

PRAISE AND PRAYER 04-13-25

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

God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11

- Praise God who makes all things beautiful
- Praise God whose timing is perfect
- Praise God who has set eternity in our hearts

ENGAGE with God in Intercession

For those recovering from Surgery

Liz Anthony – had a 2 part back surgery on Monday 3/24 and Wednesday 3/26. Had a number of pins and rods inserted. Went home on Friday 3/28. Walking and undergoing physical therapy. Pray for continual healing and strength.

Mary Shoemaker –At home with daytime home care as she recovers from partial hip replacement. Able to get around with walker. Doing well.

John Spies – adult son of Steve and Cristy Spies successfully completed his second round of radiation, and his doctors say that he can move to having regular scans every 90-120 days for now. A praise for the successful surgery and treatments so far and prayer for continued healing and no recurrence.

Megan Brady's brother Corey - returned to Austin for followup with surgeon and discovered that the wound is still infected. Back on antibiotics and in the waiting for a 2nd surgery. Able to return to work as of 4/10.

For those dealing with Grief/Loss

Mari Paez mother in Puerto Rico passed away on Monday Jan. 13th. Pray for the family as they adjust to this loss. Mari's Dad coming to visit on 4/16.

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

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. Had a pacemaker installed on Monday Jan.27.

Colleen Brandon and Mom Kay Truelove at the passing of Kay's mom and Colleen's grandmother Charlotte on 2/12. Pray for peace, comfort and wisdom in decisions.

For those with Health Concerns

Cheryl Mayborn long time member of GBC who now resides with Don in east Texas has been placed in hospice as of 4/2 due to Alzheimer's. Currently having trouble swallowing so her passing could be in weeks. Don asks that we pray for the Lord to take Cheryl quickly and that he would find grace and endurance to walk this path. She would enjoy receiving friendship cards at 780 CR 1452 Quitman, TX 75783

Cam Grysen – fell and broke his bad hip. Had surgery on 4/2 to repair the break. Pray for healing and patience.

Randy Svajda (Margaret Junker's father) recently learned that his kidneys are only functioning at 50%. Had a CT scan on April 1. Praise that Dr. indicated there is nothing to be concerned about at this time.

Gayle McCord - she has multiple sacrum fractures. Recently received steroid injection which has helped. Up and walking. Pray that the fractures will continue to heal, pain will dissipate, and no surgery will be required.

Brooks Weaver (TS Weaver's brother) PRAISE GOD that after 10 years of uncertainty he now has a diagnosis of SMA Syndrome. His surgery originally scheduled for July has been moved up to May – which is an answer to prayer so Praise God. Pray that the surgery will be a huge success. Pray that he will see God's good hand and be grateful.

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

Emily Sandefur – Engage worker in Germany with Young Life and daughter of Andy and Julie Wildman has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. **Praise God** that after the most recent scans the cancer has not spread beyond the lymph nodes. That increases survival rate to 90%. Met with oncologist Thursday to determine treatment plan. Pray that the treatment plan will be very clear and that the family would sense God's provision and presence.

Cherry Warner – taken off all meds for 3 months after which there will be a PET scan (sometime in June) to see her status. As of now she is feeling good. PRAISE GOD that she and Amy have found a house in Plano that meets their needs. Moving there in early April.

John Stephenson – has improved enough to return to his Apt in Joyce Hall. He has a new motorized wheelchair that allows him much freedom to get around. Daughter is looking for a place to move John closer to them near Kansas City. That may occur in the next couple of months.

Annette Leslie – Had breast scan on 3/18 and PRAISE GOD scans were clean. Husband Craig diagnosed with prostate cancer and met with Dr on 4/7 to create a treatment plan. Pray for clarity in plan and wisdom in application.

Jerry Brown - Mostly dealing with equilibrium issues so pray for resolution and strength.

Abigail Etter – Greg Higgins 32 yr old niece who lives in CO had a CT scan on 2/13 that showed a new small spot on her brain. It does not appear to be growing aggressively, so the decision was made to undergo radiation treatments. Pray for reduction of the tumor and joyful endurance for Abigail.

Lauren Ott – was in hospital with an infection but was able to return home on 2/14. Still experiencing shortness of breath and seeing Dr to determine next steps. Pray for recovery and wisdom. Give thanks to the number of ladies in the church who are caring for her.

For those who need Wisdom/Trust

Caleb Gaffin asks prayer for his friend Zahin Kazi that he would hear and respond to the gospel.

Anya Leal – work permit will be resubmitted in June but for now she is able to work 2 days a week at Sugar Beet Kitchen. She is trusting God's timing and grateful for his provision. She has 2 children who are 7 and 4.

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

Jessica Cuartas asks for her family to be able to get full custody of her daughter. **Praise God** a lawyer has been assigned to her. Pray for a good result, strength, guidance and endurance as she trusts the Lord during this hard time.

Vicki King asks for prayer for her 20-year-old granddaughter Adi who has had to take a pause from Baylor's PA program. Pray that all will go smoothly, and she will be able to start over in the Fall.

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

Kim Garrett – expresses gratitude for the prayers and asks that we continue to pray 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 currently living with Deb's sister so pray for patience and grace.

Kay Truelove (Colleen's mom) has accepted a substitute teaching job at a Charter School.

Global Engagement Worker: Kevin and Kate in West Africa

Pray for wisdom as Kevin considers taking on a new ministry role. Pray for unity amongst the staff in the women's clinic where Kate works. Because they have several new missionaries as well as a new field director, pray for unity, fellowship, and a clear future vision.

Luke 10:2 Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers

Leadership of GBC

For the Elders to shepherd with joy and grace. Matt McBride, Jay Shaw, Brian Roy, Mike Cooper, Dave Carl, David Dillard, Bill McCord, Chuck Rhine

The President and Congress

Pray for wisdom and discernment in making decisions and leading the country. May divisiveness be minimized.

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

Nick Miller – Carlton Meredith's grandson

EQUIP

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. We, like the 2 witnesses in Rev. 11 have been given a ministry – a ministry of reconciliation as ambassadors for Christ. Where have you seen this ministry of reconciliation in your own life and how have you shared that ministry with others? What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?