



PRAISE AND PRAYER

If you or someone at Grace needs help or has a care need, please call the church office at 214.368.0779 or email Jeff Sherwood at jeff@gracebiblechurch.org.

Devote yourselves to prayer keeping alert in it
with an attitude of thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2

EXALT God with Praise

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

- Praise God for the good news of our Savior's birth
- Praise God that the good news is for all peoples
- Praise God that his news his joyful and not fearful

ENGAGE with God in Intercession

For those recovering from Surgery

Mary Shoemaker – fell and cracked the ball in her hip joint resulting in a partial hip replacement on Tuesday 12/10. Pray for pain management, rest and to gain strength. Entered rehab on 12/17 at The Legacy Midtown Park. She is in Rm 217.

Sara Riedle – had major back surgery on Tuesday, Dec 10. This entailed a multiple-level fusion in her lower back along with several days of hospitalization. Home and able to get around. She is still on pain meds and having a CT scan on 12/18 to be sure everything is healing properly. Pray for pain control, continued healing without complications, good functional recovery, and peace.

John Spies – the adult son of Steve and Cristy Spies had a successful 12-hour surgery to remove a tumor on his tailbone on 11/5. He spent 3 weeks in the hospital coming home the day before Thanksgiving. Recovery is slow and will need a week of follow-up radiation to treat some remaining microscopic cancer cells. Pray for successful radiation and continued recovery.

Loree Conrad – had major back surgery on 9/17 where most vertebrae were fused. Home but could take up to a year to recover. Pray for patience, a continued good attitude, and the ability to see improvement.

For those dealing with Grief/Loss

Cara Appleby along with Ben and the kids – Ryan, Piper, and Rhett at the passing of Jan Craven, Cara's mom on Dec. 3rd. May God grant peace and comfort amid this loss during the holiday season.

Marcia Hale at the passing of husband Ben on Dec.1. Ben was the brother-in-law to Ann Sawyer. Pray for peace and comfort during this time.

Judy Morley is to be comforted and experience peace as she grieves the loss of her husband Bill who entered the presence of the Lord on 11/7. Pray for Judy's mom Eunice who is struggling emotionally with Bill's homegoing and physically with new medication.

For those with Health Concerns

Jake Martinez – teenage son of Arturo and Meya Martinez dealing with IBD and unable to go back to school. Having surgery on Friday, 12/20, to repair the fistula, along with having a colonoscopy and endoscopy. Struggling emotionally. Pray for healing and removal of anxiety.

Porter Klie Carroll 18-month-old son of Maria and James Carroll is beginning to eat and drink some, although he is still losing weight. Working to get back to baseline weight. Seeing a GI Dr this week for a follow-up. Starting PT this week which will most likely last for a few months to be sure his muscle tone improves. Pray that they can find the right specialty doctor. Pray for James and Maria to rest and have wisdom and strength.

Esther Scarborough – a former member of GBC is now in hospice in St Louis. Pray for peace and comfort for her and her son Barry.

Kaye Beatty's mother Betty Dalton has compression fractures of her thoracic and lumber spine. She is a diabetic and now has limited mobility while on medication and adjusting to assisted living. Pray for her healing and for Kaye and her sister to have the strength to meet her needs.

Tom Kendle – cousin of Cherry Werner has recovered from his brain bleed and is now at home.

Brooks Weaver (TS Weaver's brother) has chronic poor health with significant weight loss, the cause of which is still undiagnosed. Started a new medication but experienced side effects so quit. Very discouraged so I pray for a clear diagnosis and wise decision-making.

Janice Miller – Gives God praise for her progress and is very grateful for everyone's prayers. Please rejoice with her and continue to pray for healing and pain reduction.

Suzy Rambo was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia (DLB) a combination of dementia and Parkinson's. Pray for wisdom and strength for the family as they make decisions for her care.

Deb Claybrook-Moody's mom, Margaret Claybrook, is in hospice which is hard on Deb who is also handling all the estate matters. Pray that they will be able to sell her house in Canton.

For those with Cancer

Cherry Warner – experiencing significant fatigue because of treatment. Pray for the return of strength and stamina.

JoCarol McNabb - diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Undergoing daily radiation and once-per-week chemo. Has a good prognosis and is in good spirits. Pray for recovery.

Annette Leslie - Having completed chemo treatment she is now on a medication regimen. Pray for continued healing.

Jerry Brown - Continue to pray for the good response to the cancer treatment, and the Lord's comfort and encouragement for him and wife Jolynne. Has some dizziness but is still able to do physical therapy.

John Stephenson - Struggling to walk or stand but undergoing therapy to gain strength.

Abigail Etter; Lauren Ott, Malinda Johnson, Ben Britt

For those who need Wisdom/Trust

Brenda Miller asks for prayer for her adult son who is homeless and dealing with addiction

Kim Garrett – new to Grace; saved in 2020 and asks prayer for her husband and 2 boys Danny (23) and Jack (18) that they would come to faith in Christ.

For Global Engagement Worker (aka missionary)

Rinda Reiss, Leadership & Development Training in Romania, Grace-sent

Rinda has been a Grace missionary in Brasov, Romania for 22 years. She is currently building a financial care ministry. Praise that Rinda has a full life that keeps her healthy and active. Praise that she has a dedicated and passionate team of financial facilitators. Pray that more pastors will see the financial struggle the people in their congregations are facing and will use this financial care ministry to help them.

For the Leadership of GBC

The Elders: David Dillard, Mark Penley, Paul Barth, Bill Bush, Chuck Rhine, Bill McCord, Dave Carl, and Brian Roy to shepherd and lead with joy, seeking to please the Lord.

For the President and Congress

Pray for a smooth transition from one administration to the other and that God would direct their decisions in the process.

For those serving in the military

Devin Clemmer – nephew of Susie Clemmer, Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, NC

John Leugs – nephew of Cam and Judy Grysen, Fort Leavenworth, KN

Mason Hendricks – Holly Hendricks brother, Fort Benning, GA

Nick Miller – Carlton Meredith's grandson

EQUIP

Read Revelation 3:15-16 and note that God desired for the church to be either cold (if that is referring to the water coming to Laodicea it would be refreshing) or hot (referring to zeal for the Lord) then think about ways that you can maintain a fresh relationship with God and be zealous for the Lord.