

MISSIONS connection

December 6, 2023

December Birthdays

13 Gynnette Yoho 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 constantly lifting up our family in prayer. We are grateful for you all. Please continue to be praying for Lille and the baby to remain healthy. I have completed my last seminary class, and I am planning to graduate in the Spring of 2024. Praise the Lord for his goodness in bringing me this far. Please pray the Lord will give me direction for the future.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your words of encouragement; they mean more to me than you know. Please pray for the family of that young man I have told you about; he lost his battle with cancer and won his victory over death. He believed in Jesus and is no longer in pain. He had a wonderful spirit and loved God, so it was an honor to serve him. Pray for me as I continue in this difficult ministry of hospice.

Elijah and Raelene Soritau

Elisha, Tori, Karis and Isaiah

Elijah is the Vice-Rector of Emmanuel University in

Please pray for safe travels to Memphis where Raelene is getting her Ph.D. Degree in Higher Education and Biblical Counseling. Also, pray that I will be able to present the needs of our Ukrainian pastors to the 2 church meetings I have. Winter is here, and they do not know how they are going to survive and the churches, too.

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

Hey, Grove Level! 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. 2) I'm thinking about getting an additional job. Pray for God's wisdom if that's where he wants me to go. 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. 4) We're still thinking about moving. Pray that we'd find where God wants us to go. It's been a challenge to try and find something in our budget that has all that we'd like. 5) Emily got the job that she interviewed for. Thanks for praying! Thank you all!

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- We are thankful for God's provision of an affordable and reliable car to buy.

Prayer:

- Pray that God will use our small group as He sees fit and that Enos and I can be obedient in how God is leading us to make disciples.

- Pray for HIS. We have lots of changes in leadership and teachers leaving in January. Pray for wisdom as the administration makes decisions and for God's provision.

- We will be hosting a Moody Bible College student for most of the month of December. He will do an internship at YAJASI. Pray that he is able to adjust well and that God will use his time here.

- 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 recognize what God is doing.

- Pray for God's protection from malaria and dengue for the baby and me.

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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Happy December Church Family! Whew! We are getting ready for the New Year as new folks will be joining challenges and new opportunities for witnessing will be presented. Pray with us as we welcome new Run Club Members and minister to those who have been with us for a time along with the new ones.

This time of year brings us new opportunities for answering questions and shining Jesus as well. Please pray as we navigate these new paths with Upward Sports. We are so excited about the steps being taken as our goal for each of us is to share the Gospel.

We love you Grove Level and we are so thankful for each of you!!!

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.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

Please continue to pray for Kelsey's brother and family. The holidays won't be easy for them this year with the situation that is going on. Again pray for wisdom and agreeableness with all involved and also pray for the kids.

We are doing well otherwise. Love y'all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” Romans 8:37. I have taken on more college football outreaches this year than in years past. I like the large crowd and the multitude of opportunities they provide to reach people. After leaving a game, I usually keep up with the score to see who won. The team I’d like to see win doesn’t always win. But I thank God today that no matter what it looks like, Jesus always is a win. This past Saturday I went down to the Georgia Dome for the SEC championship game. It was pretty awesome, because there were 10 men who showed up from various parts of the country. One brother bought two young preachers from Douglasville. It was great fellowshiping with them and helping them in the ministry. The Outreach went well as we handed out lots of gospel tracts and preached for about 4 hours. We did have one lady who professed several times to be a Christian but was pretty rough on a young man who was preaching. Other than that, we had a great Outreach. This Sunday I had a preaching appointment to fill the pulpit at West Union Baptist Church here in Calhoun. They are a church that is struggling with the recent resignation of their pastor. I preached out of John 15, and I encouraged them to abide in Christ and continue in the love of God. I try to be intentional when preaching at churches in this situation to bring a message that will help them. They invited me to come back this Sunday and share the Word of God again with them. We have been praying and working towards getting Gynnette’s Daddy more care. His needs are greater than we can provide. Praise the Lord, we got some good news that the VA was working to try to get him in a nursing home in Hiawassee, GA. We’re waiting to hear back from the lady in admissions; please help us pray about this. We would ask for a smooth transition. Please continue to pray for God to fill our calendar as well. We are planning at least one more Christmas parade Outreach next Thursday in Calhoun. Praise the Lord for your great Outreach sharing the real meaning of Christmas this past weekend. We really appreciate y’all. Thank you for your continued prayer and support for our ministry, our lives, and our family. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Luce Terto

Serving God in Brazil.

Hello church family,

Since the message about being in the right place at the right time, I’ve been thinking about being here taking care of my parents. I’m glad I listened to God’s leading about coming back to Brazil. Twice recently I have needed to take my parents to the emergency room in the middle of the night. Caring for and praying for elderly parents is not a quick, easy thing, and it’s comforting to know that God has me here for His purpose. I thank you for your prayers that I will be able to take good care of them both.

I’ve been having a problem with gastritis recently, and I ask that you pray for this to improve and for me to be disciplined about what I eat.

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 this reminder. Pray that we would keep our eyes on Him and His Kingdom. We are on vacation this week. Pray for rest and healing as we approach Jonah’s due date on Sunday.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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Good evening Brother. Thank you for loving us so very well through praying for us. Grace — praise the Lord with us as we baptized two and had six join the Grace family on the 19th. We were blessed to get to use our new portable baptistery and it worked great!!! We need God’s guidance in our children’s Grace Connection Group ministry. We have some larger groups and some smaller groups with various ages and we need help in how to navigate it. We have enough teachers and leaders and enough space, but we need to know how to effectively use that ministry. Our GCG director has some very good ideas, and we want to be wise and creative and effective. Crowes — pray for Kellie as she navigates through a tough work environment. Lots of drama! Please pray for Gracie as she is trying to decide between staying at ETSU or going to Liberty. She would have to be online at Liberty, but she is having a hard time in the Art Department. She feels that she might be able to learn more at Liberty since they promote and teach a good foundation of God as the basis of all art and education. Thank you for praying for us so diligently and joyfully!!!! God is so good to be at work in us —who are so undeserving of Him to do so! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift of Jesus!!!

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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Hey GLBC Family!

We are drawing closer to our SA mission trip leave date of Dec 12th. Here is our team and the ways you can pray for us:

Sarah Grace Edgeman
Christian Gordon
Landon Hollis
Lane Hollis
Emma Jones
Meredith Phillips
Micah Rowland
Jacob Queen
Paige Queen
Thomas Queen

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

Pray for good weather (lot of rain in the forecast).

Pray for good health (First long flight for most on the trip)

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
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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!

Chad & Emily Keeter
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Our son Cooper is going to be here very soon! We're scheduled to go in on December 4th for him to be born. Please be praying for Cooper and Emily and for a healthy delivery. Since it's so close to his birth, we stayed here in Knoxville for Thanksgiving. We had a few students join us as well as a family from church, which was a treat! We finished up our semester-long study in the book of Galatians last night. I'm so thankful to the Lord for the ways that students seem to have a clearer understanding of the purity of the gospel. Pray that that would continue to grow. Please pray for our family in the midst of this busy stretch—finishing up the semester with students, welcoming Cooper, and (Chad) taking a seminary intensive over the next month and a half. We're so grateful for each of you!

Davi Masi
Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- This week we started contacting people on our list to make connections with churches to raise support. Our sponsors agreed to maintain their support of us until the end of this year; now it's time to meet other people too. Please pray for guidance and that the right doors open for us; God knows who the people are who are going to sponsor us.
- We need to decide where we are going to live next year. Now that we don't have classes anymore it's time to address this. Please pray for wisdom for our decisions.
- Our best friends are moving at the same time we are, and it's time to have our last meetings here with them. We are sad, but we know God has the best way for each one of us. Please pray for confidence in the Lord during this process, His presence is with us forever.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Prayers and Praises:

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1. Praise the Lord for Bryan Parrish, the new Pastor at Lisbon Baptist Church. His first Sunday was this past Sunday. The church was 3/4 filled, and there was a great spirit among the people.
2. Praise the Lord for the churches who baptized new believers last Sunday (Crestview baptized one and Stillwaters Church baptized five).
3. Pray for Crossroads Church at Whitewater. This church is a merger between Crossroads Church in Newnan and Whitewater Baptist Church, a 200 year old congregation, in Fayette County. This location will be a satellite of Crossroads Church. The first services will be held this Sunday at 9 and 10:30 am. The church already has about 100 people ready to launch this new church.
4. Pray for our mission teams as they prepare for the 2024 mission trips. The next one will be on January 14-18 to South Central Pennsylvania as the team delivers and provides supplies with four churches and church plants in and around Harrisburg and Gettysburg, PA.
5. Pray for Ken Adams. Pastor of Crossroads Church, and myself as we prepare to lead several Disciple Making Church conferences this year. The goal is for me to be the lead trainer for Impact Discipleship Ministries in my association and the Dominican Republic.
6. Remember my Administrative Ministry Assistant, Stephanie Summers, this week. It was one year ago that her husband, Pastor Tom Summers, passed away.
7. Pray for the launch of the Flint River Baptist Training Center and Learning Lab for Church Revitalization, Church Planting, and Replanting that will begin on January 2.

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