

MISSIONS connection

October 25, 2023

October Birthdays
27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers. Our family is doing well, and Palmer Kate is growing right on track. Please pray for me as I continue in my counseling class and develop as a counselor.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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I agree with our need to pray for Israel. We are praying for God's comfort and healing. Please pray for us as we are finally feeling like we are settling into our newer roles of members of a church.

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*

Please pray for our little village church. We will have a baptism service and are expecting a lot of visitors. Please pray for many to be saved. Also, Raelene just signed (through Emanuel University and through Emanuel High School) a partnership to go into classes with Childlife Romania. It is an incredible opportunity. Thank you for your support and love.

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

- 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. Our church had its fall festival on this past Saturday. Pray that we were a light and that people will come to a saving knowledge of Christ.
- 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 local a evangelism team.
- 4) We're thinking and praying about moving further up north from where we are right now for ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom in this.

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:

- My friend Anna got married this past weekend. She and her husband will be in the US for the next few months preparing to return to Indonesia together.
- We can see God's provision, one step at a time.

Prayer:

- Please keep praying for a car and a place to live after December.
- Pray for continued wisdom as we discern our family priorities and how God is leading us.
- Pray for our church - for unity, for truth to be spoken, and for our pastor.
- Pray for healing for the leaders of our small group and that God will use us in our church.
- Pray for unity at YAJASI as they transition to the leadership of a new director.
- Pray for God's protection from malaria while I am pregnant.

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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We have a fun story this week! Praising the Lord for what he is doing! Many of you knew Grady and Runette Gilbert who were a vital part of our Grove Level family for years. Grady and Runette had 3 children: Sharon, Rhonda and Harold. Harold is a Aerospace Engineer in Huntsville, Alabama.

We got to catch up with Harold a couple of weeks ago as he was here for the 1980's Grove Level College and Career Group Reunion. Harold told us his oldest daughter, Taylor, has been involved in Run for God Classes for 3 years. The Picture below is Taylor Gilbert completing her first Half Marathon!

We got so excited putting the puzzle all together realizing Taylor has been in one of our most involved Run for God Instructor's Classes! Rhonda Williams has been involved with our ministry since 2014 and has such a tremendous impact in her community of Huntsville!

Rhonda, our Run for God Leader told us that Taylor has brought her younger sister Emerald, to Run for God classes this last year. Taylor is also involved in Rhonda's Friday early morning (5:30 AM) Bible Study. That is so encouraging as well.

It is a small world and God is over it ALL! Praise the Lord!!!

We love you Grove Level and are so thankful for your prayers!!!

The Run for God Team



Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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Matthew 10:7, “And as ye go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Jesus only placed one qualifying mark on sharing the Gospel: “As you go.” That means that every and any situation is a good time to share the gospel. The season that the world calls Halloween is a great time to share the Gospel. People are very receptive to gospel tracts and other Christian literature. I thank God for the many opportunities laid before us. This time of year there’s more than we can do.

This past Thursday I preached at a men’s supper at Heritage Baptist Church. I preached from the text in 1st Samuel where Saul faces the Giant. My title was, “Man up.” There were about 40 men there, and God moved in a powerful way as people began standing up to signify they’d made a commitment to man up. I didn’t do a football game on Friday night. I shared with you last week that someone from the church had asked my pastor if I would preach on Leviticus 16, the Day of Atonement. As I began digging into the study, I realized I was in deep water and needed a lot of time to study. And the extra study time paid off. There were many comments about the message I preached. I shared it on my Facebook page, and there were quite a few views.

Praise God for an opportunity to preach at my home Church. I am thankful for the fellowship and friendship I have with my pastor. I’m thankful for Pastor Charlie as well. I learned a lot about how to have a great relationship with my pastor during my time sitting under Pastor Charlie’s Ministry. This past Tuesday night I went to the fairgrounds in Dalton to hand out gospel tracts. It was a very slow night for the fair. In 2 hours time I just barely handed out 200 tracts. I was encouraged by one encounter. A young man made a comment about people maybe not taking gospel tracts from me. I told him if you don’t need it you can hand it to someone else. He looked me in the eye and said, “I need this!”

I have been busy getting things ready this week to head to Dawsonville. My friend, Pastor Randy Smith, is setting up a booth at the Moonshine Festival. I will be taking gospel tracts and tools to share the gospel with the multitudes. I plan to be there Saturday and Sunday. Please pray for this Outreach. On Tuesday a couple of brothers will join me in handing out gospel tracts at the downtown trick or treat. I will go from there to Sugar Valley Baptist to help with the annual trunk or treat. Please help me pray about these two outreaches. I will be praying for y’all as you do your Fall Carnival tonight. Gynnette’s Daddy has not been feeling well. Today the hospice nurse informed us that he was going to begin treating him for pneumonia. Pneumonia is very serious for COPD patients. We pray it gets well with him, yet we pray the will of the Lord be done. I have spoken with him several times about his salvation. He seems pretty confident that he is saved. Thank you for helping us to pray for him. Please continue to do so. Thank you so much for all that you do for us. Thank you for your prayers and support. Blessings. Gynnette and Mark

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- We have about 6 weeks left until our graduation. We’ve been living here for almost 4 years, and we have seen so much of God’s grace and so many lovely people who became our friends. Please pray for our hearts, this will be an important change for our family.
- We have a big financial challenge. We have to pay our debts to the seminary to finish well, in addition to having provisions for moving out of state. Please pray for God to give us strategies. Many things were different from our plans, but we are firm knowing that the right answer comes from the Lord.

Thanks for the prayers!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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I will not be with those praying this evening, I will be with our student ministry tonight.

Grace — it is ministry planning and budget planning time. Pray as we seek the Lord concerning the ministries He would lead us into next year and how to give and steward them. We have a family that has been visiting for the last two months, and they have requested a membership meeting with our elders. Pray as we meet with them and encourage them and help them in their decision to join our Grace family.

Crowes — Kellie flies in from Atlanta tonight around midnight. Andrew is wading through thirteen years old — pray for Kellie and me as we seek to help him navigate this new and struggling time in his life. Though we have been here three times before...it is always different. We always need God’s help. Pray that God would work in his tender heart and life and to use him for His glory. Thank you for praying for us and loving us so well.

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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We just had a quick update and a few prayer requests for you. A new worker was hired named Fundiswa. She will help Syvion with the children’s clubs and with teaching the Life Orientation class at the Cedara elementary school weekly. This will help with organization a lot as numbers have increased.

There was a Sunday service held off site at the Smeeton’s dairy farm which had good attendance by the Cedara community. The people in the community really enjoyed the atmosphere there and fresh air. Attendance is up and more people are volunteering in the church which is so encouraging.

The GLBC Young Adult mission team to South Africa in December is up to 10 people now. Tickets are bought. The trip is planned Dec 12-23. They will run a kid’s club and a teen field day outing to the Smeeton Farm. There will be a food distribution after Sunday service and potentially a work project on a home in the community.

Here’s how to pray and partner with us:

- 1) Pray for God to use Fundiswa to help bring many children to Christ. Pray for Syvion and her to have a good working relationship that furthers the kingdom in Cedara.
- 2) Pray for the Lord to continue to stir the people’s hearts (especially the men) to awaken for their need for Christ in their lives and for many to come to salvation. Pray for Syvion and Fundiswa to excel at discipleship.
- 3) Pray for Hilton Baptist to continue to reach out to this community. Pray for Bro. David (the pastor of Hilton) to keep casting a vision for a sister church in Cedara for Hilton to pour into spiritually.
- 4) Pray for the Grove Level mission team. Pray for fund raising to go well with each student going. Pray for the preparation to go according to God’s plans. Pray for flights and all transport issues to be safe and smooth. Pray for team unity and safety. Pray each team member grows in Christ while serving.

Thanks for being such great prayer partners!

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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In 2 weekends we are doing a retreat (September 29-October 1). The hope for it is to help students grow personally with God and with each other as a community. If y'all would pray for that time that it would help produce those things! Also pray as we keep inviting students and pray that they would be willing to give up a weekend to invest in those areas. Also, if y'all would pray for a student named Julio. He's been coming around the ministry, and last week I was able to share the Gospel with him. He received it really well and was interested, but he was not fully ready to commit at that time. This Friday we are meeting and talking again, so pray for God to be working on him. Pray that he chooses to place his faith in Jesus for relationship with God soon! We love y'all and are thankful for y'all!

Frank Nuckolls
Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Prayer requests and praises:

1. Please continue to pray for Brooks Baptist Church and The Pinecrest Church as these congregations are seeking direction from the Lord on a merger of these congregations.
2. Pray for the Whitewater Baptist Church and Crossroads Church as they have merged and are preparing to launch Crossroads at Whitewater in January 2024.
3. Praise the Lord that Lisbon Baptist Church has called Bryan Parrish as Pastor beginning December 3, 2023.
4. Pray for Cornerstone Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church as they seek a Pastor.
5. Pray for the nine congregations that are considering membership in FRBA that the Lord will give them direction in making this decision.

Chad & Emily Keeter
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During "Witness Wednesday" today I talked to a guy named Kieran and then a guy named Michael. Kieran had a background in church and considered himself a Christian, but didn't understand how Christianity was different from other religions or what the message of the gospel was. I was able to share the gospel with him, and he was very receptive and said that our conversation made his day. He seemed eager to talk again and to come to our Tuesday night Bible study. Pray for God to stir in Kieran's heart to truly and fully turn to Him and that Kieran would be open to connecting again. Pray for Michael, who grew up Catholic. Pray that God would open his heart and that he would wrestle with the truth and the impact of the gospel message. Thank you for continuing to pray for the students who are coming around. At our Tuesday night Bible study Tyler brought his friend Ethan, and Ky brought a friend named Suzanna. We have a great core group of students that God has given us favor with—pray for this to continue to grow and that they would continue to long to see those around them come to know Christ and/or to walk deeply with Him!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison
"Go and Make Ministries"
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I'm back home. Trip went pretty smooth apart from the return flight getting delayed a day. But Kelsey and the kids had a good week. Nothing specific this week for prayer requests. Thank y'all as always for lifting us up.

Love y'all,
Josh

Luce Terto
Serving God in Brazil.

Hello church family,

It's springtime here in Brazil. Plants are starting to bloom, and my sister Geise is getting ready to start a job in a garden shop. I'll be taking my niece and nephew to school a day or two each week.

My other sister's husband Carlos has been in the hospital with pneumonia, but praise God he was just released. Pray he continues to recover well.

Thank you for praying for me as I help my family. Ask God to give me opportunities to share the gospel and show His love.

Your sister in Christ,
Luce

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

Please be praying for Ashley and her family. About a week ago her grandparents moved in with her parents. Her grandmother, Nancy Brooker, has experienced some severe back pain, so they took her to get it looked at. She has several fractures down her spine, but they want to run some tests before they try anything. Ashley can tell you much better than I can, but pray they are able to do something for her and for the results we are waiting on. I had my final interview for a new position with the IMB this morning, and I feel it went really well. I hope to hear a final decision by the end of the week or beginning of next week. Pray for the Lord's will.

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.

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