



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

APRIL 2025

1 PRAY FOR: Senior Pastor **Josh Moody**. Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—the Easter services this month; the preparation for the Workshop on Biblical Exposition on May 14-16; Vision Sunday and the Annual Meeting on May 18; God Centered Life Ministries, which continues to expand its media ministry worldwide.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: Joel Barnes, Harry Genet, John Loula, Jim Vanne. **Evangelism and Cultural Impact Committee** and Chair **Paige Cunningham. Kristiana (Cory) Miller**, GEM Europe—continued comfort and healthy, positive processing for Cory as he grieves his father's death; daughters Rylynn and Melody to thrive in school, especially with their German learning and social development; God's generous provision and protection over the many logistics involved in preparing for GEM-K Renew; God to provide the right people to help the Renew children's team; the staff, the children and the teenagers to be faithful; trusted people to serve these children well and cause no harm.

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, Jean Dusek, Phil Dylhoff, Lisa Eckert, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Sara Jo Gogots, Anna Gunther, Barbara Kiing, Janel Prichard, Raynie Smith, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Brian Blackburn, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Elizabeth M., Ben Pehrson, Susan Perlman, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Carol Wenninger (retired). **Jeff and Jane Pelz**, IVCF, US—students at College of DuPage and Waubensee Community College as they wrap up this year; Jeff as he takes a group to a week of training camp—finances for the week, the time off work and good training in

engaging the Scriptures; Jane as she travels to Asia this summer to visit a couple who recently started work with InterVarsity's sister movement in Mongolia; praise God that Jeff and Jane's daughter and family are moving to Wheaton in June or July (as soon as green cards are granted); their transition and this new stage of life.

4 PRAY FOR: Director of Children's Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller** and **Karin Tuurie**—the kids as they register for summer VBS programs, that their families would invite unchurched friends; the planning and preparation for our Summer Crew interns (Gracie, Philip, Michaela, Caleb and Maria); the school year volunteers to wrap up well in May and feel the Lord's blessing on their service to him. Admin. Assts. for Children's Ministries **Liz Stahler, Suzanne Shirley** and **Megan Stough. Joshua** and **Kara Duncel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—Joshua as he attends the European Christian Missions (ECM) biannual conference to learn how ReachGlobal and ECM can collaborate more effectively in Europe; the follow-up with church planters who attended the training in March to help them feel equipped and supported in their efforts; Kara and the family while Joshua travels this month.

5 PRAY FOR: the ArtSpace workshop this morning, "Creating with Purpose: Artificial Intelligence and the Church;" Tony Visconti, College Church digital manager, as he leads the workshop. **Midweek Evening Girls Program**, Supt. **Danika Kelly** and leaders—**Katherine**, U.S.—her first trip in 13 years to a Middle Eastern country where she used to serve; good reconnections and renewed vision as she serves new workers there April 8-30; wisdom to support three young families who are welcoming new babies as they serve far from home and family.

6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and staff. **Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—the beginning of a campaign to find new house parents for their residential system; two or three homes to reopen and children to be added this year; continued growth (spiritual and academic) for the 200 new children in their school system; student champions (child sponsors at \$50 a month); wisdom and perseverance for Leslie and Vic as they balance time with God, their family and ministry responsibilities; two of their four adult children facing major transitions this year, especially their oldest daughter, Micah, who graduates from medical school in May and begins a residency in family practice medicine in the summer. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

7 PRAY FOR: the **Mom2Mom** large group gathering this morning as the women discuss the topic of discipline. Nursery Supt. **Suzy Yoder**, Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Laura Swoboda**, Preschool Children's Church Superintendent **Kristie Smalley** and volunteers and teachers. **Daniel** and **Charis**—Charis as she travels, Lord willing, to Colorado around April 14-17 to meet the general director of the organization and U.S. team leaders; the planning, the building of relationships and wisdom in ministry discussions; Daniel's role in healthcare missions as he helps to facilitate the ongoing Christian Global Health in Perspectives course, now in its eighth semester; their plans for a short-term visit to northeast Asia in the summer; Luke to continue to grow in Christ, be rooted in the Word and find good peers to journey in faith together.

8 PRAY FOR: Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and Elementary Bible School Supt. **Christina Achziger** and teachers. **Todd (and Sue) Kelly**, TLI, U.S.—their work with some seasoned Vietnamese pastors/trainers to begin training a network of pastors in Cambodia; wisdom to assess the best way to bring this training to Cambodia; strong translators who can translate from English-Vietnamese, English-Cambodian and Vietnamese-Cambodian; the Vietnamese trainers, who have grown over the past few years, and the new challenge of cross-cultural missions; the Lord to bring transformation through the Word they study and that the glory of Jesus will be evident to all.

9 PRAY FOR: Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar** and his team, Admin. Asst. for Music **Emma Cooksey**, Ministry Associates **Ruth Gregorik**, **Debbie Hollinger**, **Delena Ollila**, **H. E. Singley** and **Robin Wiper**—Erik, the music team, adult choirs and musicians as they rehearse for Easter week services; God's continued leading for the Dewar family.

10 PRAY FOR: Middle School Pastor **Dan Hiben**, Admin. Asst. **Trish Main** and **adult leaders**—students to have a growing love for God's Word as KMs just finished a series on *Bible Basics*; the student to finish the school year well for God's glory. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanna Dickson**. **Twice Is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and volunteers—increase in donations to both stores as we do our spring cleaning; praise God for the second STARS Resale Store on Main Street in Wheaton, that will open this summer.

11 PRAY FOR: **Josh** and **Brittany**, U.S./Asia. **Phil** and **Ann Baur**, Pioneers, U.S.—their two-week trip to the Middle East and North Africa, beginning April 24, first at a local Pioneers office that works with

Sudanese refugees, and then with eight leaders from Pioneers offices around the world; good health and safe travel; praise God for the reports the Bours hear of people being reached, engaging with the gospel and having their lives changed in Christ.

12 PRAY FOR: the women's monthly gathering as it looks at Jesus' statement that he is the way, the truth and the life. **Multi-Nations Fellowship** this afternoon and the time to connect across cultures. High School Pastor **Baxter Helm**, Ministry Associates **Ken Byrd and Katie Nussbaum**, Admin. Asst. **Meagan Cortesi**. **Joan** (missions associate), Asia—her new class at Satya Wacana University teaching grad students English using Bible stories; her involvement in the Compassion/Laras Asri Internship Hotel Management program to help young people learn English and grow in their faith in a secular work environment; mentorship of Siwi; her Muslim friends Natalie, Mahmud and Ria and their son, Morigo, who wants to fly with MAF.

13 PRAY FOR: Read Psalm 24:7-10 out loud as your **Palm Sunday praise**.

14 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Angie Schroeder** and team **Mary Butler, Charis Ellis, Alta Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Danika Kelly** and **Marilyn Papierski**. **Homebound and care centers:** Vivian Borrink; Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Maria Daniels; Jean Dusek; Patty Edmonds; Wayne and Barb King; Wally Lorentsen; Marve Mayer; Carol Nickerson; Margaret Roy; Bill Pollard, Evey Setran; Bob and Carol Wenninger. **Caleb** and **Marisa Duttweiler**, East Mountain, South Africa—their first residency of the year that runs through the end of May in which they have five students (two women, three men); God to draw the students closer to himself and give them direction to what he is calling them; good health for their family; God to heal and protect staff and residents who have struggled with illnesses and pain.

15 PRAY FOR: **Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia— his teaching at Ethnos360 Bible Institute to be filled with the truth of God's Word and directed by the Holy Spirit; the preparations for travel to Kenya on May 15, where Jim will teach Kenyan pastors; them to be a blessing to the pastors, pastors' wives and children at the Scofield Orphanage; Kathy to be filled with wisdom, patience and understanding in her work with special needs children as the school year ends. Service & Engagement Committee and Chair **Katie Nussbaum**. **John** and **Esther Waldrop**, WV, Philippines—John and Esther as they prepare

for and teach classes at the International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL) in Manila; IGSL students who are graduating in June; guidance, provision and preparation for their ministries throughout Asia.

16 PRAY FOR: **Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium. **Bob** and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—the seven new recruits they are speaking with about service with Salt Ventures—four are confirmed for the year and the other three are praying about the future; Innovaid and the challenges of operating in hospitals and in partnership with other institutions; their summer programs and that the Lord would send them enough volunteers.

17 PRAY FOR: prepare your hearts for the **Thursday Communion Service** this evening and reflect on Luke 22:7-23 as we remember his body broken for us, his blood poured out.

18 PRAY FOR: today on **Good Friday**, ponder the words of the prophet Isaiah: “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

19 PRAY FOR: College Church families who invited international students to their Easter celebrations; the students to discover the Resurrected Lord this weekend. **God’s Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program) and Director **Sarah Herr. Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, Mesa Global (formerly UWM), Costa Rica—Natalia as she prepares to launch out to Taylor University (Indiana) in the fall; the next generation of leaders for churches and ministries in Central America and the Caribbean; God’s leading as they seek to equip servant leaders and promote a flourishing church. **Judy Blumhofer**, GH2K, Honduras—more staffing at both the clinic and school as they continue to grow; Jessica, new to their children’s home, who is scared and finding it hard to acclimate—the Lord to reach her with his love, calm every fear and speak to her sadness; speedy headway in Angel’s adoption process to avoid any slowdowns after new elections take place.

20 PRAY FOR: “**Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen**” (Luke 24:5). He is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

21 PRAY FOR: Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer**—the accounting office’s workload at the end of the fiscal year. **Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI, NC—fruit from the recent Coaches On Mission training conference in Southern California and fruit from the upcoming conference in Charlotte, May 16-18; the details and outreach of their spring and summer sports

ministry trips (12 tours to six different countries); praise God MAI's two newest locations in Lexington, KY, and Delaware Valley, PA (just outside of Philadelphia) and the ministry outreach already taking place in both.

22 PRAY FOR: Anita Deyneka, Missions Associate, ME, U.S.—the Ukrainian children who were forcibly taken from their homes to Russia to be reunited with their families. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

23 PRAY FOR: Chairman of the Council of Elders **Brian Wildman**, Vice Chair **Mark Bradley** and Secretary **David Setran**—thank God for the godly leadership of the Council of Elders.

24 PRAY FOR: Elders **Mark Berg, Jay Cunningham, Steve Ivester, Randy Jahns** and **Glenn Kosirog**—wisdom and vision for the elders as they lead the church in faithful proclamation of the gospel.

25 PRAY FOR: thank God for the good service of elders **Mark Berg, Jeff Oslund** and **Roger Sandberg** as they complete their terms as elders; **Chad Thorson** and **Dave Tweeten**—the new elders who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on May 18. **Kyle (and Dariana) Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—wisdom, focus and energy for their staff as they pour into the discipleship of the kids in their academies; wisdom and discernment for opportunities to expand; God to make it clear what to say yes to and what to say no to; their marriage and parenting to honor God and be a light to all around them.

26 PRAY FOR: Tim Sattler, Fellowship of the Word, U.S.—national pastors who are leading exposition workshops in their countries and beyond their borders; the IRS confirmation of Fellowship of the Word Global; needed funding for the ministry; praise God for the growth and strength of biblical exposition they have seen among pastors. **Tyrannus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

27 PRAY FOR: the **About Us Lunch** today to help visitors, especially those who visited Easter weekend, discover more about College Church. **John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, Missions Associates, WBT, NC—the Paratext 9 team and John as they roll out version 9.5; translators to be helped by the new features and fixes; the Paratext 10 team's planned release of a test version for feedback from partner organizations, prior to translation work; Vivi's conversations to awaken students' need for Christ as she continues to enjoy teaching and meeting with them outside classes.

28 PRAY FOR: **Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—their son Nathan and his new wife, Irene, a lovely Christian Spaniard, whom he married on March 1; their marriage to grow in the Lord; Giles and Debbie’s final month of sabbatical to be restful even as they do more research on how to reach the next generation; God to guide them and bless their rest and work. Children’s choir director **Debbie Hollinger** and her team: **Lea Lamb**, **Brad Warren** and **Pam Whittles**—the children’s choirs’ spring concert on Sunday, May 4; the children not to be anxious or distracted and to sing for the Lord.

29 PRAY FOR: the **membership class** this Saturday, May 3; the participants as they move forward with the membership process at church.

30 PRAY FOR: Women’s and Men’s Bible Studies as they finish the year; thank God for growing the Bible studies; God’s Word to take root and bear fruit in lives. President **Donald Trump**, Vice-President **J.D. Vance** and administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators **Tammy Duckworth** and **Dick Durbin**. The U.S. House of Representatives, Speaker **Mike Johnson** and Representatives **Delia Ramirez** (Dist. 3), **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11), **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14)

MISSION ACRONYMS:

AGST—Asia Graduate School of Theology

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

GH2K—Give Hope to Kids

IGSL—International Graduate School of Leadership

IVCF—InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

KA—Kids Alive

MAI—Missionary Athletes International

ME—Mission Eurasia

SV—Salt Ventures

TLI—Training Leaders International

UWM—United World Mission (now Mesa Global)

WBT—Wycliffe Bible Translators

WV—WorldVenture

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:
WANDA POOR



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