



PRAISE AND PRAYER 05-17-26

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

For God who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves. 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Praise God who called light out of darkness

Praise God who has given us his glory in Christ

Praise God that this gift of glory is of his power and not our own

ENGAGE with God in Intercession

For those recovering from Surgery

Greg Jackson – had foot surgery on 5/13/25 to correct a pronated ankle that was turning inwards, making it difficult to walk. Developed infection in January 2026 resulting in more surgery.

For those dealing with Grief/Loss

Higgins family as Greg's Dad passed away Wednesday 3/25. Pray for comfort and peace.

Irene Heape – a long-time member of Grace passed away on 2/10. Pray for daughter Lori and rest of the family as they adjust to her passing.

Bobby Rambo's wife Suzy entered glory on Monday 1/9. Pray for comfort and peace for Bobby and the family.

Carol Moss long time member of Grace who moved to VA passed away on 1/6. Pray for comfort for family.

Gretchen David's mom passed away on 1/2 Pray for peace and comfort for her and the family.

Lea Markoff passed on 1/3. Pray for the family and friends of Lea.

Paul Seegers at the home going of wife Phyllis on 12/8 after 74 years of marriage. Pray for God's comfort

For those with Health Concerns

Don Hoggatt's nephew Matt McGrew had a brain tumor removed on Tuesday (4/14). Awaiting results of the type of cancer. Pray for his recovery. Added to the concern is that his mother, Don's younger sister had a brain tumor and died when she was 42.

Jerry Brown requests prayer for healing for his daughter **Rachel** who is struggling with severe psychiatric issues.

Jerry fell recently and has a small fracture in his hand. Pray for his recovery.

Walt Matheny – was readmitted to Medical City on 5/5 with sepsis. He is intubated and in ICU. Pray for healing and recovery of strength.

Robert Gantt – pray for restored health from a heart attack suffered on 3/9. Feeling stronger as he undergoes cardiac rehab.

Shalom Bouhasin – 10-year-old son of Anthony and April has been ill since 1/23 and bedridden since 2/11. He is diagnosed with PEM (post-exertional malaise) which results in extreme fatigue and cognitive issues following minimal physical or mental exertion. Pray for wisdom for the parents to know how much activity he can handle without a major setback. Pray they will continue to trust in our good God. Parents are very concerned about the long-term effects so pray for Shalom's complete healing.

Brooks Weaver (TS Weaver's brother) had ileostomy surgery on 11/3. Problems have developed with scar tissue, and he had surgery on 2/11 to remove it. Struggling with uncertainty and discomfort.

For those with Cancer

John Pittman adult son of Hayden Pittman, former member of GBC has glioblastoma. 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 into the long-term phase of treatment with ongoing infusions and Dr visits. Current biggest limitation is with frozen shoulder for which she is in PT. Completed infusion 14 of 18 and like chemo she is fatigued. Able to work some and hair is growing back 😊. While she is "cancer free" she still feels the pain and consequences of cancer. While she doesn't feel healthy, she is comforted in knowing that health will come. Gives thanks for the prayers and asks that we continue to pray.

For those who need Wisdom/Trust

Bri who is having post baby health issues but Praise God she will not require any surgery.

Sarah – seeking wisdom and peace in financial decisions. She gives praise that Bible Study at work is going well and people keep showing up so continue to pray that coworkers will come to faith in Christ.

Mandy H – fundraising for the 2 ½ month long summer short term mission in Europe. Praise for the \$1965 that has been provided. Pray for provision of the remaining \$13,000 still needed. Pray for a positive heart, development of art skill and language acquisition.

Stacy Bobo – needs a new place to stay as well as a job that will meet her needs.

Jessica Cuartas - Praise **God** she is now the official custodian of her daughter after 3 years of struggle. Pray that her ex-husband comes to faith in Christ. Visitation of daughter with her father is a challenge currently. Both she and daughter are attending therapy at the Genesis Women's Shelter.

Global Engagement Worker: Melanie Kay Campus Outreach at Samford University (Birmingham)

- Pray for the Summer Beach Project (May 12-June 9).
- Pray that God would move in mighty ways as we teach students how to walk with God not only in college but for the rest of their lives! Last summer we saw 3 seniors decide to go overseas after Project.
- Pray for our staff as we lead this summer. There are 8 of us living in Panama City Beach alongside these students. Pray for spiritual, emotional, and physical health...it's always a big adjustment!
- Pray for Samford students (we have 40 coming) on Project. Pray that no student would leave Project without making Jesus the Lord of their life and that they would have a desire to share their faith back on campus in the fall!

The Reynolds (Chris and Stephanie), Dittrich's (Austin and Olivia) and Stephanie's parents ask for prayer as they go to Word of Life Bible Institute in Jeju Korea where Chris and Austin will teach Acts and Romans and they will all be doing some work around campus. Pray for safety in travel (May 15-30), effective ministry and good health.

Leadership of GBC

For the Deacons: Mark Adams, Justin Arnett, Joe Foster, Michael Golden, Ron Gooding, Jay Hopper, Todd Ratliff, Joseph Shumate, David Smith, Seth Spofford, Luberto Velez. Pray for joy and stamina in serving the church family. Pray for God's provision in our **Built on Truth Campaign**

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, has been deployed to the Middle East until October 2026

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

Nick Miller – Carlton Meredith's grandson

EQUIP

Read Eph.4:2-6. Note the attitude and means by which we are to preserve unity (vs.2). Whose unity is it and what characterizes it? (vs.3). How many times is "one" repeated? Why is this unity so valuable in the body of Christ?