

MISSIONS connection

June 25, 2025

June Birthdays - 28 Brittany Kelly

July Birthdays - 6 Grace Crowe

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

Brittany is the Children's Director at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN

Thank you for the prayers. We got our kids off to camp this morning. I'm jealous to not be on my way with them but I know my main responsibility is to take care of this baby boy! Pray for our kids and leaders. Safety for travel and that hearts would grow closer to Jesus!

Pray for Bryan this week. The heat is miserable - he and his team are working hard in it. Pray for safety for them!

Davi Masi

He is the Staff Support Representative for Crossover Global in Brazil

Praise God for so many going on missions trips! Praying for them.

Prayer requests:

- These days are challenging because of the cold weather; I've been working at my office with temperatures ranging from 2° to 6°C (35-45 F), because we don't have a heating system. We can't afford a change now, please pray for God's provision for the next years.

- This week I received my diploma from Grace School of Theology, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. Praise the Lord!

Justin & Sara Silvers

Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.

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Please be in prayer for us as we leave for vacation on Saturday, and it is much needed. Pray for our church to continue to look for God to give us opportunities to reach our community with the Gospel. We will be praying for all the opportunities that GLBC has coming up.

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for your prayers. Lille, the kids, and I are doing well. We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray with me for one of my coworkers. One of her basement walls collapsed a few weeks ago during a storm. Unfortunately insurance has denied their claim. Please pray that insurance will approve the claim when my coworker goes to appeal it. The estimated costs to repair are very high and has my coworker very worried. Please pray with me that insurance will cover their claim.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

We had a big week last week with VBS. Kelsey taught and all the kids had a blast. We had around 1300 kids and 22 kids put their faith in Jesus so that was awesome. And we actually know of 1 of our friends' kids who accepted Jesus later in the evening, so I don't think that is in the 22. God is good! Also, we confirmed Kelsey is going to go on the mission trip to Guatemala in September. We got the logistics to work, but there will be some moving parts, so pray none of it becomes a distraction.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

We will be praying for those things with y'all! Thank you for those good reminders from the Scripture. We miss y'all!

Praise:

- Last week I did my NILD demonstration. My instructor hasn't given me any feedback yet, but I think it went okay. Thanks for praying!

Prayer:

- Please pray for continued opportunities for me to get to know a neighbor girl (Maria) and her family.

- Y'all can continue to pray with us that God will use us in our neighborhood. We are very slowly beginning to see more neighbors move in.

- Pray that God will go before logistics and details for starting to do NILD educational therapy with a student. In particular, you can pray for childcare for Azaryah, schedules to match up, and a place to meet.

- Pray for YAJASI's expat and local leadership. You can pray for wisdom, unity, and Holy Spirit-led vision.

- Pray that God will lead more local Indonesian churches to partner with the ministries here.

- We are still praying that God will lead us step by step as we follow him in our family and ministry.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA

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Grace — Please pray for the membership of Grace as we prayerful consider the two men for elders whom we believe God is setting forth to help shepherd our Grace family.

We are still seeking to get our men's ministry discipleship implemented.

Pray for Bill Haynes (an elder) who is leading in this. Pray for him as he seeks to lead our men into intentional discipleship — as disciplers and those being discipled.

Crowes — Pray for me as I prepare for shoulder surgery and for Dr. Kara as he prepares "for me". We will be able to stay with Taylor and Emily for the week following surgery. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at Emory.

The Lord has graciously provided a new employee at the Escape Game.

Thank you for praying last week! Her name is Shelly and we think she is going to be able to "whip our four male employees into shape" lol.

Thank you for praying for us. We love you so much and are blessed to call you family!!!

How might we pray for you?

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

I apologize for missing you the last few weeks; it has been quite the whirlwind. I believe I told you that Ashley lost her grandfather on the 23rd, so we were with family and going through all that comes with the loss of a loved one. Everyone seems to be doing better now, but grief comes in waves. Last week we took a vacation to Williamsburg and enjoyed some much needed downtime.

This week Ashley and SK are in Camp Jam at church, and at the end of the week they will be having a performance. Then VBS will be the following week.

In addition to that we have all of our summer fun! I have summers off so I am able to help out with our appointments and church activities. Thank you all for praying for us.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Reach UTK

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One of the bittersweet joys of college ministry is launching students off into post-college life. On the sweet side, we occasionally get to be a part of marriages forming. This Saturday I (Chad) have the privilege of officiating the wedding of two former students, Zack and Rachel. Zack became a Christian during his freshman year at UT, and Rachel was involved in Bible studies that Emily helped lead. We've enjoyed leading them through premarital counseling, and we're so encouraged by the fruit that we see in their lives. Pray for me as I officiate the ceremony and for the two of them as they seek to honor God together in marriage.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Emily's recovery—she is doing significantly better. Continue to pray for her complete healing.

I'm also grateful for your continued prayers for my seminary studies this summer. Pray for me as I finish up a Greek class, have the opportunity to preach in a preaching lab, and work on assignments and reading for two other classes. We love y'all!

Stephen and Emily Howard

Stephen is the youth pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Verona, KY

Continue praying that I would be able to find a job that better suits our family's needs when the time comes.

Our dossier has been sent to Colombian and now we are waiting for it to be translated. Pray God would get it there and that the translation would go smoothly.

We have been pre approved to adopt someone! We will adopt her if our dossier gets approved as well. Pray God would be working in her heart and ours.

We leave for Germany on Monday. Pray that the flight would be safe and that we'd be a light to the people there.

Thomas, Paige Queen

Queens for the King

135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated at the Mission's Cafe (over \$2000 was raised for the trip)!

Here's how to pray for the South Africa Mission Trip June 29-July 9.

Pray for all our lesson planning and prep this week for each team member (Josh Jenkins, Meredith Phillips, & Grant Holder).

Pray for a smooth trip to SA (planes connections to be smooth & on time, safe travel, luggage to arrive intact, etc...)

Pray for team chemistry, good health, and safety.

Pray for gospel seeds to be planted and reap much spiritual fruit at kids camp and teen hangout.

Thomas speaks at a Men's Conference July 5 and preaches July 6 in Cedara so pray for God to use him to reach the lost and encourage the saved.

Thanks for holding the ropes as always church family.

Upward Running Ministry

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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Thank you for your prayers church family!

We were so excited to see this post on our Upward Running Social Feed this week! It is posts like this that keep us inspired, encouraged and on our knees in prayer for these and so many others who are traveling this journey with us, spreading the love of Jesus wherever they run/walk.

Please pray with us for this family of a 44 year old man, 44 year old woman and 10 year old boy. They are starting their first "Couch to Marathon" workout! Pray that God helps them through it.

We love you Grove Level!

The Upward Running Team

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Revelation 19:14, "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." I'm not much for riding horses. In my lifetime I've ridden three horses and been thrown off four times. I don't have a good track record. But this is one horse I'm looking forward to riding. "Come quickly, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20. I was speaking with a young evangelist in the area the other day. He wanted to do ministry at the rodeo here in Calhoun. So I contacted a pastor friend who does rodeo Ministry, and he got permission for us to set up a booth inside the rodeo. He also donated about 200 rodeo New Testaments. We provided another 150 or so Bibles and about 4,000 gospel tracts. In the two nights of the rodeo we handed out every Testament and Bible we had and about half of the tracts. Praise the Lord, we prayed with a lot of folks and had numerous gospel conversations at the booth. It was an amazing Ministry opportunity that just kind of, with God's help, fell in our lap. Pastor Mark Owens of Fairmount First Baptist Church called me early last week asking me to preach both services this past Sunday. Praise the Lord for filling our calendar. Thank you for your continued efforts in prayer. This weekend some of the 4th of July activities will begin to kick off. I currently plan to be in LaFayette Friday night handing out tracts at their freedom fest. There are some local fireworks going on Saturday night as well. I just haven't made my mind up where we'll wind up. Thanks so much for supporting us. Thanks for blessing us with your prayers. One day we'll all join Jesus riding out of Heaven on white horses. Oh my, I look forward to that day. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark.

Chrissie Shaheen Foresman and Bill Foresman

Tent Ministries

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We will definitely be praying for the mission trips and camps!!! May the Lord touch all the hearts of those in attendance!!! May He receive all the glory!!!

We are praising the Lord for the ceasefire but praying for regime change in Iran. This regime is nothing but trouble for the whole world, so we need JESUS to show up! Millions of Persian Christians are underground praying for that very thing! May Iran be set free to worship the Lord!!!

Israel rejoices over the ceasefire, but last night 7 soldiers were killed in Gaza. They cannot seem to catch their breath before another catastrophe hits! Please pray the Lord comforts His people and those hungry and thirsty to be filled with Him! Salvation for Israel, Lord!

Bill and I are preparing to share with churches about our ministry. We are praying for His words and heart in everything we say!

Thank you for loving us so well! We love you and so does Jesus!

Phil Walleck, PhD & Lou Walleck, LPC, LMHC

The Restoration House

South Walton | 30A | Florida

We are Grateful-

Father's Day was one of the best days we have ever had as a family. Kids were flexible, relaxed, and went with the flow nearly the entire day. *Praying that continues as we have family in town the next 2 weeks.

We are having vehicle problems. 3 major issues this past week. 2/3 done so far. 1 more to go. *I hurt my back significantly trying to fix the issues.

The Lord continues to draw people in our neighborhood toward us (I don't know how else to say that). There has been a clear increase in opportunities to take people to lunch and breakfast to get to know them.

We don't want to, but we are considering opening another counseling office 45 min away to gather more clients. We're still aiming for an additional 7-10 new clients.

Thank you, GL!!!

James and Jessie Choi
Jemma
Church plant in N. Augusta, SC
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Thank you for your continued partnership! We are so thankful for your prayers. I will be praying for all of those opportunities! Life is so short, and many people need to hear of Christ's sacrifice for them. Thank you for your ministry and how you point people to Him!

Here are some ways you can be praying for us:

1. Continued financial provision. Pray for me as I cast vision to churches, networks, and individuals in raising support. Now we have consistent expenses and I will still need to continue to ask others for support in these earlier months as we have launched. We are also trying to teach our people to learn to tithe so pray that they would catch a vision for sacrificial giving to the Lord so that we can do all that God is calling us to do as a church.
2. Dream Team - The summer is a great season to look ahead to the next year as Fall semester starts. Please pray that we would have a grand vision of God's plan for the future and that we would use this time to our advantage to be fruitful today but also the future.
3. Connections in our community, churches, and college ministry to make a kingdom difference. Our ads continue to go out in the community asking people to try out a new church in the area. Please pray that they would make the effort to attend and that they would feel welcome with us.
4. Increased burden for our neighbors and opportunities to minister to them. It is a challenge to balance all that is going on at the moment with new contacts God has placed in our path. So pray that we can continue to be available to our neighbors in the midst of it.
5. Wisdom, peace, diligence in next steps for our church. Pray against the enemy's attacks as we seek His direction in all ways.
6. BCM - Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Please pray our leadership team would see the summer as an opportunity to rest and recharge and be prepared to do all that God has in store for the Fall semester. Pray that I would manage time well to begin planning ahead for the Fall semester.
7. Sunday Services - Pray that we continue to follow up well with guests and welcome them with open arms into our faith family. We are continuing to go through our Ephesians series and praying that our church would know our identity as the church universal to live in faith for His Kingdom.
8. Community Groups - This is our small group strategy. Because we are a community-driven church, we hope that these groups would make our church feel much smaller so that they can truly live life with one another. They will meet monthly over the summer as a soft launch and then we will launch into meetings bi-weekly during the Fall. We just had our first couple ones start this month! We have a total of 5 groups all throughout the area meeting. Pray that our church guests and regulars would value this as a top priority in their lives to be known and know others.
9. School Partnership - We just got our contract renewed with the new book-keeper and principal in mind! Please pray for our school partnership to grow in the midst of transition. Please pray for the Lord's favor in our partnership so that we would be made more effective in our witness to the community and school.

Frank Nuckolls
Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement! I am praying for the Grove Level kids as they go to camp. May the Lord draw some to Jesus! Praying for you!

1. Pray for me at 7 pm tonight as I meet with Midway Baptist Church in Barnesville as I lead them to discuss their future. This is a small church whose Pastor just retired at age 86.
2. Pray for Cornerstone Baptist and East Griffin Baptist as they search for a Pastor.
3. Pray for Rocky Creek Baptist in Forsyth, Towaliga Baptist in Jackson, and Gospel Community Church in Fayetteville as they consider joining Flint River.
4. Pray for the 16 member team from Flint River preparing to go on a Medical Missions/VBS in La Romana, Dominican Republic on August 6-12.
5. Pray for the mission and vision for 2030 for Flint River. Our mission is "Empowering, encouraging, and equipping Pastors and churches to partner and serve in fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission." Our priorities include: prayer, church strengthening, church planting/replanting, disciple-making, Missional engagement, training/leadership development, caring for our mission field, next generation, and women's ministry.

Chad Kelly and Seth Teegarden
will go to Central Asia in August to train Middle Eastern pastors.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to pray for our family each week. We have had several late nights over the last couple weeks interviewing for several positions and places in Asia. We have what we anticipate to be our final interview this Thursday night as we sense the Lord narrowing our direction. Pray for discernment and clarity as we seek the Lord's clear direction about where to serve.

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, sir! It looks like you have a lot going on this week. We will be praying for you too as you pray for us. Right now, please pray for our travels (tomorrow night) to the States and for all the things we need to accomplish. On top of Raelene's Camps, please pray for us that we will be able to sell Elisha's car. He needs to pay for some of his schooling, and, because he does not live in the States, he does not get a loan. We will need to sell the car pretty quickly and are praying some people we know will help. Finally the students at Emanuel are taking their finals (still) and defending their dissertations. We pray that they will find a place to serve. Thank you.

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