



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## PRAYER GUIDE

### MAY 2026

**1 PRAY FOR:** Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer**—praise God for his faithfulness to College Church’s ministries and missions; a strong financial finish to our fiscal year; an edifying and unified annual meeting. **Eric Enstrom**, Financial Secretary, **Del Lamb** and assistants.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Jeff Dusek, Wes Dusek, Amy Lorentsen, James Lorentsen, John Lorentsen, Janice McKinley. The **Signs of Love** Building Bridges event on Sunday afternoon; **Alta Johnson** as she leads this ministry to the Deaf.

**3 PRAY FOR:** the children’s choirs musical this evening, “You’ve Got to Be Joshin’ Us”; choir members with speaking parts to have good recall; the musical to point people to God’s promise of rescue. **Bill** and **Laurie Stough**, AIM, Uganda—people to come into heartfelt relationships with the Creator God, and through obedient dependence experience home, healing and life; the farming families of Africa to discover abundant life in Christ.

**4 PRAY FOR:** 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—the newly printed Scriptures to bear fruit; their translators and families

who face much opposition; Ben as he teaches and consults the teams writing down the grammar of local languages; Ben as he prepares to go to Arop again; them as they rely on the Lord for wisdom in parenting their twins in PNG and supporting their adult children in the U.S.

**5 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Sirene Christman, Carmen DeGroot, Shawn DeMoss, Lisa Eckert, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sara Jo Gogots, Paul Klauke, Stephanie Lamberson, Megan Stough, Nancy Tally, Gunnar Terhune, Joe Walta, Dave Wiggins.

**Missionary health needs:** one female worker in North Africa, Mary-Ann Cox (retired), Jim and Nan Green (retired), Ray Leaf (retired), José Pablo Sánchez, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Julie T., Bob Wenninger (retired).

**6 PRAY FOR:** the **Simeon Trust Workshop on Biblical Exposition** now through May 8; the participants to be encouraged and equipped in the skills needed to preach and proclaim God's Word.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Ministry Director for STARS Disabilities **Julie Clemens**, ministry associates for STARS Disabilities **Cassie Crowell, Christy Knudson, Kristin Visconti, Christine Williams**, admin. assistant for Disability Ministries **Hope Loeffler** and **volunteers**—the annual STARS talent show tonight; families to connect as they enjoy the evening. **Norm** and **Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S.—the Lord to raise up financial partners for Bronwyn and Caleb for their ministry with JAARS; Norm as he travels to meetings and training events in the next few months; their family to grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus; praise God for his provision and guidance as they serve him.

**8 PRAY FOR: Stanley** (Marjorie) **Okoro**, GEM, France—their church retreat on May 31, that their fellowship together would encourage all; Anna, Nicolas and Fouzia, young believers whom they are currently leading through a short-term discipleship program. **20s Ministry**—thank God for the small groups that gather to study Scripture, pray and enjoy community.

**9 PRAY FOR: STARS Disability Ministries**, Sunday morning 9:30 supt. **Dorothy Nicholson**, 11:00 supt. **Nathanel Strauch**, Wednesday evening supt. **Debbie VanDerMolen**—thank God for Dorothy's

faithful service as the 9:30 hour supt.; the incoming superintendent as she steps into her new role. The **Coins for Caring Network** campaign ends on Sunday; the campaign to exceed our goal of \$15,000 for this ministry. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, YFC, Spain.

**10 PRAY FOR: World Relief**, DuPage/Aurora. **David** and **Majka Phillips**, GEM, Europe—GEM's church plant in Lucenec, Slovakia, launched just over a year ago as it continues to grow and impact the community; God's timing and guidance about a potential move to Bratislava, Slovakia; their daughters Lily, Kika and Noel as they navigate educational transitions, including graduating from college, beginning college and changing high schools.

**11 PRAY FOR: Daniel** and **Julie**, Southeast Asia—strength, endurance and encouragement for Julie as she undergoes cancer treatment; the family as they adjust to living in the U.S. again after the sudden and unexpected medical evacuation for Julie's health; their son Benjamin as he remains in their country of service to finish his junior year.

**12 PRAY FOR: Robert** and **Laurie, serving international students**, U.S.—the students who graduate this month and will move away from Chicago; special opportunities to share the gospel with them; the students and graduates who are in Chicago this summer to come to Bible studies; praise God that more than 50 students have studied the Bible with their team this semester; the Holy Spirit to remind students of the truth of God's Word. **Jamie** and **Kim Viands**, AIM, Kenya—Jamie to find good balance and rest after a taxing few months in terms of workload and stressful situations; Kim and the children to finish the school year well; the kids to develop more and deeper friendships; the Viands to serve as good hosts and ministry facilitators for visitors who are coming the next few months.

**13 PRAY FOR: T** and **R**, Eurasia—more opportunities for ministry as they weigh the various options that God has planned for them; them as they take on the primary responsibility for their small church community as its pastor and his wife return to the U.S. for a few months. **Retired missionaries:** Jim and Nan Green, Austin and Margrit, Norm and Sue Kapp, Muriel Stilwell, Bill and Ruth Stough, Gene Taylor, Bob Wenninger.

**14 PRAY FOR:** The Board of Deaconesses and chair **Julie Busted** and the Board of Deacons and chair **Joel Barnes**—thank God for the leadership of Julie and Joel of their respective boards; the new deacons and deaconesses will be going on the board this month. **Missionary Furlough Homes**, Wheaton. Women’s Ministries’ **Meet Up for Lunch** on Friday and Sunday, designed to meet new women at church or deepen existing relationships.

**15 PRAY FOR:** Facility director **Howard Kern**, asst. manager **Paul Ross** and **staff**—thank God for the volunteers who work with the facilities team. **Steve** and **Lois Krogh**, TLI U.S. based—Steve who is in Serbia through May 23, teaching systematic theology at the Baptist Theological School in Novi Sad; their move to Waco, Texas, to be close to their adult children and grandchildren there; the quick sale of their home in Atlanta; wisdom for Steve and his colleagues as they continue to equip the pastors of Christ’s global church in turbulent times.

**16 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services (SFS)**, living arrangements and services and board chair **Tony DiLeonardi** and board members—the planning of the golf outing in August. **Odesa Theological Seminary**, Odesa, Ukraine. **Two workers**, North Africa—progress in language learning; a procedure for a health issue to go well; good health for the entire family.

**17 PRAY FOR:** It’s Vision Sunday, and Senior Pastor Josh preaches on 1 Kings 8:60, “Big God. Big Vision;” the annual meeting this evening; a quorum to be able to vote on key exceptional matters at the meeting. **Jeff** and **Ann VanDerMolen**, Seed to Sower, Dominican Republic.

**18 PRAY FOR: Bangui Evangelical School of Theology**, Bangui, Central African Republic. Thank God for the faithful service of the elected leaders who are ending their terms of service this month; the newly elected leaders as they begin their service this month.

**19 PRAY FOR:** U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice **John Roberts** and the U.S. Judiciary. **Terri Miller**, ReachGlobal, U.S.—new and restarting ReachGlobal teams in Stockholm, Montenegro and Birmingham (UK); connections and partnerships, gains

in language and cultural acquisition and new staff to join these teams; Terri's sabbatical this summer; deep rest, spiritual encouragement and relational refreshment.

**20 PRAY FOR: Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Judiciary. Jeff and Tamara Hershberger**, SEND, Japan—Tamara's teaching ministry at the Christian school and Jeff's upcoming preaching at two churches; faithful gospel proclamation, the strengthening of disciples and the encouragement to continue in the faith; the churches in Japan to follow up with the many unbelievers who attended special Easter services and outreach events.

**21 PRAY FOR: Steve and Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Mexico. **Summer Crew** as it prepares for Vacation Bible School for elementary and preschool children; thank God for the families who are hosting VBS in their backyards; children to hear and receive the gospel.

**22 PRAY FOR: Arab Baptist Theological Seminary**, 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), **Martha Deuter** (Dist. 45) **Amy Grant** (Dist. 47), **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. **J and L**, Asia—guidance and clarity for their family in serving and loving God and others; many Buddhist Burmese people to hear the good news and follow Jesus; Nathan's faith to grow even during daily difficulties; Zac and Nancy (not their real names) to be able to bring their daughter to live with them this summer; one woman and her family to turn from darkness and walk in the light of the gospel; unity in the Burmese church they partner with in Bangkok as its senior pastor recently passed away; praise God the smooth process that J. had in renewing his visa. **Elena Yin, ECM, Africa.**

**24 PRAY FOR: Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Islam. Tim and Deanna Smith** (missions associates) GEM, U.S.

**25 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, Jamie Bishop, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Peter Johanik, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Douglas Yates.

**26 PRAY FOR: Tim and Carol Avery,** Pioneers, Kenya—Tim and Carol to grow daily in the grace of Christ and for their four daughters to know him; Tim to teach well in the language classes and the New Testament class this year; the seminary students to make steady progress; Ekklesia Afrika to be wise in its publishing as it discerns what is most useful to the church. **Asian Theological Seminary,** Philippines.

**27 PRAY FOR: THE Heads of state in Europe and Eurasia. JH & C,** MENA—JH's visa to be issued quickly; ongoing fruit in the hearts of those involved in recent concerts; justice, peace and protection of the innocent; deep connections with the saints at the church where they will serve.

**28 PRAY FOR: Marcos and Mariana Romero,** Reach Beyond, U.S. **Heads of state in the Americas and the Pacific.**

**29 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Vivian Borrink; Ruth Comfield, Liz Cook, John Dykstra; Patty Edmonds; Cordon Kerns; Wayne and Barb King; Marcia McCrary; Carol Nickerson; Evey Setran; Bob Wenninger.

**30 PRAY FOR: Daniel and Julie,** Southeast Asia. **Jeff and Irene,** Asia. **Heads of state in Asia.** The **Summer Forum** as it begins tomorrow morning on "Theology Refresh: Connecting Doctrine to Life."

**31 PRAY FOR:** the church's presence at Cream of Wheaton, June 4-7; the volunteers staffing the display to have opportunities to invite people to discover Jesus at College Church.

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## MISSION ACRONYMS:

**AIM**—Africa Inland Mission

**AIU**—African International  
University

**ECM**—Every Child Ministries

**FLI**—First Love International

**GEM**—Greater Europe Mission

**JFJ**—Jews for Jesus

**KA**—Kids Alive

**OM**—Operation Mobilization

**TEAM**—The Evangelical  
Alliance Mission

**TLI**—Training Leaders  
International

**WBT**—Wycliffe Bible  
Translators

**YFC**—Youth For Christ

## PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

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