King, Janel Prichard, Mark Smith, Raynie Smith, Joe Walta, Seth Walter, Carol Wenninger, Lois Widder. **Missionary health needs:** Jim and Nan Green (retired), Elizabeth M., Susan Perlman, Muriel Stillwell (retired). Carol Wenninger (retired), **Bill and Laurie Stough**, FGW, Uganda—the ongoing envisioning and equipping journey with Farming God's Way (in Uganda, the DR Congo and Chad); health, strength and God's leading this month and in March, that will be busy months.

4 PRAY FOR: God to guide the **Nominating Committee** as they follow through with recommendations members submitted for open elected leadership positions for the 2025-2026 church year. Ben and **Mandy Pehrson**, WBT, Papua New Guinea—Ben’s health in dealing with fatigue and tinnitus which make it difficult to work; the next translation workshop; Ben as he assists local partners remotely this month; clear thinking, strong sunlight (for solar power) and for equipment to work well.

5 PRAY FOR: Technology Director **Tim Hollinger**, Digital Ministry Manager **Tony Visconti**, AV Director **Shelton Thompson** and AV Manager **Joseph Abdelmelek**—wisdom for upcoming video and audio upgrades; thank God for talented staff and volunteers; God’s protection over our systems and data. **Homebound and care centers:** Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold & Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne & Barb King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Margaret Roy, Evey Setran, Bob & Carol Wenninger, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander.

6 PRAY FOR: **Phil** and **Jessica Smith**, FLI, U.S.— God’s blessing on the FLI ministries as they seek to faithfully steward the opportunities God provides in 2025; the necessary resources of staff, health, funding, etc. to fulfill their mission; rejuvenating rest. **Bolivian Bible Seminary**, Cochabamba, Bolivia. **STARS Disability Ministries**, Sunday morning 9:30 Supt. **Dorothy Nicholson** and 11:00 Supt. **Nathanael Strauch**—the STARS to grow in their faith as they learn from God’s Word and worship each Sunday.

7 PRAY FOR: Director of Disability Ministries (STARS) **Julie Clemens**, Ministry Associates for Disability Ministries **Cassie Crowell**, **Sarah Kvam**, **Kristin Visconti**, **Christine Williams**, Admin. Assistant for Disability Ministries **Hope Loeffler** and **volunteers**—Friday Night Fun tonight; good health for the younger STARS so they can have regular attendance at school. **Norm and Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S.—many hearts to turn to the Savior in these tumultuous times; their family as they grow in grace and obedience to the Lord; God to raise up more financial partners for them this year.

8 PRAY FOR: the **membership class** today as participants begin the process of joining the church. **STARS Family Services** (SFS), living arrangements and services and board chair **Tony DiLeonardi** and executive director **Dr. Sharon Coutryer**—thank God for the generous donations that helped SFS meet a matching grant.

Stanley and **Marjorie Okoro**, GEM, France—bold decisions to follow Christ in Tourcoing, specifically for Kevin, Momo, Marie-France, Isabelle and Valery; the Bible story time for kids in their neighborhood would take off.

9 PRAY FOR: Facility Director **Howard Kern**, Asst. Manager **Paul Ross** and staff **Laurie**, Asia—seekers to see themselves as sinners in need of a Savior; the saints to have a burden for their families, relatives and friends to know Jesus; faithful and steady donor support. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, Youth for Christ, Spain—as they start the new year, God would guide them as they disciple a new member of their staff in how to run one of their youth groups and that he would learn quickly and that ministry would come from the overflow of his relationship with Jesus; they would be able to raise an additional \$400 per month in order to cover the anticipated needs of the year.

10 PRAY FOR: World Relief DuPage/Aurora. **David** and **Majka P.** GEM, Austria—David to be an encouragement to the GEM staff in Slovakia and Czech Republic as he leads teams in the areas of multiplying discipleship and growing Christ's church; Majka as she serves with Connecting Cultures, and the several students who have been coming regularly; these students to decide for Christ. **Kristen** (Eurasia)—the unreached from Syria, Iran and Afghanistan who are hearing the good news for the first time.

11 PRAY FOR: Daniel and Julie, Southeast Asia—Daniel to have wisdom and discernment in all aspects of his role; grace as they work with a new finance system; continued spiritual, emotional and physical health for their son Timothy (and the whole family). Pastors of Visitation **Roger Burgess** and **Bruce Main**, Women's Ministry Associate for Care and Visitation **Joan Engeseth** and Admin Asst. of Congregational Care **Christy Chiodras**—thank God for Roger, Bruce, Joan and others who care well for our congregation.

12 PRAY FOR: Robert and Laurie, OMF, U.S.—the Valentine's Day activity as they pass out candy and a "love letter" from God; fruit from this activity; students to register in the coming days for their spring retreat in March; God to draw the right mix of students to the retreat. **Jamie** and **Kim Viands**, AIM, Kenya—Jamie as he begins the new semester; wisdom in his responsibilities; good interactions with students; Kim and the kids as they returned to school; a good balance of work, ministry and play; the Lord to work through the children's book club on campus and the children would understand and respond to God's love.

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, Bob and Carol Wenninger. **T** and **R**, MENA—**T** as he edits the materials and prepares them for students to use next year; give thanks for students for the next academic year; their fundraising since he no longer receives a salary; those who have been supporting them long-term would be able to increase their giving; others to partner financially as they can.

14 PRAY FOR: Jeff and Irene, Asia—praise God for the ways he met their needs and for his guidance in all of it. **Missionary Furlough Homes,** Wheaton.

15 PRAY FOR: Derek Wang, Ministry Associate for 20s Ministry. **Tim** and **Carol Avery,** Pioneers, Kenya—Ekklesia Afrika to make good strides on new theology and ministry books they are developing for the African church; Tim to teach well in the seminary in Nairobi; for students to make good progress and for the church to profit; Tim and Carol to parent their four daughters wisely and graciously as they settle back into Kenya for their second term.

16 PRAY FOR: The Signs of Love Building Bridges event today; these twice a month events to build bridges between the hearing and deaf communities. **Odesa Theological Seminary,** Odesa, Ukraine—**J** and **E**, MENA—Eden to sleep and eat better; connections with faculty at and outside the university.

17 PRAY FOR: Please pray for Senior Pastor **Josh Moody's** upcoming ministry trip to the UK, and the God Centered Life Conference on February 25. Treasurer **Ken Heulitt,** Financial Secretary **Eric Enstrom** and assistants—thank God for the generous response of congregants at year-end to the budget contribution shortfall, which stabilized the church's financial situation. **Jeff** and **Ann VanDerMolen,** KA, Dominican Republic—continued clarity on how to move towards truly transformational teaching; more champions to participate financially in their mission; praise God that they are now receiving financial aid to provide meals; praise God for their staff's dedication, commitment and eagerness to learn.

18 PRAY FOR: Susan Perlman, JFJ, U.S.—the Zoom Bible studies Susan has with Michael, a Jewish man in Phoenix who needs to know the Lord, their Asaph; a new Jewish believer married to a Muslim

woman that she comes to know Jesus; the Rosners who she continues to visit and shares the gospel with them. **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.— their ReachGlobal Resource Team’s workshop next month for their 50 plus staff would encourage the staff to be proactive about ongoing ministry, retirement and beyond; the workshop to be encouraging, inspirational and truly helpful; creativity and wisdom as Terri coaches, rests in, and, as needed, challenges the women and men who lead ministry teams in Europe; insight, vision and a deepening dependence on God for their Europe Leadership Team; health, safety and endurance as she travels. The **Keenagers** dinner and program on February 21; guest Martina Mathisen and her presentation of an architectural tour of the world.

20 PRAY FOR: The second session of the **Following Jesus** class for fourth- and fifth graders as they learn what it means to follow Jesus. **Illinois Supreme Court** and **Illinois Judiciary**. **Jeff** and **Tamara Hershberger**, SEND, Japan— the Lord to give them wisdom in their discipleship ministries and in their role as team leaders for other missionaries; God to open doors of ministry of the Word for the churches of Japan and to grant the wisdom and words to respond.

21 PRAY FOR: the **Women’s Retreat** this weekend at the Hyatt Regency in Deerfield; good times in the Word as the women look at Isaiah 43; a good weekend away. Illinois Governor **JB Pritzker** and his administration, including Lieutenant Governor **Juliana Stratton**. **Steve** and **Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Latin America—more leaders in training to help the Patio to expand appropriately; the concrete back patio in their mission-owned house that needs to be redone but will cost several thousand dollars; a short-term team to volunteer to take on this project.

22 PRAY FOR: Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon, Illinois State Senators **Karina Villa** (Dist. 25), **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), **Jean Ladisch Douglass** (Dist.45), **Diane Blair-Sherlock** (Dist. 46), **Terra Costa Howard** (Dist. 42) 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—God to bring a revival within the church to stand up to evil and share the hope of Jesus as the resurrection and the life; John as he travels to the country at least once a quarter; the gospel of Christ which is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes to bear fruit within the one million plus Buddhist Burmese speaking people within the greater Bangkok area.

24 PRAY FOR: **Tim** and **Deanna Smith** (Missions Associates) GEM, U.S.—the Discernment Retreat at the end of the month and interviews with prospective missionary candidates; wisdom and discernment for the teams evaluating these candidates. **Steve** and **Lois Krogh**, TLI—safety in travel as Steve teaches on several continents including some high risk places; Steve as he train elders for Christ Church, College Church’s plant in Atlanta; God to raise up future leaders for their growing church; wisdom regarding a permanent facility; Lois as she leaders women’s workshops on cultivating a life of prayer, using her *Pour Out Your Heart Prayer Journal*

25 PRAY FOR: **Asian Theological Seminary**, Philippines. **Jonathan** and **Amy Harris**, OM, Wales—Grace Church in Grangetown as it gears up for a focused evangelistic outreach in May and June called ‘Encounters with Jesus”; the “Encounters” planning committee chaired by Jonathan as they put together the various elements of to make 2025 a year of proclaiming the gospel in Grangetown; the weekly street evangelism in various centers in South Wales.

26 PRAY FOR: **The Board of Deacons** and Chair **Bruce Bonga**—wisdom for the board as it looks ahead to the new church year. **Heads of state in Europe** and **Eurasia**. **J.H.** and **Clara**, MENAC—their desire for God to use their evangelistic and discipleship efforts to bring glory to Jesus and joy to all who receive him; Muslim background believers that they have discipled who are returning to Syria; protection as well as for boldness to witness to Christ in these uncertain times.

27 PRAY FOR: **The Board of Deaconesses** and Chair **Ann Lawrenz**—thank God for the many ways the deaconesses express their care to those in need. **Heads of state in the Americas** and **the Pacific**. **Marcos** and **Mariana Romero**, Reach Beyond, U.S.— Marcos as he is experiencing mild vertigo following a bike accident; Marcos is now

assisting as a coordinator for the Spanish radios of the Network; Mariana continues her vital work as the program director.

28 PRAY FOR: Elena Yin, ECM, Africa—the training of 35 Ugandan staff who in turn will lead training seminars in various communities to equip local staff in Congo and Ghana with Christian family ministry skills; divine direction and connections; the right manual and materials to use across various communities in Ghana and Uganda; her personal health and overall physical and mental self-care. **Asian Theological Seminary**, Philippines. **Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Islam. Heads of state in Asia.**

MISSION ACRONYMS:

AIM—Africa Inland Mission

CECA—Communauté
Évangélique au Centre
de l’Afrique (an evangelical
community of Christians
in the northeast of the
Democratic Republic
of Congo)

ECM—Every Child Ministries

FGW—Farming God’s Way

FLI—First Love International

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

JFJ—Jews for Jesus

KA—Kids Alive

MENA—Middle East
North Africa

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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