

MISSIONS connection

December 20, 2023

December Birthdays

20 David Crowe

26 Thomas Queen 31 Samuel Crowe

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to be praying for Lille and the baby's health. Also pray for future direction for me. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your words of encouragement and your loving support. I apologize for the last couple of weeks and not returning your text. I finally succumbed to COVID for the first time, and it kicked my rear end. I was off work for about a week and a half, and I'm still dealing with a few of the effects of the virus, fatigue being the major one. Please pray for us as we enter the Christmas season in a very different spot than we have before (not being behind the pulpit); it is odd for me. I am continuing to pray for GLBC movement in the direction that God is leading, and I know that you and the other members of leadership will be sensitive to His leading. I am grateful for you and your friendship, guidance, and mentorship to me over the years. I love you all and am thankful that God placed you in my life.

Elijah and Raelene Soritau

Elisha, Tori, Karis and Isaiah

*Elijah is the Vice-Rector of Emmanuel University in
Oradea, Romania and pastor in the Oradea area*

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and the ministries God has given us. We have many requests for our family, friends, and church. First of all, please pray for our oldest son, Eli, as he finishes up his final exams and then will travel home for Christmas. We praise the Lord for Raelene being able to finish and graduate with her PhD in Higher Education and Biblical Counseling. Isaiah has had some difficulty with math this year and has a big test next week that he is very nervous about. Our colleague, Dr. Marius Cruceru, at Emanuel University who had the aortic dissection and God spared his life now has some trouble with kidney stones. Yesterday he was admitted into the hospital for surgery to remove the stones. He still has a long road ahead of him in recovering from his heart surgery. Please pray for God's healing and no further complications. Please also pray for our church and all the special services coming up for Christmas and New Year's. Pray for church unity and for God to work in each of our hearts to love Him more and to be salt and light to the world around us.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- Josiah (from Moody) arrived this week and has jumped into working at YAJASI.

Prayer:

- Pray that God will use our small group how He sees fit and that Enos and I can be obedient in how God is leading us to make disciples.
- I'm leaving next Monday to go back to Georgia for Karis's (my little sister) wedding. Pray for smooth flights there and back.
- Please keep praying for our church, our pastor, and the leaders of our small group. There are a lot of distractions from the gospel. Pray that Enos and I see what God is doing and know how to be obedient.
- Pray for rest for Enos in this busy season of the holidays, building a house, and preparing for the baby.
- Pray for God's protection from malaria and dengue for the baby and me.

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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Hi Church Family! We are so excited about the upcoming year but focusing on Jesus Birth right now. Merry Christmas!!

John Campbell is a Professor at Lumbee River Christian College and a faithful Run for God Run Club Member. We love receiving updates from him and here is one we received this week on our Run Club Facebook Page.

Well, I dread the treadmill but there are no sidewalks near our hotel in Montgomery, AL. However coach Dean told me not to whine

□ during the RFG read the Bible through in a year. I listened to the most recent podcast with Mike Power's FB post about running on the beach but he was actually running on a treadmill. I set the treadmill incline to 4.5 and walked and did a little running and completed 4 miles. Thank you Lord!

Please pray for all the folks planning to lead new Run for God 5K Challenge Classes upcoming in January.

Thank you Grove Level for your continued prayers! WE love y'all!!!

The Run for God Team

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Please keep Sophie in your prayers. She has been struggling with an upper respiratory something this week. Ashley has taken her to a pediatric urgent care, because she's struggling drawing breath. They have just diagnosed her with RSV. Her sat rate is 96 still, but these things affect her a lot more because of the PWS.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the
pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701*

Thank you for loving us well. Pray for us as we navigate grief in this Holiday season. It's so hard not to get stuck in the should have been... and wishing our baby was with us this Christmas. Pray we give grief its rightful place, but make a space for joy that can coexist alongside it. Pray for the girls that used to live with us. Their mom is having a really hard time, and we are doing everything we can to love and support them.

Stephen and Emily Howard

living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them

Hey, folks! 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. 2) I don't think getting another job is the right direction. Thanks for praying! 3) I want to start leading some local evangelism teams soon. Pray for wisdom on where to go with that. I'll probably start looking at next year to start a local evangelism team. (Which isn't too far!) 4) We're still thinking about moving. Pray that we'd find where God wants us to go. 5) Emily feels a lot better now! We had to get some antibiotics for her. But she feels great. Thanks for praying. Thank you all!

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Please pray for:

1. Our churches to be faithful in giving to International Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
2. An informational meeting on January 9 with 9 FRBA Pastors about church revitalization and replanting. Praying this could lead to a movement in FRBA to revitalize and/or replant dying churches.
3. The eight churches that are considering becoming a member of FRBA that 2024 will be the year they decide to join.
4. The launch of the FRBA Training Center and Learning Lab on January 2, 2024.
5. The seven-member team that is preparing to serve in the Harrisburg, PA area on January 14-18.

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

Queens for the King

135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

Update from the Mission Team: We have arrived to our stay for the night. Thanks for your prayers. Tomorrow is a travel day.

Pray also for Syvion, Thuli and Fundi who we will be working with.
Pray for good weather.
Pray for good health.

**If you would like to receive updates:
Text PRAYSA to 84576.**

Thanks for partnering with us by being prayer warriors and holding the ropes while we take the name of Jesus Christ to the Nations!

In Christ Alone,
Thomas and Paige Queen

Nathan and Laura Johnson

Navigators Collegiate Ministry

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Thank you so much for your prayers Brother Charlie! A few things you can pray for: Our students, that they would finish the semester strong in classes but also in their relationship with God & they wouldn't let that fall as they're heading into the stress of finals. We are also hosting a Christmas party this Friday where we will spend some time reading the Christmas story & singing a few songs (hoping to start with our focus on Jesus as we enter Advent). Also just pray for Laura's health, she's been sick for almost 2 weeks now & it has just been lingering & not wanting to go away. She was also put on a new medication recently that is supposed to help some with her other health problems that have been going on for a while. She is also receiving some treatment over Christmas that should help with that as well. Thank you & we appreciate y'all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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Thank you for loving us in prayer. Crowes — I (David) have COVID this week and am beginning to feel better as of today. Andrew started feeling congested today. Gracie had it a few weeks ago and Kellie is still negative as of today. Pray for us as we navigate. Grace — we have a lot of folks positive as well (more than we have ever had at the same time). Praise the Lord with us as some of our newest members are desiring to serve in various ministries. It is encouraging and helpful. Pray for us as we plan on 2024 being a year we focus on prayer and praying: both in learning and doing. Pray for our elders as we seek the Lord to help guide us to shepherd our Grace Fellowship through a year of more intensive prayer and praying. Thank you so much. Lord bless. We love our GLBC family!!!

Chad & Emily Keeter

Reach UTK

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Our son Cooper was born on December 4th. He and Emily are both doing well— thank you for praying for a safe and healthy delivery! We're all so thankful to have him home with us. We've wrapped things up for the semester on campus. We're very thankful for God's kindness in establishing our new ministry over the course of this semester, which couldn't have happened without your faithful prayers! Thank you. We love y'all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Been thinking about this opening line of Isaiah 9:6. Of course the Child spoken of in Isaiah 7:14, was born of the virgin. Although when you consider all of the attributes which make God who He is, it's quite amazing that Christ could be all that and be a helpless baby; that is amazing to me. I hope I never come to a place where this age old story fails to amaze me, and I never want to get over my Salvation. Well, praise the Lord the Gospel message went forth abundantly at the Calhoun Christmas parade. I had some help handing out somewhere close to 3,800 Christmas tracts. On Saturday I joined with several Brothers for outreach in Atlanta at the Celebration Bowl in the Dome. It was cold, windy, and overcast, but there's no weather that's too bad for sharing the gospel. The game was moderately attended although the two teams came from different parts of the country which enabled us to extend our reach of the Gospel. Thank you for praying for our calendar. We received a call late last week to fill the pulpit for a sick pastor. I hate that he fell sick, but I'm glad I was able to help him out in his time of need. I rarely get a chance to preach at the Christmas service, but I've been studying Isaiah 9:6 just in case I get a call. Please continue to pray for our calendar. Your prayers are being heard by our Heavenly Father. We have a 2024 calendar to fill. I'm confident in the prayers of God's people that He will fill it. I don't know of anything else on our calendar for the rest of the year. The Peach Bowl falls on the day we will be doing our family Christmas, so I will not be going. However, I will keep my ear to the ground for outreaches for the remainder of the year. It's been a great year in ministry, and I am glad y'all came along with us!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Gynnette and myself. Thanks for all the prayers and support. Blessings!

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Right now I'm on the way back to São Paulo. The visit to Curitiba was great, and I was very well received by the pastors. The church is big (4,700 members), and they have many people who studied at Word of Life seminary. I think this is one of the reasons I had open doors with them. Also, I discovered that Crossover Global was actually founded there in partnership with a pastor from the US, and this also helped me since I'm part of that organization. Because of this and many other things, we made the decision to move to this city and be part of this church. Please pray for this decision and for us to find a good house or apartment. We really feel it's God's time for us to be there as part of our journey.

Thank you so much for this year of prayers!! I love you all; you are very important to us.

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