

PRAISE AND PRAYER 12-21-25

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

In the same region there were shepherds staying out in the fields keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And so, 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 2:8-11

Praise God for the joy he gives Praise God that the good news is for all the people Praise God that he sent us a Savior

ENGAGE with God in Intercession

For those recovering from Surgery

Brandon Junker – had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his right shoulder on 12/16. Praise for a successful surgery. Pray for the expected three-month recovery.

Betsy Bass – had colon surgery on 12/10. Praise for a successful surgery. Pray for complete recovery.

Liz Anthony after suffering a stroke and having surgery Liz in now home recuperating. Pray for complete recovery and return of energy. Give God thanks for the care she received.

Rocky Miller had mitral valve repair and aorta valve replacement surgery on 8/7. Improving so pray for complete recovery.

Greg Jackson – had foot surgery on 5/13 to correct a pronated ankle that was turning inwards, making it difficult to walk. He is now in a boot with limited mobility. Pray for complete recovery.

For those dealing with Grief/Loss

Paul Seegers at the homegoing of wife Phyllis on 12/8 after 74 years of marriage. Pray for God's comfort **Bessie Jordan family** at Bessie's homegoing on 11/8 (Angela and Gerald, Rochelle and grandkids) as they mourn her loss.

Robin and David Howard at the passing of Robin's mom in October. Service was in Beaumont on 11/1. Susie Clemmer's mom entered glory on Tuesday 10/7. Pray for comfort and peace for Susie and the family Diane Burns and family at the sudden passing of her daughter Honor on 9/30

Sena Spofford's Mom passed away on 8/18. Pray for peace and comfort for Sena and the family.

Kara Kohl's mom passed away on Monday 7/28 after a long battle with cancer and dementia. Pray for peace and comfort for the family.

Dwayne Brandon's grandmother Elizabeth passed away on 8/7. Pray for comfort for the Brandon family.

Stephanie Nickerson, biological father, passed away on Tuesday 6/17. Pray for comfort and peace for her and her brother Robert and Aunt Joyce, the only surviving sibling.

James Johnson's mother died unexpectedly on 4/25 so pray for James to know God's peace and comfort.

Lizzy and Heath McCarty – Lizzy's Dad died unexpectedly in late April. Continue to pray for comfort for the grieving family and a sense of God's peace. Praise that Lizzy was able to get a contract job.

Mari Paez mother in Puerto Rico passed away on Monday Jan. 13th. After suffering a recent hematoma, he is still adjusting which has placed additional burden on the 2 sisters who are there. Pray for wisdom and rest for them as well as healing for Dad. Pray that God would meet his financial needs.

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

Irene Heape fell and broke leg and is now in The Legacy at Midtown for healing and rehab.

Betty Lapsley tripped, fell and broke her left femur bone. She is now in Remington Transition Center. Pray for healing and the beginning of PT.

Esther Medina broke the 5th metatarsal in her foot. She is now in boot but likely will not need surgery. Pray for healing and patience.

Brooks Weaver (TS Weaver's brother) had a successful ileostomy surgery on 11/3. Pray for patience, a good attitude, and a complete recovery.

Bobby and Suzy Rambo Suzy has Lewy Body Dementia (DLB) a combination of dementia and Parkinson's. Confined to home and struggling. Pray for wisdom for the family as they make decisions for her care.

Deb Claybrook Moody's mom Margaret is moving from rehab to long term care. Pray for her acceptance and adjustment to the new living arrangement.

For those with Cancer

John Pittman adult son of Hayden Pittman, former member of GBC has glioblastoma. Surgery was 8/12 and 98% of the tumor was removed. Completed chemo. Pray for strength for his body, healing and confident trust in the Lord. Also pray for John's wife and 3 adult children to know God's peace.

Emily Sandefur – is now 2 months post-surgery. Fatigue is a constant with a long recovery ahead. Starting PT soon and still have 10 antibody infusions to go: ongoing pills to take along with multiple DR visits and follow-ups for the next couple of years. Grateful for prayers and ask that God grant wisdom as we manage this phase of our lives.

TS Weaver's mom had surgery Nov. 6 which went well and was able to return home. Pray for endurance, peace and healing.

For those who need Wisdom/Trust

trusts the Lord during this challenging time.

Betty Welch – moving to assisted living in Tyler. Pray for adjustment and continued ministry.

Ilia Kemble – recently graduated from grad school and looking for work.

Jessica Cuartas seeking to get full custody of her daughter. **Praise God** a lawyer has been assigned to her. Visitation of daughter with her father is a challenge currently. Pray for strength, guidance, and endurance as she

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

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.

Mandy H – DTS student fundraising for summer 2026 short term mission in Europe. Pray for provision and the ability to brush up on German and learn Italian specifically how to share the gospel in those languages.

Global Engagement Worker: Anthony and April B with Pioneers

Currently living in a Rohingya refugee community in Oregon translating he Bible and working in the community to meet needs and build relationships for Gospel conversations.

- (1) Pray for our cousins in the community to receive Christ
- (2) Pray for safe passage to Thailand for our Bible Translation team

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

Leadership of GBC

During this both joyful and busy time pray that we serve with joy and remain healthy. Jace Cloud, Rob Armstrong, Rachel Taylor, Colleen Brandon, Mari Paez, Rayna Uribe, Brian Piper, James Ciluffo, Andy Gutierrez, Esther Medina, Chris Reynolds, T.S. Weaver, Jeff Sherwood, Grace Denner, Megan Brady, Margaret Junker, Larry King

Pray for the rollout of the shepherding initiative to more effectively enable the shepherding of the church family

Pray for the **Built on Truth Campaign** that we would be dependent upon God and clearly see God's purpose. Mark your calendars for Jan.11 Vision Sunday

The President and Congress

Pray for wisdom and discernment in making decisions and leading the country. Pray for a more peaceful America. 1 Tim.2:1-2

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 Luke 1:46-47. In the beginning of her song Mary exalts the Lord and rejoices in God her Savior. What are some of the events in your own life that caused you to exalt and rejoice? How did you express your exaltation and rejoicing?