

MISSIONS connection

July 26, 2023

*August Birthdays
7 Holley Richardson*

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers for our family. Please pray the Lord will prepare me for my upcoming class at Seminary. I am expecting it to be the toughest one yet, so I will need lots of self-discipline to stay on top of my studies and complete the course. It will begin next month.

Continue also to be praying for Lille and the baby to remain healthy during her pregnancy.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry
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Thank you for your prayers & we're glad the camps went well! Sorry I'm a little late but this is our last full week - so really be praying that we'd be able to connect some of the people we met well with the missionaries that are here & good space/time to reflect on the trip & what God has done!

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your encouragement. Please be in prayer for me as I'm still learning the ropes for my new position as a chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice. Pray that I can be used as a chaplain to bring glory to God and peace to mankind during the difficult time of their lives. Pray for Sara as she has a third round interview tomorrow for a teaching position. Please pray for my mom, Teresa Silvers, tomorrow. She is having a procedure in KY to replace two valves in her heart due to leakage. Thank you. We love you all.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

*"Go and Make Ministries"
www.goandmakeministry.org*

We have a prayer request for a family in our community group. They just lost their 4 yr old daughter, Emerie. Emerie had always had health complications from birth, but she caught a virus while on vacation and wasn't able to shake it. So please pray for them as they grieve and for us as a community to surround them and be there with them along this long journey. The mom is also pregnant and was already having anxiety about that given the previous complications at birth, but now she is struggling with those anxieties even more so. Jessica and Daniel are their names. The service is on Saturday, so we will be traveling back from Charleston to try and make it.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise the Lord for all he has done, especially providing my passport and visa! We are in transit in Doha now, waiting on our next flight.

Thank you all for praying with us! We are praying for y'all. We love y'all!

Hannah and Enos.

Praise:

- God provided my passport and a temporary visa on time. :)
- Thank the Lord that we were able to fly, in spite of some complications at check in.

Prayer:

- Please pray for safe and healthy travels.
- Pray for a good time with Enos' family.
- Pray for Enos and me as we get settled into our roles at YAJASI/HIS.
- Pray for peace in Papua - tensions have been slightly higher lately.

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Please pray for us as we travel home this evening from Spartanburg, SC. We have had a very informational and successful trip joining the Upward staff in prayer and education about the Merger.

We are so excited about all the opportunities God is laying before us through the Acquisition. God is working.

Thank you for praying for us. We are so blessed!

The Run for God Team

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Reach UTK
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Praise the Lord for the encouraging report of VBS! Thank you for the encouraging reminder to remain faithful!

We're two and a half weeks away from students returning to campus. Please continue to pray that my request to make "Reach" a registered student organization will be approved soon. This will allow us to have more access to campus for meetings with students. Pray for God to give us wisdom as we seek to make the most of the fall launch ahead. As you probably know and remember, these first few weeks of the fall semester are vitally important as we seek to establish relationships with students.

In family news, we found out a week and a half ago that we will be having another boy in early December! Join us in praying for our new son Cooper Keeter! We can't wait to meet him!

Tony Fuscillaro

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,
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God has heard your prayers and is opening doors for me here. He is providing all my needs especially interpreters. thank you all, hugs with my love

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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1 Thessalonians 4:18, “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” The truth about the Lord’s return is a great comfort to God’s people. I’m glad such a promise was left for us. Paul says, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.” However, our hope is not in this life; it’s in the life that precedes the second coming of Christ. Therefore, it is of great comfort to us knowing that Christ is returning. I had both the joy and privilege of preaching on the second coming of Christ this past Monday night in revival at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Calhoun. It sure was a good service with the Salem quartet from Dalton leading the music. The Lord honored our worship with the altars full of people. This Friday and Saturday I will be leading in evangelism team in a local outreach called SPLASH Gordon. I have 12 people on my team from middle school students through middle-age adults. We will be doing door to door evangelism through surveys. Please help us pray that God would save souls. Sunday morning I will be preaching at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Calhoun. I will be spending August 4th-6th in White Plains, Kentucky. I am working with the church to teach evangelism through the paint board. And on Sunday morning I will preach. I will be returning home Sunday afternoon. White Plains is south of Louisville, somewhere close to Fort Campbell. I would appreciate your prayers for these upcoming outreaches and ministry opportunities. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark.

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 the prayers! We are excited to hear about a wonderful VBS.

Pray for me and my kids’ team as we have our annual leader training for our SV Kids team. We will have 80ish leaders here to become better equipped to teach and care for our children’s small groups.

Please just keep praying for us as we return to work. It’s not been easy. Ministering to others is hard right now when we feel like we have nothing to give, pray that we would depend on the Lord, and trust only on the strength that comes from Him.
We love y’all.

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

Continue to pray for the mission trip.

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Ashley made it home safe and with only a minor hiccup from the Prader Willi conference in Orlando last week. While she had a good trip and was able to learn lots to help Sophie, she has come down with strep. She started a round of antibiotics yesterday and is resting. Please pray she is the only victim of this and the girls, especially, get passed by.

The house is moving along well still. Trim, cabinets, and doors got put in yesterday, so we are hoping our “move in” will be by the end of next month!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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Exciting news from your VBS!

Thank you for loving us in prayer.

This coming Sunday is a special one, because our elders are introducing to the congregation the need for three deacon ministries. After corporate worship, we are cooking some hot dogs, and we will be presenting our church’s need.

We have men who are very qualified and able to fill these ministries. Pray for our Grace family as they pray and choose the deacons needed.

We are in the process of asking all of our Bible Study teachers if they believe the Lord is pressing upon them to continue teaching for the 2024 church year. Pray for them as they pray and seek the Lord.

Pray for our new Men’s Ministry as we seek ways to mentor our many young men at Grace. Four of them have no father in their lives — even more do not have a Christian dad in their lives.

Crowes — we are planning an entire Crowe family trip to Yellowstone next month. Pray as we are converging upon it from different days and different places.

Gracie begins a new chapter as she begins attending ETSU.

We have some business decisions, and Kellie has an employment decision to make in the next week or so. Pray for God to guide and for us to obey and follow.

Thank you for loving us so well in the Lord. We are encouraged and strengthened by your praying for us!

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

Please pray for the following:

- 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work.
- 2) Pray that we would be light to the community around us.
- 3) We will need another car at some point. Pray that we would have direction and trust God in this area as well.
- 4) We had a good meeting with the Missions Strategist. We want to partner with church plants in Cincinnati and start doing some evangelism and helping them out.
- 5) I want to start leading some local evangelism teams soon. Pray for wisdom on where to go with that.

Thank you all!

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

We will definitely be praying for the VBS, for protection of the kids and for many to come to know the Lord.

We have some praises as well as some prayer requests.

PTL for passing my tenure exam today. Finished about 2 hours ago and everything looks good. Also PTL, Raelene is done with her PhD dissertation, and it is now revised.

Another praise is that on Saturday we graduated 89 students.

Prayer requests: Karis has her entrance exam next week. Also pray for students to come to Emanuel University. We have entrance exams next week, also. Please continue praying for Pastor Kostea and his family. God bless you, and thank you!

Ross and Molly Kinsey
Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh
Critical Christianity Ministries
Galena, Alaska

Hello! We are so happy to hear VBS was effective and enriching! We also loved your words on success vs. effectiveness - this is at the core of the way we are orienting our ministry. And on that note, we have a wonderful update!

First: Praise the Lord our barge arrived, and our food made it all in one piece. Thank you for praying!

Second: We were in need of a huge extension ladder - 28 ft. long - to clean our dryer vent (serious fire hazards out here) and do other maintenance around our house. It's been hard this past year without one, and when we went into town for our barge to shop for one, we were not able to find one! And they can't be shipped here if you order it online. So we thought for sure we were just up a creek and that the Lord would work it out. We didn't worry, just wondered how it would come to be. We assumed we would be on the lookout for one to borrow. But instead, the Lord gifted us one! We had a 28 foot ladder dropped off by a young Alaska-native elder, Jerry, who had known we needed one and surprisingly had come across one someone was throwing away (a local construction company finished with a project and getting a newer longer one instead and didn't want to store it). He was surprised when it happened, just as we were surprised when he dropped it off in our driveway! How cool to not only be perfectly provided for, but to get to show off how great our God is to a middle man?! Now our dryer vent is clean, and maintenance underway before winter hits. Praise the lord!

Third: About 2 weeks ago, Ross and I were doing our family house church. We were alone and just about to close for the morning, when we both felt we needed to tell the other something. For different insights and reasons, and ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit, we each came to the realization that we were being called to officially start a church. We spent the day praying, sorting details, seeking counsel from trusted mentors, etc. There are a lot of practical reasons why, but ultimately it is to obey the Lord. We have officially launched the Galena Community Fellowship. It meets at our house at 10 am with Sunday School for kids and at 10:30 church for adults.

Our first official Sunday was this last Sunday. We were so happy to have 4 families come to learn and grow and worship - including Jerry (the young elder). We had such a blessed and joyful morning. We are so thankful we said "yes" to God's command that we do this. We are also happy to have gotten to officially start a few weeks before the start of school. In Galena, the start of school comes with an influx of hundreds of students and teachers/dorm staff/ counselors, etc., for the boarding school. There is a boom of new people and returning staff. It is nice to be able to get our rhythm before we have so many back (many of whom are planning to worship with us).

We are so grateful for your steadfast partnership in prayer. We are taking things one step at a time and also staying in step with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer requests:

- pray for Ross as he leads. That he continues to do so with compassion, discernment, and wisdom.
- pray for our community
- thanks and praise to God for providing for us every step of the way.

Frank Nuckolls
Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Praises:

1. This past Sunday, July 23, was historic in FRBA! Highland Baptist Church (a white congregation) and North Griffin Community Baptist Church (an African-American congregation) met for worship in shared space for the first time. North Griffin had 102 people present with numerous additions. Praise the Lord! These churches are both in FRBA. Could this be a model for the future?
 2. Praise the Lord for the 15 people who are going this weekend on a mission trip to Augusta, Georgia to serve with our mission partners there.
 3. Praise the Lord for the 400 backpacks filled with school supplies for Augusta.
 4. There are churches that are not members of FRBA who are aligning with and supporting our missional engagement opportunities. One church, not in our association, is sending a team of four to join the team in the Dominican Republic in August. Another church is sending two people to join us this weekend on mission in Augusta. Two more churches are collecting supplies for our Pennsylvania mission partnership.
- Praise the Lord! God is at work in FRBA, and we must join Him!

Prayers:

1. Pray for our seventeen-member mission team preparing to go on the Evangelistic Medical Mission Trip to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic on August 9.
2. This is a request for a date in the future. Pray for our FRBA Annual Associational Meeting on October 1. The theme is "A Heart for the Harvest" based on Luke 10:2. Pray that the people from our churches will attend and sense the excitement of what God is doing and will join Him in the work here. The music that night will be by the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church (a black congregation). Our keynote speaker will be Jose Raphael Ramirez Perez from the Dominican Baptist Convention. Others on the program will be our FRBA leaders and Pastors. The program content will reflect who we are as an association (Anglo, African-American, and Hispanic churches) on mission for Christ.
3. Pray for Cornerstone Baptist and Brooks Baptist as they seek Pastors.

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