

PRAYER GUIDE

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“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men, for kings who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.”

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3

- Pray for our current and future Elders. Wisdom in selecting them and their wisdom and humility before God.
- Pray for Todd Wagner. Pray for wisdom, discipline, purity, humility, patience, grace, love for God’s purposes, love for God’s Word, and love for God’s people.
- Pray for the current and future staff. For wisdom in when to hire them and protection from hasty/poor decisions in this area. Pray that, even now, God would be preparing the hearts of future staff to join us.
- Pray for our lay leadership. For gifted, passionate, and godly men and women to come forward who will use their gifts as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

For all members, present and future, of our church

- Pray for understanding and appropriate responses to the purpose of God’s church and this body, “To call all people to be fully devoted followers of Christ.”
- Pray that we would “Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded us and remembering that He is with us always, even until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Pray that we would “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Pray that we would be intentional about “equipping the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- Pray that we would “proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose may we labor, striving according to his power, which mightily works within us who believe.” (Colossians 1:28-29)
- Pray that we would seek and save the lost even as our Lord did. That we would be intentional to develop loving, authentic relationships with those who do not know Jesus. (Luke 19:10)
- Pray that we would not come to this fellowship to be served, but to serve, and give our lives to others, even when it means we must suffer to follow in His steps. (Mark 10:45; 1 Peter 2:21)
- Pray that we would be fully devoted followers of Christ ourselves, not merely people who call themselves Christians. That we would have hearts that are completely His so that as the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth He would be delighted to strongly support us. (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- Pray that we would “suffer hardship with each other as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.” That we would not “entangle ourselves in the affairs of everyday life, so that we may please the one who has enlisted us as soldiers.” (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- Pray, “may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6)

- Pray that we would encourage others and glorify the Lord “by being of the same mind, maintain the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” Pray that we would “do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of us regard one another as more important than himself.” Pray that we would not “merely look out for our own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” Pray that we would “have this attitude in ourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:2-5)
- Pray that we would continually walk in obedience to, and in the power of, the Spirit of God. Pray that today, more than ever, that the fruits of the Spirit would be evident in our lives. “Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.” (Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-26)
- Pray that others would regard us only “as servants of Christ and stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Corinthians 4:1)

For all those who are not yet a part of this community of faith

- Pray for the unchurched and dead-churched; that we would learn to love them, and develop authentic relationships and friendships with more of them. Pray that we would always treat them as people and not as projects. Pray that God would cause us to weep at the thought of them living another day without Christ. Pray that we would be a community of salt and light that God would choose to use to draw His sheep to Himself. Pray that this would be a church that lost people grow to know and trust as a place where truth is taught with grace, where the wayward and struggling are welcomed, and where many are regularly transformed into followers of Christ.
- Pray specifically, and by name for, lost friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family.
- Pray for the dead-churched and unmoved that they would be challenged by our sincerity of faith and passion for Christ. Pray that they would be moved to inquire about our lives of obedience and joy. Pray that our responses would be kind, reverent, and that God would protect us from pride, elitism, and judgment. “May it never be that we should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to us and us to the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

That the Lord would show Himself faithful and worthy of praise in...

- Providing more of His people who would be passionate to pray with us faithfully on weekends and regularly throughout the week.
- Providing facilities that will help us maximize discipleship efforts.
- Providing us with gifted, passionate, and godly followers of Christ, eager to give their lives to His glory and purposes.
- Providing financially for this work.
- Protecting us from pride, bitterness, gossip, slander, fear, and trusting in our flesh.
- Allowing the gatherings and meetings within our church to be glorifying to Him, not in any way encouraging people to think poorly of other gatherings of believers. Pray that He would ignite excitement in those He is calling to join us without causing others to feel abandoned or left out.
- Allowing excitement for this work to cause other local bodies of Christ to have a renewed excitement for their calling and community.
- Allowing us to be a church with balanced ministry, where hundreds/thousands of His children come to:
- Believe in Christ
- Belong to His body
- Be trained in truth
- Be strong in ministry.