



## College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

# PRAYER GUIDE

## JANUARY 2022

**1 PRAY FOR: HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Senior Pastor **Josh Moody** and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Josh's health after having COVID and as he undergoes a final medical procedure this month in follow up to complications in November from a previous surgery; his new sermon series in January; Pastor Josh as he teaches at the Chicago course on preaching for the Simeon Trust on January 18; his preparations to preach at the Walk Worthy Men's Conference in Ohio, February 26; God Centered Life Ministries which continues to expand its radio ministry worldwide.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Margreet Dusek, Angela Killian, Harry Robinson, Ed Selander, Wes Steffen. **Culture Impact & Evangelism Committee**—thank God for the recent faith and culture seminar on faith in the public schools. **Stan** and **Faith De La Cour**, SIM, U.S.—the mentoring of the leader of SIM Nepal and her husband over the next two years as part of an SIM international leader development program; the opportunity to meet them in person this first week of January in California; all to go well as they travel to the UK to see their grandchildren later this month.

**3 PRAY FOR:** Director of Children's Ministries **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller and Karin Turie**—Kids' Harbor teachers to be encouraged and equipped at the Lunch and Learn training session on January 9; wisdom as Cheryce and the children's ministries team speak to parents on how to support them in teaching biblical sexuality to their children; the children to hear, understand, believe and share the gospel. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, US—the InterVarsity staff who work with international students as they meet in Louisville, Kentucky, this week; wisdom as staff seeks to increase the leadership of international students; traveling mercies for 60 people from 25 states who arrive here today and on January 6 when they travel back home.

**4 PRAY FOR:** Assts. for Children's Ministries **Angie Schroeder, Liz Stahler** and **Sarah Tews. Joshua** and **Kara Dunckel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—praise God for connections Joshua has made to church planters and that ReachGlobal can learn from; continued growth in these relationships. **Ongoing health needs:** Corrie Barrie, Emilie Boyd, Ron Chiodras, Pat Cirrincione, Jean Dusek, Doug Dykema, Carol Eickhoff, Sherri Fuller, David and Sarah Heberg, Barbara Mill, Tom Piety, Phil Sheridan, Jim Siple, Joe Slone, Lillian Smith, Frank Sprouse, Jim Stough, Mark Taylor, Ed VanderMolen. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Don Genheimer, Nan Green, Esther W.

**5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program,** Supt. **Judy Ford** and leaders. **Central American Theological Seminary**, Guatemala City, Guatemala. **Katherine**, Middle East—new arrivals who face months of lessons before they can make deep relationships in Arabic; perseverance and perspective; those who have struggled to have hope and to be able to resist voices that shame and accuse; team members to encourage one another, celebrating victories, mourning challenges and spurring on each other, without comparison or competition; wisdom as she visits with teams and individuals; her to listen well and know what advice to give.

**6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program,** Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and volunteers—the Scripture that is memorized each week will penetrate the boys' hearts and minds; all to stay healthy through the winter months; the boys to invite their friends and introduce them to the church. **Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—their seven schools to fully open and COVID-19 levels continue to decline; additional qualified house parents to provide relief for current parents and would allow them to add more children; the successful restart of their visiting team program during the first few months of the new year (they have six teams scheduled in the first quarter this year). **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Nursery Supt. **Ashley Ramsden**, Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Sarah Mikolajczyk**, Preschool Children's Church Superintendent **Kristie Smalley** and teachers—God to use the Kids' Harbor team to make families feel welcome, loved and known; God to complete the work of his hands in these young hearts; God to motivate people to volunteer in Kids' Harbor in the summer; spiritual and physical protection of volunteers and families.

**8 PRAY FOR:** It's the **March for Life Chicago** today; the march to be a positive and winsome testimony of life. Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and staff. Elementary Bible School Supt. **Dan Burden** and teachers—continued protection from COVID in order to stay fully open and be able to share the gospel in person; the Lord to use work among parents and kids through the Gospel Project curriculum; the teachers as they use and adapt the curriculum for their classrooms; wisdom for Kids' Harbor leadership in crafting additional biblically grounded educational materials and programs to support parents and children on emerging societal topics.

**9 PRAY FOR:** Women's Bible Study and Morning Coordinator **Deb Lorentsen** and Evening Coordinator **Julie Busted**—the teachers as they prepare and handle God's Word; God to use them to speak truth into the lives of the women participating; small group leaders as they facilitate and care for the women in their groups. **John** and **Esther**, Eurasia.

**10 PRAY FOR:** Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben**, Program Coordinator for Students and Sports Ministries **Madi Traxinger**—students as they restart school after Christmas break, that they would persevere when things get tough; students to grow as a community more and more; the Upward Basketball games that begin on January 15; the players to grow in the basketball abilities and in their relationships with Jesus. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**—returning and new teachers to staff the classrooms in order to take all the new registrations in the spring semester; good health for everyone during the cold, flu and COVID season.

**11 PRAY FOR:** **Twice is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and all those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups—God to provide consistent part-time staff for the stores. **Josh** and **Brittany**, Asia—the Lord to lead them to the right partners and to sustain and equip those partners for fruitful follow-up; the door to stay open to distribute the Bible digitally among the least-reached; a new outreach system they've developed to help increase their impact this next year. **Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI (1), North Carolina/Worldwide—the easing of COVID restrictions on international travel (they currently have 14 scheduled mission trips and 10-12 international trainings for coaches); the follow-up efforts with Afghan refugees as they are resettled in different cities; the churches involved with them this fall and now are looking to participate in the resettlement phase;

Rick and the Faith-Based Coaches Committee at their upcoming national soccer coaches convention; a bold and loving witness in facing the challenges of the current social agenda.

**12 PRAY FOR: Keenagers and Chair Don Childs**—the dinner and program on January 21 to be well attended; Wallace Alcorn as he prepares his presentation on the story of William Henry Brisbane; new people to become involved in Keenagers. **Joan** (mission associate), Asia—her young ladies (Siwi, Hannah and Natalie) in her “English Club;” the new Compassion/Laras Asri internship program; God to continue to heal the country from COVID.

**13 PRAY FOR:** Church Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Diane Stephen** and Wedding Coordinators **Charis Ellis, Marilyn Papierski and Alta Johnson**. Homebound and care centers: Peg Carlson, Lois Erickson, Arlene Hare, Julia King, Bob Klepack, Margaret Lyda, Lillian Smth, shirely Whitecotton, Celia Yu, Tony Zalar. **Tim Sattler**, WordPartners, Wheaton/Worldwide—the new president selected by the board of WordPartners to be a good fit for the ministry and work well with the senior leadership to advance movements of God’s Word worldwide; pastors around the world who have felt the impact of COVID on their flocks and ministry; the training that has continued through national leadership teams in many countries; their expanding work in North America that Tim directs and for the development of a national leadership team which has begun in the U.S.

**14 PRAY FOR: Men’s Ministries and Men’s Bible Study.** **Cory** and **Kristiana Miller**, GEM, mid-term through January 2022—joyful praise that God provided the visas they need to move to Austria and begin ministry there; their family as they settle in Vienna, search for a house to call home and manage the move internationally; Kristiana as she begins a new ministry partnership with the Austrian evangelical parachurch organization that helped them with their visas; healthy, clear communication and a positive beginning to this critical ministry partnership.

**15 PRAY FOR: Women’s Ministries**—the women’s retreat, February 25-27; women to come away from the retreat refreshed and encouraged by their time in God’s Word; relationships between women to deepen and grow; God’s hand of blessing on the retreat committee and on Val Gross, chair, as they handle the many details and logistics. **Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia—Jim to be filled with

wisdom and the knowledge of the truth as he teaches Old Testament wisdom literature at Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI); the students to open their hearts to God's Word; God to open doors at the right time and prepare the hearts of the people the EBI graduates will serve in their ministries overseas; God to raise up more servants for the women's ministry committee at their local church where Kathy helps lead.

**16 PRAY FOR:** College Pastor **Ben Panner**, Ministry Associates for College **Abby Clark** and **Grant Flynn**—the start of the spring cohort for their discipleship initiative. The fall cohort went well; the emotional health of the college students, many who are facing strong anxiety. **Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—thank God that they were able to travel to the U.S. for Christmas; wisdom to know where to direct their time and energy and which opportunities they need to say no to; growth in their language abilities as their responsibilities increase; their church to grow spiritually and theologically; wisdom for them to know how best to help, praise God that the boys continue to grow in relationships with each other and friends.

**17 PRAY FOR:** **Bob** and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria. **Judy Blumhofer**, Christian Health Service Corp., Honduras—her youngest foster child, a sweet little three-month-old who joined their family in November; the ability to give all the nurture and medical wisdom he needs as they are part of his story now; this little one to move smoothly through the legal process to become eligible for an adoptive family; Judy and her family as her sabbatical came to an end late last month; her to maintain many of the great lessons and practices they've learned and to be able to return to a ministry position refreshed and ready.

**18 PRAY FOR:** Service & Engagement Committee and Chair **Jan Jones**—Organist **H. E. Singley** and **Chancel Choir**.

**19 PRAY FOR:** **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program). **Instrumental ensembles.** **Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—Matt as he heads a school planning committee to explore starting a school in another part of Costa Rica; healing for José Freddy as he recovers from a heart attack; wisdom as he considers how best to focus and possibly redistribute his time between a church he pastors and Bible classes he teaches at La Palabra de Vida; praise that Lynnea has finished student teaching and found a teaching job and housing in the Wheaton area.

**20 PRAY FOR:** **Commons Café** on Sunday morning and Coordinator **Diane DiLeonardi**. **Jim and Michelle Albright**, WBT, Papua New Guinea (mid-term to March 1, 2022)—their return to the States temporarily to spend some time with Jim’s parents (Dick and Rosalyn) and siblings since his mom’s health is failing; God to allow them to be a great blessing to Dick and Rosalyn during their stay; strength and endurance for their family as they make preparations to return to their home and ministry in PNG during the month of February; the Lord’s will would be done in arranging their travel.

**21 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**, Admin. Assts. for Music **Lauren Fortosis** and **Delena Ollila**, Ministry Associates for Music **Debbie Hollinger** and **Ruth Gregornik**. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer**. **Phil and Ann Baur**, Pioneers, FL— praise God that the COVID pandemic pushed Pioneers to implement digital outreach ministries far more quickly and thoroughly than planned—with wonderful God-glorifying results; God to continue to work through these open avenues to spread the gospel message, new global workers would be raised up to shine the light in dark places around the world as new Pioneers sending offices are opening in countries in the world which are not traditionally missionary-sending nations.

**22 PRAY FOR:** The **Front Door Ministry team**— the team members to continue to welcome one another as they would welcome Christ, for the glory of God (Rom. 15:7); God to use in extraordinary ways the conversations with visitors at the welcome center between services; more volunteers to join the team, especially after the 8 and 11 a.m. services. **Anita Deyneka**, ME, Wheaton/Eurasia—children who have lost parents and caregivers because of COVID as they are helped to find homes to be encouraged by the love and care of Jesus; meetings she will have this month with some Christian lawyers who work with A Family for Every Orphan and other organizations to help orphans and vulnerable children globally by advocating and helping countries have best care for parentless children, especially to be in families rather than institutional care. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

**23 PRAY FOR:** Chairman of the Council of Elders **Howard Costley**, Vice Chair **David Gieser** and Secretary **Jeremy Taylor**—wisdom in 2022. **Visitors Lunch**—those who are new to College Church to discover more about who we are over lunch today; thank God for opportunity to meet new people.

**24 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Dan Lindquist and Tom Nussbaum. James and Patricia, U.S./Chicago**— clarity about the best way to plug into ministry among refugees, their team (based in Wheaton) is open to opportunities, and they appreciate your prayers for the three families that are on their team.

**25 PRAY FOR:** **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic— growth from their coaches as they strive to be ministers of the gospel through sports and education; protection of their athletes, staff and families; transformation in their program specifically around the development of Christian disciples and evaluating how they can support the local Church through church-based sports ministries.

**26 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Tad Williams and Randy Jahns. Dan and Michelle**, Asia. **Tiranus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia. **Women's and men's Bible studies** as they resume this morning and evening.

**27 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Heinrich Johnsen and David Bea. John and Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, NC—the Paratext team as it now starts working on features for the next release (improving study Bible editing will continue to be a major focus), Vivi's treatment for glaucoma will be effective as she is trying new drops and will be evaluated in February; they are thankful that the Paratext team completed release 9.2 in late November and that user installation have not had major problems.

**28 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Mark Berg, Jeff Oslund and Roger Sandberg. Todd and Sue Kelly**, WordPartners, Wheaton/ Worldwide—God to reveal himself more and more to Todd and Sue as well as their adult children; the next generation of leaders who will join the team during the coming years.

**29 PRAY FOR:** **Giles and Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—God's guidance and strength for Deb as she works with young people from around Spain to plan Misión Posible 2022 to stop each day to listen to the Lord about what to do next, who to remind and how to encourage; the publication of Giles' second Christian fiction book and Debbie's second devotional book, and God's timing for release; their upcoming home service this month through July 23; God to connect them to the right people and churches and provide all they need to continue ministering to youth in Spain for years to come.

**30 PRAY FOR:** President **Joe Biden**, Vice-President **Kamala Harris** and the administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators **Tammy Duckworth** and **Dick Durbin**. The U.S. House of Representatives, Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** and Representatives **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11) and **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14). **Becoming One class**—this class that begins today to help engaged, soon-to-be engaged and newly married couples build biblical marriages.

**31 PRAY FOR: Women's Retreat**—the committee and the logistics involved with the retreat next month; retreat speaker Jen Pollock Michel as she prepares for the weekend; the women who attend the retreat to be drawn closer to God. **Jane**, Asia—the Lord to show her next steps for future ministry; her team as it deals with many issues that occurred during the COVID season.

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#### MISSION ACRONYMS:

**GEM** - Greater Europe Mission

**IVCF** - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

**KA** - Kids Alive

**MAI (1)** - Missionary Athletes in Action

**ME** - Mission Eurasia

**SV** - Salt Ventures

**UWM** - United World Mission

**WBT** - Wycliffe Bible Translators

**WordPartners** - formerly Leadership Resources International

**WV** - World Venture

**PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:**  
WANDA POOR



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