



## 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](mailto:jeff@gracebiblechurch.org).

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

### EXALT God with Praise

*Blessed are you, O Lord, God of Israel, our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty for everything in heaven and earth is yours, Yours O Lord is the kingdom and you are exalted as head over all.* 1 Chronicles 29:10-11

- Praise God for his greatness and power
- Praise God for his victory and majesty
- Praise God who is exalted above all

### ENGAGE with God in Intercession

#### For those recovering from Surgery

**Mary Shoemaker** –had a partial hip replacement on Tuesday 12/10. Entered rehab on 12/17 at The Legacy Midtown Park and returned home on 1/13 with full time home care. Pray for continued strength and healing.

**Loree Conrad** – had major back surgery on 9/17 where most vertebra were fused. Home but could take up to a year to recover. Pray for patience, continued good attitude and the ability to see improvement. Praise that Loree attended one of the Lesson in Carols concerts and was in church on 1/12.

**John Spies** – adult son of Steve and Cristy Spies had a successful 12-hour surgery to remove a tumor on his tailbone. He will need follow-up radiation to treat some remaining microscopic cancer cells but for now has returned to his home in Portland. Pray for successful radiation and continued recovery.

#### For those dealing with Grief/Loss

**Mari Paez** mother who lives in Puerto Rico passed away on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Praise that Mari was able to be there and now pray for comfort for the family along with Mari being able to encourage her dad.

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

**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** to be comforted and experience peace as she grieves the loss of 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 Crohn's. Had surgery on Friday 12/20 to repair fistula along with having a colonoscopy and endoscopy. Colonoscopy was clean so Praise God. Praise that healing of fistula is going well and that Jake is enjoying his new Christian school.

**Sam Brown**, who lives in California and is the son of Tom and Linda Brown, suffered a stroke in December. He is now in rehab and Tom is with him so pray for his recovery and Tom's ability to encourage and support him.

**Gayle McCord**, who had back surgery last October which went well, has developed severe lower back pain. The latest MRI revealed a fractured sacrum which needs to heal. Pray that no surgery will be required, that the pain will dissipate, that the fracture will heal in time and that Bill will continue to have the strength to care for Gayle.

**Colleen Brandon's grandmother Charlotte** who is currently living with Colleen's mom has been placed in hospice. Health is failing so pray for emotional and spiritual comfort as the family navigates this process.

**Porter Klie-Carroll**, the 18-month-old son of Maria and James Carroll scheduled to see immunology and genetics Dr. the week of Jan 5th. Pray for a clear diagnosis.

**Esther Scarborough** – 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** is much improved. Her need for pain meds is lessening and her response to physical therapy is favorable. She can get around in her wheelchair. Continue to pray for healing of spine fractures, increased appetite, and a good mental outlook.

**Brooks Weaver (TS Weaver's brother)** has chronic poor health, the cause of which is still undiagnosed. Traveled to Pittsburgh this past week looking for answers. He has a tentative plan that will involve trips to Pittsburg and multiple tests. Pray for safety and encouragement along with healing.

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

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

## For those with Cancer

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

**John Stephenson** – moved to a TRC (Transitional Rehab Center) in Presbyterian Village North. Improving and now able to sit in wheelchair and get around a little

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

**Abigail Etter** – Greg Higgins 32 yr old niece who lives in CO had recent CT scan that showed a new small spot on her brain. Pray for wisdom regarding a treatment plan and for the Lord to encourage her heart to endure.

**Lauren Ott, Malinda Johnson, Ben Britt**

### **For those who need Wisdom/Trust**

**Stacy Bobo** – asks prayer for the Lord to provide her with a job.

**Jessica Cuartas** asks prayer for her family to be able to get full custody of her daughter as the father's family is violent. Pray that the Lord will strengthen her to see her through to do what is right.

**Vicki King** asks for prayer for her 20-year-old granddaughter Adi who is in a hard place. Pray she will lean into Jesus and trust him for everything.

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

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

**Angela Hughes** asks prayer for her husband that he would come to faith in Christ; make godly decisions for the family and be a good steward of their finances.

**Deb Claybrook-Moody's mom**, Margaret Claybrook, is now out of hospice – Praise God. She is currently living with Deb's sister so pray for patience and grace. The big need is the sale of Margaret's home in Canton and Praise God a recent cash offer was made for her home above the needed minimum. Pray that sale is finalized soon.

### **Global Engagement Worker (aka missionary)**

**S. & R.S. serving in Africa** Pray for R as she attends a women's retreat that she would be refreshed and find time to relax. Pray for S who serves on the Board of the Anglican Diocese of North Africa as treasurer. He will be making a presentation when the synod convenes on Feb 3 where a new bishop will be elected as well. Pray that his presentation will go smoothly. Finally pray for their team building retreat in Tunisia that S is planning that it be a time of renewal and team strengthening.

### **Leadership of GBC**

For the Elders David Dillard, Chuck Rhine, Bill McCord, Dave Carl, Brian Roy, Matt McBride, Jay Shaw, and Mike Cooper to shepherd with joy seeking to please the Lord. Pray for a smooth transition with 3 new elders joining – Jay Shaw, Mike Cooper, and Matt McBride and 3 stepping down.

### **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.

### **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's brother, Fort Benning, GA

**Nick Miller** – Carlton Meredith's grandson

### **EQUIP**

Read Matthew 24:42-44 and think about what you can do to stay alert spiritually and be ready for the Lord's return.