

JANUARY 2021

PRAYER

GUIDE

1 PRAY FOR: Senior Pastor **Josh Moody**; Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Moody as he begins a new sermon series in Jude as well as Esther this month. Receptionist **Lorraine Triggs**.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: Steve and Barb Dowell, Carolynn Hass, Tom Krisch, former College Church missionary Alice Mortenson, College Church missionary Jane Pelz, Jeff Steenwyk, Dorothy Wick. Evangelism Committee and chair **Rich Howard**—the committee member as they encourage the church family in their gospel conversations with family, friends and neighbors.

3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs: Kathy Balc, Emilie Boyd, Carol Eickhoff, Diana Fries, Sheri Fuller, Angie Krc, Phil Sheridan, Jim Siple, Joe Slone, Tavinya Taylor, Ed VanDerMolen, Ron Waldscmidt. Director of Children's Ministries (Kids' Harbor) **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Jennifer Miller, Jill Tweeten and Karin Tuurie**—Cheryce as she builds relationships with families and encourages them; Forum Fifteen Adult Community and teacher **Dr. David Fetzer**—thank God for this group's faithfulness and commitment to each other. **Jeff and Jane Pelz**, IVCF, IL—"RESTORE," the International Student Ministry staff conference January 5-7, and though meeting remotely may it encourage and help staff process the difficult events of 2020; the **College of DuPage InterVarsity groups** for the spring semester on campus; Jeff and Jane to befriend them and share the love of Jesus with them; safety in travel.

4 PRAY FOR: The week of prayer today through Friday; Pastor Moody as he leads the meetings; open hearts to God's work. Admin. Assts. for Children's Ministries **Angie Schroeder, Liz Stahler and Sarah Tews**—thank God for the behind-the-scenes work of Angie, Liz and Sarah that keeps Kids' Harbor running smoothly and safely. **Joshua**

and Kara Dunckel, ReachGlobal, Romania—wisdom and discernment for Joshua as he takes on leadership of the Strategic Partnering team this month; new team members to join in the work of equipping European movement leaders with clarity, coaching and connection to resources to build up the church; wisdom in making travel plans for both ministry in Europe and a brief home assignment.

Gerrie and Aneth Castillo, SEND, Spain—wisdom and guidance as they reach out to unbelieving relatives and friends and disciple them; God’s clear direction and his perfect will for their next ministry assignment; God to find them faithful as a family, growing in the knowledge and experience of him and that he would be glorified in their lives.

5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program, Supt. **Judy Ford** and leaders—the leaders to discover creative ways to connect with the girls this month. Midweek Evening Boys Program, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and staff—thank God for the enthusiasm of the boys who participate each week; God’s Word to be at work in the boys.

6 PRAY FOR: **Victor and Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—nutritional food, effective remote education and good communication with the kids, their families and teachers; praise God for their work to thousands of children and to the 2,200 kids currently in their seven schools and the residential programs and the 70 youth who have university scholarships. **Katherine**, Middle East. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

7 PRAY FOR: Nursery Supt. **Ashley Ramsden** and staff—wisdom for Ashley in her new position as nursery superintendent; nursery workers to stay well. Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Sarah Mikolajczyk** and teachers. Preschool Children’s Church Supt. **Lisa McKenna**—more volunteers to step up to serve; the teachers as they point children to Jesus.

8 PRAY FOR: Elementary Children’s Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and staff. Elementary Bible School Supt. **Dan Burden** and teachers—creativity in teaching; the children not only to have head knowledge of God’s Word, but also heart knowledge. **Todd and Sue Kelly**, LRI, Wheaton/Worldwide—God’s grace to grow in Todd and Sue’s lives and in the lives of their children; the Spirit to reveal understanding to the pastors they are training that they might grasp how to correctly interpret the Bible; unity in LRI’s teams worldwide, and that their partnerships would reflect the gospel.

9 PRAY FOR: Women's Monthly Gathering this morning as women look at spiritual practices; Women's Bible Study leadership team; morning coordinators **Carol Schick and Brenda Bodett**; evening coordinator **Julie Busted**; Wednesday Children's Program and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**—the Bible study teachers as they prepare for the spring study in Genesis 12-50; community to take place in both in-person and online groups. **John and Esther**, Eurasia—the Lord to give safety in travel to the family; health for all; praise for the faithfulness of those who paved the way for them in their country, and how God continues to work there in epidemics and natural disasters to further his kingdom; praise for encouraging results of Esther's cancer treatments.

10 PRAY FOR: Those who are being baptized in the morning services today to be "filled with the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:11) **Jeremy and Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—Christy and Jeremy to have strength and energy for the many tasks on their plates; Jeremy's ongoing teaching and research responsibilities and that he would set an atmosphere of spiritual growth through the chapel program; praise for Jeremy's dad's completed radiation treatment for prostate cancer; continued healing and for Jeremy and Christy as they care and support him.

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—wisdom to those involved the STARS Resale Shop's move to The Crossings; thank God for the warm gospel presence Twice is Nice has at its location. **Grace Groups** and their first meetings of the new year. **Josh and Brittany**, Asia—wisdom as they begin to partner with local "workers" on the ground who have asked their team for help; praise for the thousands among the unreached that were able to read the Word on their media platforms this past year.

Rick and Janice McKinley, MAI (1), Wheaton/Worldwide—their continuing transition to Charlotte and search for a home; Rick's adjustment to his new role at MAI's headquarters; outreach opportunities this month through the United Soccer Coaches Virtual Convention; their faith-based coaches' group as coaches host panel discussions, one on world religions and one on sports ministry.

12 PRAY FOR: Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben**, adult leaders and students as they resume their Tuesday gatherings tonight; these students to grow in Christ. **Joan** (Mission Associate), Asia—schools to open this month; the Korean Mother’s Study Group; the “English Club”; Joan as she teaches private English classes and for Hannah, new student; Siwi, Anga, her brother and his wife, Atik, to come to know Jesus; God to heal COVID so life can return to somewhat normal again.

13 PRAY FOR: Events Manager **Diane Stephen** and Wedding Coordinators **Mary Beth Butler, Jody Maas, Charis Ellis and Marilyn Papierski**—the weddings taking place during the pandemic to be joyful celebrations, no matter how scaled back they might be. **Daniel Lanz** (Asia)

14 PRAY FOR: Men’s Bible Study—**Dr Victor Kuligin** and Pastor **Josh Stringer** as they lead the Men’s Bible Study on hermeneutics. **Stan and Faith De La Cour**, SIM, U.S.—God to send more workers into his harvest field; Stan’s brother, Ed, to be able to begin treatment soon for lymphoma; praise for God’s protection and provision for their daughter, Anna, at this important time in her life (April 14 wedding); their daughter Bethany and her daughter, Verity, to be able to fly from the UK to be a part of the wedding; praise God for providing the right people for the right positions at the right time at SIM.

15 PRAY FOR: **Jim and Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia—strength and health for Jim and Kathy; Bible training and discipleship not to be hindered by the changes they made because of COVID; praise God for raising up students interested in studying at the Bible Institute; God’s provision to students on the waiting list as they learn to rely more and more on the Lord; them as they continue to disciple and teach prospective missionaries; not to have further problems with the coronavirus. **Tim Sattler**, LRI, Wheaton/Worldwide—God to grant wisdom for how and when to proceed when international borders open to travelers from the U.S.; God’s continued protection; the complete revision of the workshop materials to be completed before travel begins again.

16 PRAY FOR: The Veritas Adult Community and teacher **Dr. Daniel Block**—Dr. Block as he continues teaching through the book of Ezekiel. **Bob and Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—their various school communities in Bulgaria, including the public schools hosting the PINK Program, St. Trivelius Institute, where Bob teaches, and Sofia University where Becky is a doctoral candidate; their staff who navigate daily the uncertainties around them; praise the Lord for Father Michael, a new friend among the Orthodox priests, who offered to lead weekly Bible clubs in Tran (they have been praying for someone like him for almost 10 years).

17 PRAY FOR: Senior High School (HYACKs) Pastor **Zach Fallon**, high school adult leaders and students—Sunday Night Live that resumes today with a worldview and apologetic study, “Gospel Glasses—Seeing All Things Through Christ.” **Judy Blumhofer**, CHSC (Christian Health Service Corps), Honduras—her sabbatical to be restful and purposeful; their sector of Honduras as COVID has recently spiked in their area; her to love her neighbors well, speak truth to their fears and that they might come to know Christ as their ultimate peace-giver; hurricane relief efforts from Eta and Iota; wisdom in how to best direct resources.

18 PRAY FOR: Discipleship Committee and Service & Engagement Committee—wisdom as they work with the nominating committee in identifying members to fill open elected positions for the new church year. Organist **H. E. Singley**. Chancel Choir—thank God for how H.E. uses his talents and gifts to lift our hearts in worship.

19 PRAY FOR: The Perspective Class—those from College Church who are participating in the 15-week Perspectives class at High Point Church in Naperville; class members to see how they might be a part of God’s work around the world. **Matt and Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—Lynnea to recover fully from knee surgery on both knees before returning to Wheaton College for spring semester; the logistics, staffing and resources necessary to reopen as LPDV prepares to receive students back to campus in February; Matt as he helps a local seminary with the process of international accreditation; praise that Lisa’s sister is responding well to treatment for breast cancer.

20 PRAY FOR: College Church evangelist **Tom Johnston**—Tom as he serves an always changing congregation as chaplain at Midway Airport; God to direct people to the chapel to hear the gospel. **Jim and Michelle Albright**, Wycliffe,

Papua New Guinea (mid-term to 3/1/22)—praise the Lord that their main center has been made an official quarantine site and returning workers may quarantine in their own houses; many more people to be able to return in the next few months, including Jim's coworker whose family hopes to arrive this month; the house addition approval to happen quickly; the Lord to lead them forward if this house extension is his will for their family.

21 PRAY FOR: Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**; Admin. Assts. for Music **Elaine Meyer and Delena Ollila**. Ministry Associates for Music **Jennifer Wheatley and Ruth Gregornik**—thank God for Erik and the music team who continue to give us the gift of music throughout the pandemic. Accounting Manager Deb Carlburg. **Phil and Ann Baur**, Pioneers, FL—wisdom as they seek to encourage their coworkers; God's provision for the two of them and for Pioneers; God to open doors for deeper relationships with their neighbors and that they would boldly make the most of these opportunities; Phil and Ann to continue to be faithful in doing their part to raise up and send out laborers for the harvest fields which are ready for reaping; praise God for the 71 new people appointed as Pioneers missionaries between January and August of 2020.

22 PRAY FOR: Chairman of the Council of Elders **Mark Taylor**, Vice Chair **Dave Gieser** and Secretary **Rob Wolgemuth**—praise God for the elders; wisdom and insight. Philip, Thailand—opportunities to connect with people and be spiritually helpful with the church in Thailand; members of the church as they witness to the good news of Jesus among people they know. New Theological College, Uttarakhand, India.

23 PRAY FOR: The March for Life in Rockford today—the group from College Church who are participating in the march to be a winsome presence for life. **Anita Deyneka**, ME, Wheaton/Worldwide—thousands of orphans to find loving forever Christian families in their own countries in 2021; the ongoing International Justice Initiative working to assist judicial and global leaders in the nine countries where A Family for Every Orphan focuses to establish systems that would promote child protection and legal, safe adoption and foster care for parentless children.

24 PRAY FOR: Elders **Phil Nussbaum, Dan Lindquist and Tom Nussbaum. James and Patricia**, US—fresh opportunities for ministry in the new year; Patricia working remotely and feels lonely and disconnected from colleagues and students; praise that James and Patricia have found an apartment in Wheaton and can be further involved at College Church; Emma and Anna to be able to attend in-person school.

25 PRAY FOR: Elders **Tad Williams, Randy Jahns and Heinrich Johnsen. Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—wisdom for Kyle and the GO staff as they carry out programs for limited numbers; protection from the coronavirus; GO Sports coaches to remain faithful and encouraged; Dominicans to turn to Jesus.

26 PRAY FOR: **Dan and Michelle**, Asia—their school, and its administrators, teachers and staff open school for face-to-face instruction; students to continue to be eager and enthusiastic to learn together again; teachers to be adaptable as some students are not ready to come back to campus; lift up their four girls: Hannah (grade 8), Rachele (grade 7), Katie (grade 4), and Juliette (grade 2) as they are ready to be done with online schooling; patience and grace to wait for God's timing in this. Tiranus Bible College, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

27 PRAY FOR: Elders **David Bea, Howard Costley and Jeremy Taylor. Home-bound and care centers:** Joyce Anderson, Jean Blumhagen, Peg Carlson, Lois Erickson, Ed Felske, Arlene Hare, Julia King, Bob Klepack, Margaret Lyda, Shirley Mayer, Joy Sandlund, Lillian Smith, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Celia Yu, Tony Zalar. **John and Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, NC

28 PRAY FOR: **DuPage PADS** (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). **Giles and Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—the Lord to grant his wisdom and guidance to them and the Spanish youth leaders they work with in preparing a devotional guide for youth in Spain that would encourage them to daily meditate on God's Word and listen to his voice; the plans to publish the devotional guide in March; the final preparations for the virtual edition of Mision Posible 2021; this national youth missions event Debbie coordinates for their federation of churches will be presented online with numerous ways for youth around the country to connect with each another;

wisdom and unity for the staff preparing the event; the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the youth who will participate and that many will respond to his call.

29 PRAY FOR: Jane, Asia—wisdom in choosing which debriefing/counseling/retreat events to attend now through March; guidance for the future—the institution where she worked shut down due to COVID, a leader stepped down when his wife passed away and her team has gone in multiple directions; God to show the team, the leadership and the way Jane can stay; God to accomplish all that he wants during this time she is home; a sense of God’s priorities during this visit

30 PRAY FOR: President Joseph 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).

31 PRAY FOR: Jennifer Wheatley, Debbie Hollinger, Lea Lamb and Brad Warren—creativity in leading the children’s choirs; the children to participate fully even if only via video.

**PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER WANDA POOR
MISSION ACRONYMS:**

LRI – Leadership Resources
International

WV – World Venture

SV – Salt Ventures

UWM – United World Mission

LPDV – La Palabra de Vida

ME – Mission Eurasia



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