#### PEOPLE FAR FROM GOD

II Corinthians 5:20-21 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

During this season of prayer, pray for those who are far from God that he has burdened your heart for and pray for their salvation and how God would use you in the process.

- **Pray for our nation**, our elected officials, our armed forces, and our law enforcement/ first responders as we see more and more lawlessness
- Pray that we might remember the mission of the church in this age. The
  prayer requests here are so important. And the eternal future of every
  living soul is so important! So let us pray often and fervently. And let us
  act and speak as the Lord leads.

## March 21, 2024 | Christian Arrests Increase

Front-line workers in Iran report an increase in the number of Christians being arrested, partly due to regional tensions and conflicts.

"Persecution against Iranian Christians is rising," a front-line worker said. "Every Christmas and Easter, officials usually arrest some Christians, but this year the number went way up, and



we're concerned about what might occur around Easter."

The worker mentioned that in the past, Iranian officials would occasionally arrest church leaders and later release them with a strong suggestion that



the Christians leave the country. "But now the officials are holding onto people's passports and regularly keeping them detained," the front-line worker said. "Please pray that God will make believers invisible to Iranian authorities." image: Iranian house church leaders know they face possible arrest.

# **Upcoming Events**

- 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE There will be no ABF. Worship Service begins at 10:45am
- 4/3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISH TO PASS DINNER at 5:30pm in the cafeteria
- 3/31 4/7 DIAPER, WIPE, & CARD COLLECTION for Abby Cooper. A table will be placed by the bulletin board for collection items

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## **PRAISE GOD**

Psalm 115:1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory.

During this season of prayer, just praise and exalt God. Don't make any requests yet. Praise God for his....

- Personhood (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)
- His attributes
- His Works (in creation, in the scriptures, in the Gospel, and in your life)
- His Promises

#### THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

During this season of prayer, pray for Breesport Baptist Church, the mission of the church, and other churches in the area

#### Our church leadership

- -Pastor Doug, Pastor Mike, Pastor Andy, & Cary Shaw
- -Deacons: Jeremiah Ayers, Drew Cole, Lloyd Friedah, Ron Pettis, Scott Sousa, Cody Switzer, Sam Thomas and Dan Tobbe
- -Trustees: Coty Allshouse, John Elder, Sean Fitch, Marshall French, Larry Hubbard, Luke Miner, Pete Saukas, Dan Saunders, Darren Smith and Dan Williams
- The Mission of the church to glorify God by making more & better disciples of Jesus Christ through the various ministries of the church. (Ark, IGNITE, Limitless Youth, Adventure Club, Life Groups, etc.)
- Our Needs (budget, programs, volunteers, ect) Pray that every attender would be on mission everywhere, all the time.
- Annual Business Meeting is on May 5th. Pray for church leadership as
  they prepare for this meeting. Pray that members of the church will attend
  the meeting and for wisdom as we vote on church matters.

#### **HEALTH AND MEMBER NEEDS**

James 5:16-18 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for 3 years and 6 months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit

During this season of prayer, pray for those who are sick and in need of healing

- Tim Kramer had a heart catheterization a few weeks ago and the doctors found that he has a couple of blockages. Tim has decided to pursue a second opinion and his doctor is going to get him set up with the cardiologists in Rochester. In the meantime, the doctors decided the best way to control the situation is through medication. Following an appointment on the 14th, doctors decided they are going to do a liver biopsy that will decide whether or not he has cirrhosis of the liver. This biopsy is scheduled for this Friday (March 29th). Pray for emotional strength for Tim and Sue as they wait for these appointments.
- Jim Kellogg will be traveling to Rochester on April 1st to begin the process for the transplant. He will begin conditioning chemo on April 1st and will have the transplant on April 8th. Praise God that at Jaxton's appointment at the Children's Hospital in Rochester, he was diagnosed with being on the Autism Spectrum, opening the door to many more resources to help him! Continue to pray for strength for Jim and for good health as he prepares to go to Rochester for the transplant. Their daughter Katie is coming up from Virginia for 3 months to stay in Pine City with Jaxton. After the transplant Gina plans on spending weekdays with Jim in Rochester, and returning home on weekends for respite for Katie and so they can come to Sunday church services. Continue to pray for physical and emotional strength for Gina as she cares for Jim and Jaxton.
- Monroe 6 month old daughter of Otto and Victoria (Pastor Doug & Michelle's neighbors) is home from the hospital! Praise God that they have the nurses they need and Monroe is growing stronger day by day!
- Kenzi Branscome has had a prolonged illness, weakness, and fever. She has been to the doctor several times looking for answers. Pray for healing for Kenzi and for wisdom from the doctors as they seek a diagnoses and treatment.
- Hazel Everett is on hospice. Pray for peace for Hazel and her family. Pray
  that God will give grace to the family members that are caring for her each
  day.
- **Chuck Cooper** got his latest test results back confirming that he is cancer free. Let us praise the Lord for this good news!
- Sheilla McIlwain is having surgery on a torn tendon in her ankle on April
  4th. Pray for a successful surgery and for peace for Sheilla as she prepares for
  this procedure.
- **Easter Sunday** pray for effective outreach and life change as we and every gospel preaching, Bible believing sister church proclaims Christ crucified and risen from the dead.

## **HEALTH AND MEMBER NEEDS (ctd)**

- Those battling cancer Chris Wieland, Mary Ellen Vandergrift, Grady Moore
   & Billy Wheaton (Pat O's sons), Fred Hanes, Don Davis, Meta Arthur, Shirley
   Card, Chuck Cooper, Pat Robbins-Linblad, Tom Doak and Jim Kellogg
- Pray for our widows and widowers Betty Miller, Larry Westbrook, Gwenn Clark, Zonnie Bush, Mary Ellen Vandegrift, Lynn Maki, Pat Lindblad, Shirley Card, Virginia Bush, Paul Ostrander, Judy Johnston, Gail Wilson and others for strength, support, community and hope
- Ongoing health needs Rocky Morgan, Shannon Butler, Zonnie Bush, Mary Mower, Amy Evans, Grace Richards, Patti Potter, Dale Potter, Gail Wilson, Gradey Golden, John Hohmann, Virginia Bush, John Whitcomb, Myrtle Whitcomb and Hazel Everett
- Pray for our shut-ins and others who rely on the livestream ministry. Our shut-ins are Zonnie Bush, Denise Hayes, Dale & Patti Potter, Vein & Mary Mower, Rocky & Mary Morgan, and John & Myrtle Whitcomb. Pray that they would be encouraged through it and how God might use you to encourage them.
- Pray for our members that are currently serving our nation in the military -Josh Ayers, Jed Estrada, James Heraghty, Cameron Hubbard, Josh Rinchak and Chad Thomas.

## **AFFILIATE MINISTRIES & MISSIONS**

#### Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

During this season of prayer, pray for

- Twin Tiers Christian Academy
- Lamoka Lake Baptist Camp
- Timau Community Outreach Project in Kenya
- Northeast Fellowship Brian & Judy King, Jim & Jeannie Vogel
- Missionaries

-Joe & Meta Arthur, Brazil -Brent & Michele Howard, USA

-Roy & Karen Kinney, USA -Harold & Christine Hull, New Guinea

-Ken & Renee Dockery, USA -Nate & Karol Watkins, NYC

-P.V. & Aruna Joseph, India -Jonathan & Sarah Weber, Belgium

-Jon Rust, Portugal -Bill & Natalie Taylor, USA

Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center

- Embrace Grace for other area churches to join in this ministry
- Renovation House
- The Potter's Hands Foundation
- Heather's Home
- Harold & Christine Hull- are experiencing the effects of the severe fuel shortages in Papua New Guinea. Please pray for wisdom from Harold and Christine as they seek alternative transportation options.