



## College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

# PRAYER GUIDE

## MAY 2025

**1 PRAY FOR:** Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer**—praise God for the strong giving toward budget; this fiscal year to end well, and that we have a strong summer and a good fall start-up; the necessary funds to come in for the Gospel Now project to build the accessible parking lot on the north side of Seminary Avenue. Treasurer **Ken Heulitt**, Financial Secretary **Eric Enstrom** and assistants—thank God for the generous giving of congregants.

**2 PRAY FOR:** the **membership class** tomorrow morning; participants to be motivated to take the first steps toward membership at College Church. **Those experiencing grief or loss:** Cary Barnes, family and friends of Laura Billsten, family and friends of Carol Horan, Jerry Jagrowski, Cathy Kramer, Micah Lindquist, Trish Main, Steve Vander Klok.

**3 PRAY FOR:** **Bill** and **Laurie Stough**, AIM, Uganda—effective follow up to the Farming God's Way (FGW) trainings in Adi, DR Congo in April and Kotido, Uganda in March; Adi, that the vision for FGW to become firmly rooted in action with those training for pastoral ministry and within six church arch-deaconries; Kotido and the enthusiasm the group had about the training that enabled them to plant a small demonstration garden before the rains came; God's will to be done in Soroti, Uganda, as they wait word of invitation from the bishop for an envisioning FGW training.

**4 PRAY FOR:** The children's choirs this evening as they present "Children at Prayer;" the children to not be distracted or anxious; Technology director **Tim Hollinger**, digital ministry manager **Tony Visconti**, AV director **Shelton Thompson** and AV manager **Joseph Abdelmelek**—thank God for the support

Tim and his team provide for the ministries of the church; wisdom as Tim oversees various projects. **Ben** and **Mandy Pehrson**, WBT, Papua New Guinea.

**5 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, 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, Mary Haddock, Barbara King, Stephenie Lamberson, 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).

**6 PRAY FOR: Phil and Jessica Smith**, FLI, U.S.—Phil and the FLI board’s decision to go in a different direction than Phil was leading; them as they look to God for what future ministry he has in store for them; wisdom and humility in this season as they seek to discern what God has for them next; the extra measure of strength and perseverance transitions require; a ministry where Phil and Jessica can co-labor; unity as they make decisions in the days ahead. **Kristen** (Central Asia). STARS Disability Ministries, Sunday morning 9:30 supt. **Dorothy Nicholson** and 11:00 supt. **Nathanel Strauch**—thank God for Dorothy, Nathanael and the volunteers who teach God’s Word to the STARS; more volunteers to serve during both hours on Sunday.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Director of Disability Ministries (STARS) **Julie Clemens**, ministry associates for Disability Ministries **Kristin Visconti**, **Christine Williams**, admin. assistant for Disability Ministries **Hope Loeffler** and **volunteers**—the STARS Talent Show on May 9 and the variety of artistic performances the STARS will be doing; a good time of fellowship for family and friends who attend. **Norm** and **Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S.

**8 PRAY FOR: Stanley and Marjorie Okoro**, GEM, France. **Derek Wang**, ministry associate for 20s Ministry—this growing ministry to shine as light to their generation.

**9 PRAY FOR: Laurie**, Asia—seekers to realize they are sinners in need of a Savior; saints to have a burden for their families, relatives and friends to know Jesus and be spared from hell; faithful and steady donor support. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, YFC, Spain—Esther to open up about school and family, and to find in Jesus that she is not alone; Elena to find a friend at school who will stick with her; God to

provide financially for an unexpected \$1800 car repair; the new baby's health; energy and wisdom as they parent Loyal with his big feelings as a toddler.

**10 PRAY FOR: World Relief Corp.,** DuPage/Aurora—wisdom and insight in their everyday operations. **Jonathan** and **Amy Harris**, OM, Wales—their special “Encounters with Jesus” theme this month, as church members share their stories of faith, and sermons focus on encounters with Jesus in the gospels; the “Encounters” mission week, June 1-8, with guest speakers at several special events; God to pour out his Spirit on them and that they will communicate in a clear and powerful way; the team planning these events to have wisdom and strength.

**11 PRAY FOR: the Workshop on Biblical Exposition,** May 14-16, as more than 60 men will join us; their preparation of texts from Job and God's work in the hearts of those who lead and who attend; fellowship among the group to encourage these preachers and pastors in training.

**12 PRAY FOR: Robert** and **Laurie,** international students, U.S. —students to receive new life in Jesus, especially for those who have been studying the Word with them this semester to fully commit their lives to Christ. **Jamie** and **Kim Viands**, AIM, Kenya—God to grant them wisdom to make good decisions about their children's schooling for next year; the Lord will give Jamie strength, patience and wisdom as he seeks to navigate some difficult issues in the administrative role overseeing the undergraduate theology programs at AIU; them to finish well this month as they anticipate returning to the U.S. for home assignment in mid-May.

**13 PRAY FOR: Retired missionaries: Jim** and **Nan Green,** **Austin** and **Margrit,** **Norm** and **Sue Kapp,** **Muriel Stilwell,** **Bill** and **Ruth Stough,** **Gene Taylor,** **Bob** and **Carol Wenninger.** **T** and **R,** Eurasia—the potential students interested in their program to submit applications; the support and partnership of their references; wisdom for their team in the event that they do not receive enough suitable applications; God's guidance for where they should go on summer furlough, when they should go, and who they should see; provision of housing and vehicles along the way; trust in God's provision for them.

**14 PRAY FOR:** the informational meetings this evening and Saturday morning to be helpful in answering questions members might have. The Board of Deaconesses and chair **Ann Lawrenz** and the Board of Deacons and chair **Bruce Bonga**—thank God

for Ann's and Bruce's leadership of the deaconesses and deacons; the women and men who will begin their new terms on these boards at the Annual Meeting.

**Missionary Furlough Homes**, Wheaton.

**15 PRAY FOR:** Facility director **Howard Kern**, asst. manager **Paul Ross** and **staff**—safety as the facilities staff work on projects during the summer. **David and Majka Phillips**, GEM, Europe— spiritual heaviness in Europe to be lifted; strength, wisdom and faithfulness of GEM missionaries on the field in Czech Republic and Slovakia; men's retreat from their Local church with former College Church college pastor, Randy Gruendyke on May 16-18.

**16 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services** (SFS), living arrangements and services and board chair **Tony DiLeonardi** and board members—this evening's benefit, "A Night for the STARS," not only to raise funds for SFS but also awareness of its work. **Odesa Theological Seminary**, Odesa, Ukraine. **Two workers**, North Africa—more connection with colleagues during lunchtimes now that Ramadan is over; praise for hosting Moroccans in their apartment and smooth travels back to Morocco.

**17 PRAY FOR: Jeff** and **Ann VanDerMolen**, KA, Dominican Republic—patience and wisdom for teachers as they finish the year; wisdom for Ann as she works on implementing some new training on conflict and leadership with their staff; wisdom for Jeff as he continues to give guidance and mentorship to several young adults as they look for jobs, start college, and try to figure out what's next in their lives.

**18 PRAY FOR:** Senior Pastor Josh Moody as he preaches "Vision Sermon 2025" this morning; the Annual Meeting this evening. **Susan Perlman**, JFJ, U.S.—the work in Jerusalem as JFJ begins renovation on the new outreach center in the city center; JFJ missionaries in Israel and Ukraine as they reach out while in war zones. **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.—preparation and planning for their Europe division meeting July 26-August 1 (the first time in three years); the meeting to be a time of sweet reconnection, true rejuvenation and refreshed vision for the call to multiple transformational churches in the urban centers of Europe; camps, evangelistic gatherings, church events and informal interactions with neighbors and visitors taking place across the continent during the summer; the summer high

school and college students who participate in short-term mission trips to pursue cross-cultural ministry as their vocation.

**20 PRAY FOR: Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Judiciary. Jeff and Tamara Hersherberger**, SEND, Japan—the Lord to open doors to ministry for the Hersherbergers in the church new year (April-March); God's Word to do God's work through Jeff's upcoming preaching opportunities this month and next.

**21 PRAY FOR: Steve and Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Mexico—their neighborhood men to become Jesus followers, they are a rough group and Steve has had monthly cookouts and some great conversations with them, but no commitment to Christ or his church; the four young men Steve is mentoring and discipling for church leadership; working with four young men and mentoring/discipling them in becoming church leaders; and ask the Lord that they discover the means to spend time with these young men even though the economic situation is desperate; the Patio (their church) and several special events planned for this month to celebrate the day of the child, "Mother's Day" and a four-day kayak excursion for church members; new people to become involved in these activities and come to know Jesus as a result.

**22 PRAY FOR: Arab Baptist Theological Seminary**, Beirut, Lebanon. Illinois Governor **J. B. Pritzker** and his administration, including Lieutenant Governor **Juliana Stratton**. Illinois State Senators **Doris Turner** (Dist. 48), **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), **Jenn Ladisch Douglass** (Dist. 45), **Diane Blair-Sherlock** (Dist. 46), **Jennifer Sanalitro** (Dist. 48) 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. **John and Leila**, Asia. **Elena Yin, ECM, Africa**—effectiveness of ECM's newly formed five-year plan to bring the gospel to unreached provinces.

**24 PRAY FOR: Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Islam. Tim and Deanna Smith** (missions associates) GEM, U.S. —their budget decisions for the next fiscal year, as they have had to eliminate some positions; God to give them wisdom and direct them to what he wants them to focus on.

**25 PRAY FOR: Tim and Carol Avery**, Pioneers, Kenya—wisdom in managing their time and the various demands on them; friendships, especially for Carol and the children; wisdom and love to parent their children well; Tim's new work permit to be approved before the current one expires. **Asian Theological Seminary**, Philippines.

**26 PRAY FOR:** As we remember men and women who have served our country in the past, we also remember and pray for those from our church family who currently serve in the military: Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Luca Warren, Joshua Wiltgen, Douglas Yates.

**27 PRAY FOR: THE Heads of state in Europe and Eurasia. JH & C**, Middle East—clarity, boldness and opportunities in sharing the gospel; more opportunities to share with those whom God brings into their lives through their local church and other opportunities; the children in their local churches to hear and understand the gospel of grace; the teachers to carefully and accurately explain the mercy and grace of God; those in whom they are investing their lives in discipling relationships to grow in maturity, holiness and fruitfulness as the Word of God abides in them; C just directed a choir and orchestra for their local TCK school; the lyrics of these songs would encourage and edify the TCK community.

**28 PRAY FOR: Marcos and Mariana Romero**, Reach Beyond, U.S—elections in Ecuador; Felix who called the station, a troubled man who wanted to give his life to Christ after listening to an announcer, and Marcos prayed with him, praise the Lord for all his blessings. **Heads of state in the Americas and the Pacific.**

**29 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfied, Harold and Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Bill Pollard, Margaret Roy, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger.

**30 PRAY FOR: Daniel and Julie**, Southeast Asia. **Jeff and Irene**, Asia—wisdom as they look to the future and weigh options and roles; Jeff to find something that fits his gifts and personality; a place where they fit and can thrive as a family; good connections during home assignment; the additional support they need. **Heads of state in Asia.**

**31** **PRAY FOR:** the **Summer Forum**, “Praying Together with the Psalms” that begins tomorrow in Commons Hall; volunteers to staff the College Church display at the Cream of Wheaton, June 5-8.

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### **MISSION ACRONYMS:**

**AIM**—Africa Inland Mission

**ECM**—Every Child Ministries

**FLI**—First Love International

**GEM**—Greater Europe Mission

**JFJ**—Jews for Jesus

**KA**—Kids Alive

**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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