

FORTY DAYS OF
PRAYER

*A 40 Day Guide to Discover
New Life, Growth, and Transformation*

40 Days of Prayer: A Brentwood Baptist Resource

This prayer guide was crafted by the ministers and staff of Brentwood Baptist to unite our church family in focused, purposeful prayer.

Each day's entry guides you through four movements: grounding yourself in Scripture and devotional reflection, entering into personal prayer, lifting up partners and churches in our local community, and praying for global missions. Through these daily rhythms, we'll join together in seeking God's heart for our lives, our community in Middle Tennessee, and His work around the world.

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Church Family,

A.C. Dixon, longtime pastor of Chicago's Moody Church, once said, "When we rely on education, we get what education can do. When we rely on organization, we get what organization can do. But when we rely on prayer, we get what God can do!" As we start 2025, we want our church to be a part of what only God can do – getting the gospel message to millions, ministering to thousands of community needs, and continuing to build a disciple-making and church-multiplication movement in Middle Tennessee and beyond.

Our theme for 2024 was *"the whole church in the whole word for a whole year,"* and we saw God use our study of the entire Bible in powerful ways. As pastor, I felt led by the Spirit to guide our church to make 2025 a year focused on prayer, and our trustees and staff have affirmed this direction. We are blessed to have a gifted, creative, and talented church family that stretches across Middle Tennessee. Our campuses are growing, our ministries are healthy, and we are partnering with more churches and mission organizations than ever before. But if we aren't careful, we begin to rely on our own strength instead of calling on the very power of God. The ministry of Jesus makes it clear: intentional and focused prayer is the non-negotiable constant of lasting and fruitful ministry.

We're kicking the year off with a 40-day prayer emphasis. Why 40 days? In the Bible, the number 40 is always associated with spiritual transformation and breakthrough. As we call on the name of the Lord in our gathering, groups, and in our going, we are praying this will be a catalytic season of gospel impact. Our staff has developed this prayer guide so that you can pray into the priorities and opportunities God has placed before us. May His will be done on earth and through Brentwood Baptist Church as it is in heaven!

Remember, prayer isn't an idea, it's a practice – so let's pray, church, that the Spirit of God will move in a fresh way among us, bringing renewal and revival!

You are loved and you are sent!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JAY STROFER". The letters are stylized and connected, with a prominent "J" and "S".

Pastor Jay

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Day 1: Engaging the Whole Person with the Whole Gospel

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20 • Matthew 22:37-40

What comes to your mind when you read the words, “Engaging the whole person with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, anywhere, anytime, with anybody?” Though this is our church’s mission statement, it is also a calling to Christ followers everywhere. Each day, we have 24 hours to make much of Jesus where we live, work, and play. God has purposefully placed you in your dorm room, neighborhood, or apartment complex for a reason – so that you can make disciples as you share your faith. So, we go back to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). Do you love your neighbor enough to tell them the gospel of Jesus Christ? Is there room in your schedule to serve the lost in your community?

As you begin this year, know that you are equipped with every tool necessary to share your faith. We are praying that this will be the year that you join our church in making disciples that multiply disciples as we engage the whole person with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ anywhere, anytime, with anybody. Over the next six days, we are going to unpack this mission statement word for word. But today, please take time to sit with the entire statement.

***Our mission is to engage the whole person with
the whole gospel of Jesus Christ anywhere,
anytime, with anybody.***

Which words stand out? Is God convicting you of something?

We are in this together, and we are eager to see how God will move in our hearts over the next 40 days.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for those who shared the whole gospel with you, remembering them by name. Ask Him for compassion and courage to share this truth with others and praise Him for inviting you into His work.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *OAK COTTAGE FOR WOMEN*

The Oak Cottage for Women in Franklin, TN, provides housing, life skills training, and support to formerly incarcerated women helping them transition back into society with purpose and hope. Founded by Judy Felts, this six-month program offers a safe gospel-centered environment where women can rebuild their lives.

- Pray for Judy and that God would grant her wisdom and compassion as she leads this ministry.
- Pray for the women at The Oak Cottage growing in their new faith to deepen their knowledge and love for the Lord.
- Ask God to give these women strength and courage as they reconnect and share Christ's love with family and friends.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *TURKEY*

Turkey serves as a vital link between the East and West, blending rich cultural influences and providing a significant opportunity for church movements that could impact many Muslim communities. Join us as we pray for the Republic of Turkey, the global workers who serve there, and the Christ followers who boldly share the gospel with their neighbors.

- Pray that churches and mission organizations will embrace the challenge of reaching the Turkish people, fostering a movement that leads to spiritual awakening.
- Ask God to grant boldness to Turkish believers as they share the gospel with their communities, helping to break down barriers to faith.

Day 2: Engage: Intentional Conversations

SCRIPTURE: John 4:4-15

In this passage, Jesus is tired and thirsty from his long journey, but He chooses to move toward the mess. He sits down to catch his breath and finds himself next to a Samaritan woman—someone most Jews would have actively avoided. Jesus, rather than avoid or ignore her, chooses to *engage* her on a personal level.

By choosing to engage her in a conversation, Jesus looks past her physical needs and chooses to first address her spiritual needs. Loving people for the gospel's sake doesn't have to be complex, it simply requires an intentional conversation. One basic question changed this woman's eternity.

Engaging people begins with asking them a question and allowing the Holy Spirit to take it from there. Your question doesn't have to be "spiritual," it's just a way to connect. At its core, engaging is an invitation to a relationship. Today, take a moment to thank God for the way He sought you out and sat alongside you in your circumstances, just like He did for the Samaritan woman.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Lord, guide me to walk in wisdom, engaging those around me with grace and truth. Help me see and respond to each opportunity to share the gospel you have entrusted to me. Father, open my eyes to those I encounter regularly who need your love and give me boldness to share the gospel with them.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *THE MARTHA O'BRYAN CENTER*

The Martha O'Bryan Center supports individuals and families in Nashville affected by poverty, by providing essential resources and programs to promote stability and growth. By addressing critical needs in education, employment, and family support, the center works to create pathways out of poverty and bring hope to the community.

- Pray for the leaders of the center. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, humility, and strength as they serve those in need.
- Ask God to provide the resources necessary to sustain and expand programs, allowing them to reach more families.
- Pray that the families served would experience the hope of the gospel and be encouraged to pursue a brighter future.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / WINSTON & EMMY IN ZIMBABWE*

Winston and Emmy serve as global workers in Zimbabwe, focusing on campus ministry at a large state university and operating a coffee shop to support their outreach. Their goal is to engage college students in meaningful relationships that lead to spiritual growth, while also finding joy and favor in their ministry as they walk alongside their community.

- Pray for increased opportunities for students to come to Christ through their campus ministry.
- Ask God to relieve the intense suffering of the Zimbabwean people, providing comfort and hope amidst their challenges.

Day 3: The Whole Person

SCRIPTURE: Romans 15:7

Many of us are prone to believe that we must only bring “our best” to church or offer the most polished parts of ourselves to the Kingdom. While we are called to a higher standard in our holiness, there’s a deeper truth here. God call us to commit our whole selves to Him, but we’re also given a multitude of examples in Scripture where God uses ordinary and broken people to do extraordinary things for the Kingdom.

Why not model to the lost what it means to bring our whole selves to Jesus’ feet by doing so ourselves?

Our perceived imperfections are irrelevant to the grace we’ve been given. We have freedom to walk boldly and fearlessly. Lest we forget, the Promised Land was given to the Israelites by God’s grace, not by their own works. There are some parts of people we may not feel like giving the gospel to, but engaging the whole person means accepting the parts that make us uncomfortable or that we’d rather ignore.

We are not perfect, but in Christ, we are made perfect, and through the eyes of the Kingdom, that is all that matters. Who in your circle of influence is God calling you to accept radically and boldly for the sake of the gospel? What parts of them are most difficult for you to look past? Ask God to remind you that He has not only looked past their imperfections but yours, too.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

God, remind me of the grace You have poured out to me. Help me see that any grace that I give to others is from You alone. Help me see past the parts of people that make me uncomfortable and see them as you do: made in your image and saved by grace.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *SCARLET HOPE*

Scarlet Hope is a ministry focused on reaching women in the adult entertainment industry with the love and message of Jesus Christ. Through a gospel-centered community, resources, and supportive relationships, Scarlett Hope empowers these women to discover their worth as beloved children of God and to embrace a new life in Him.

- Pray that the women in this ministry would come to know Jesus and that their lives would be radically changed by the gospel.
- Ask God to strengthen and sustain Scarlet Hope's relationships with the women they serve.
- Pray for open hearts, that these women would be drawn to the hope and freedom offered in Jesus.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *CLUBHOUSE GUATEMALA*

Clubhouse Guatemala is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to reaching the lost in Guatemala through various creative outreach methods. With a focus on meeting physical and spiritual needs, Clubhouse provides discipleship, education, and essential resources such as medical care, housing, and school supplies, all while sharing the love of Christ.

- Pray that outreach efforts effectively draw children and families to Jesus.
- Ask God for resources to expand their impact and meet physical needs while sharing the gospel.

Day 4: The Whole Gospel

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:9-13 • Colossians 1:26-28
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What does it mean when we say that Jesus is Lord?

The idea of a “lord” can be unfamiliar in our society, but it wouldn’t have been to the people living in the time of the New Testament. A “lord” is someone to bow down to and obey, a person who has power and influence over something or someone. Everyone has a “lord” in their life, and they must determine if that “lord” is worthy to obey.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has shown himself worthy by coming to us and dying on the cross. From Genesis to Revelation, we see Jesus revealed as Lord. As we consider the gospel, we must recognize that Jesus is Lord. He is not a project to serve, a fire insurance policy, or a bandage for the hard parts of our lives. Rather, He is the Lord we should obey and devote our entire lives to and obey.

The gospel is centered around Jesus’ position as our Lord. To effectively share the gospel with our neighbors and friends, we need to reflect that in how we live our lives. Take a moment and think about who you have crowned as lord of your life. Is it Jesus? Ask Jesus to reveal ways you can make Him the Lord of your life.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Read through the passage and thank God for the transformation he has brought to your life. Reflect on the sins that are now gone, and express gratitude to Jesus for taking them upon himself and setting you free.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *REAL LIFE CHURCH SANGO*

Real Life Church Sango in Clarksville, TN, is a church partner working toward the vision of establishing 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a mission to catalyze a disciple-making movement from Clarksville to the world, Real Life envisions families, young people, and generations growing in faith, harmony, and a commitment to serve and stand for justice.

- Pray that Real Life Church Sango would be a light in the community, drawing people to the hope and transformation found in Jesus.
- Ask God to bless their disciple-making mission, spreading from Clarksville to reach lives across the globe for His glory.
- Pray for strength, unity, and wisdom for Pastor Freddy T. Wyatt and the leadership team as they guide the church in serving their community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE*

Living Hope Community Centre operates alongside King of Kings Baptist Church in South Africa, dedicated to serving those affected by poverty and disease in their community. Through a variety of services, including healthcare, substance abuse recovery, life skills education, and community support, Living Hope impacts over 100,000 individuals each year, bringing hope and resilience to families and communities.

- Pray for healthcare staff to provide compassionate care that empowers individuals and families.
- Ask God to bless the substance abuse recovery program, helping participants find freedom and restoration.
- Pray for the agricultural training initiatives to equip individuals with skills to overcome poverty.

Day 5: Wherever You Go, There You Are

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:8

Knowing your location is important. Think about a map you have seen that gives you the layout of a mall, theme park, or hiking trail with a big “You are Here” marker.

This week, we have been focusing on our church’s mission statement, “Engaging the whole person with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ anywhere, anytime, with anybody.” Today we are focusing on the idea of “anywhere.”

As we look through Scripture, there is no limit of where we carry and declare the goodness of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ words are clear: every follower of Jesus is supposed to carry His message with them into every place they go (John 13:35). In Acts 1, we see Jesus give His followers a similar charge as He did with the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. The takeaway for us is that we are charged to “be [His] witnesses” (Acts 1:8) and to “Go...and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19).

When thinking about “engaging” people with the gospel, let’s think about the locations Jesus lists in Acts 1 in the following categories:

- **Jerusalem:** home, our safe and comfortable places.
- **Judea:** places that are well-traveled paths for us, such as work, school, practices, etc. Think about the places your weekly rhythms consistently take you.
- **Samaria:** places we encounter people who we might tend to write off or think they are too far gone for salvation or God’s love.
- **Ends of the Earth:** places where we may never visit, but still where people are who need Jesus.

Think about your location, that big “You are Here” marker on your life. Where has God placed you? God has placed you where you are so that you can share the gospel with those around you.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Read Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15. Consider the places you've been and where you'll go today. Make a list of individuals you've encountered or expect to interact with and pray specifically for each person — that God would draw them to Himself and open doors for gospel conversations. Ask God for wisdom and a renewed hunger for His Word so you may obediently follow His lead. Pray for an open heart to say, “Yes, I will follow,” wherever He directs.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *THE RISING CHURCH*

The Rising Church, founded in 2019 by David and Samantha Layne, is a church plant that our church partners with. With a mission rooted in Ephesians 4, The Rising Church equips believers to grow in faith and become disciple makers. In 2024, they merged with Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, uniting their communities with a shared mission to see lives transformed through Christ.

- Pray for continued growth and unity within The Rising Church, that their community would flourish and reach more people for Christ in Middle Tennessee and beyond.
- Ask God to bless Pastor David Layne, his wife Samantha, and the leadership team with wisdom and strength as they lead and equip the church.
- Pray for the church's mission to reach, raise, and send disciples, impacting lives and equipping believers to fulfill their callings.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *DEAF PATHWAY*

Deaf Pathway transforms lives by providing Bible translations in major sign languages, empowering Deaf individuals to share God's message in their native languages. Through innovative visual storytelling, they aim to make Scripture accessible to Deaf communities worldwide.

- Pray for wisdom and creativity for the translation team.
- Ask God to bless the translation of 300 Bible passages to empower Deaf individuals.
- Pray for Deaf communities in the across the world to engage deeply with God's Word.

Day 6: Anytime

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 4:2 • 1 Peter 3:15

When we hear the word “preach,” we often picture a pastor at the pulpit on Sunday mornings. However, that’s not always what the word conveys. It means to teach, but by proclamation – to deliver a message with gravity and authority. *Strong’s Concordance* defines it as being a “public crier,” which implies that you believe in a message so deeply you want everyone within earshot to hear it.

Because we believe in the message of Jesus Christ, all of us who bear his name are heralds for the gospel. Paul encourages us to share the gospel whether it is convenient (in season) or inconvenient (out of season). We, as believers, must always be ready to be heralds for the gospel anytime.

Anytime can look different for each person. It could be at lunch with your coworkers, the ball field with your children, running errands, talking to your neighbors. There is no prescribed moment for us to share the Gospel – it is available at every hour, every minute of the day.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God for boldness and patience in sharing the Gospel whenever opportunities arise. Thank Him for the freedom to share His truth with friends and neighbors and seek His guidance to recognize moments in your community where you can speak of His love and salvation.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: BRENTWOOD BAPTIST DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM & TENNESSEE BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF

The Disaster Response ministry of Brentwood Baptist Church, in partnership with Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief, brings practical assistance and hope to communities affected by crises. Locally and beyond, these teams respond to disasters like tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, providing debris removal, temporary roofing, and home rebuilding, all while embodying the heart of Jesus.

- Pray for God’s protection, strength, and wisdom for volunteers as they work in challenging conditions, offering both physical and spiritual support.
- Ask God to inspire readiness among Brentwood Baptist members, equipping them to respond “anytime” with the love of Jesus to those in need.
- Pray that each volunteer interaction would open doors for gospel conversations, drawing people closer to Christ through the love they encounter.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: GLOBAL WORKER / FORREST SMITH

Forrest Smith serves as a global worker in Paris, France, engaging people with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ. Through partnerships with national organizations like Imagodei and his local church, Église Connexion, Forrest shares the teachings of Jesus in a culturally relevant way, using guided tours to connect with those who may be skeptical about faith.

- Pray for God’s Spirit to soften the hearts of Parisians, opening them to His message.
- Ask God to bless Église Connexion as they seek to grow and serve their community with love.
- Pray that Forrest’s guided tours would create opportunities for meaningful conversations about Jesus.

Day 7: Anybody

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:4

Acts 8:4 says, “Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.”

This verse highlights an incredible moment in the early church. Persecution scattered believers across different regions but, instead of retreating in fear, they carried the gospel to new places. They didn’t wait for ideal conditions or for someone to tell them where to go—they shared the good news of Jesus right where they found themselves.

This challenges us today to see every situation, no matter how difficult or unexpected, as an opportunity to share the gospel. Wherever life takes us—whether it’s a new job, a family gathering, or a difficult season—we can proclaim the truth of the gospel. Like the early church, our call is to live missionally, recognizing that God places us in specific contexts for a reason.

In your own life, how might God be calling you to share His love where you are? Acts 8:4 reminds us that the gospel isn’t confined to church buildings or mission journeys—it is meant to be shared in our daily lives, wherever God has us.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to open doors for Gospel conversations and give you the boldness to walk through them. Pray for a heart attentive to recognize each opportunity to share His truth and ask Him to bring 2-4 specific neighbors to mind this week with whom you can share.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR KIDS*

Tennessee Alliance for Kids (TAK) serves children impacted by foster care by providing essential items, comfort, and support, especially for youth aging out of the system. Founded to bridge the gap between the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services and community supporters, TAK helps vulnerable children with “FosterLove” items like clothing and toiletries to foster stability and dignity.

- Pray that the children and youth served by TAK would feel valued, supported, and loved as they receive essential care.
- Ask God to bless TAK’s partnerships with social workers and community organizations, enabling swift, effective support for foster children.
- Pray for young adults aging out of foster care, that TAK would provide the resources and mentorship needed to help them thrive as they step into adulthood.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / MATTHEW & REBEKAH CAYE*

Matthew and Rebekah Caye are serving in Africa with BlueSky, focusing on equipping young adults in Nairobi with the gospel. They will disciple camp staff during the summer and lead Bible studies throughout the school year, while Matthew creates content to share the impact of their ministry and Rebekah develops social media outreach.

- Pray for young adults in Nairobi to prioritize studying the Bible together and develop a passion for discipleship.
- Ask God to cultivate healthy team dynamics and for their summer staff and campers to have redemptive encounters with the Lord.

Day 8: Fueling a Disciple Making Movement

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Too often, we think of our money as ours when, in reality, everything we have is given to us by God to steward for His purposes (verse 10). Of course, God provides for us so that we can take care of our needs. But the greatest joy of good stewardship is not spending for ourselves, but investing in others.

Paul made this exact point when he challenged the Corinthian church to a new level of generosity. As he reminded the early Christians that God is the source of our provision (verse 10), he challenged them to use their resources to meet the needs of struggling Christians (verse 12). Their obedience in giving would encourage other believers on their spiritual journey (verse 13).

At our church, giving is one of the primary ways we fuel disciple-making movements. But our giving also changes us. God does not need our money; rather, He gives us the opportunity to be generous so we can partner with Him.

How does your giving reflect your obedience?

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for faithfully providing for your needs. Ask Him to cultivate a spirit of true generosity in your heart and to give you courage to share your time, talents, and resources as a blessing to those around you. Pray for a specific financial need you can meet within your circle of influence and for opportunities to show His love through generous acts.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *SOUTH HAVEN ARABIC BAPTIST CHURCH*

South Haven Arabic Baptist Church, led by Pastor Gasim Domkog, serves Nashville's Arabic-speaking community, sharing the gospel and providing a welcoming church home for Arabic families and individuals. Since its founding in November 2021, the church has grown into a vibrant congregation, offering worship, Sunday school, and fellowship programs to encourage growth and connection in Christ.

- Pray for Pastor Gasim Domkog and church leaders, asking God to grant them wisdom, strength, and encouragement in their ministry.
- Ask God to bless and protect their transportation ministry, which enables many families to stay connected to the church and grow in their faith.
- Pray for continued growth and outreach, that South Haven Arabic Baptist Church would be a beacon of gospel hope for Arabic-speaking families in Nashville.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / MAC & GRACE*

Mac and Grace serve The Point Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, where they engage with a diverse community of students from around the world at Simon Fraser University. They foster connections and share the gospel, striving to love God, love people, and serve all. Mac and Grace are seeing people come to faith and church members grow passionate about evangelism.

- Pray for spiritual growth within The Point Church, that members deepen their understanding of belonging to Christ and the church community.
- Ask God to grant Mac and Grace wisdom and boldness as they share the gospel and build relationships in their local community.

Day 9: The Same Powerful God, Then & Now

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:31

It can be easy to read a passage like this and think, “It’s so amazing to see how God worked then. I wish he worked that way now.” The good news of this passage, though, is that the same God who worked in the book of Acts promises to work in our lives today. His power hasn’t diminished, and His desire to build His church remains unchanged.

The church in Acts wasn’t thinking about starting a totally different religious movement. They were just living in response to what the Lord had asked them to do through the gospel of Jesus, day by day. They were simply faithful in the small things like sharing meals together, praying consistently, and loving their neighbors with genuine hearts. As they obeyed, God began multiplying their numbers one by one. God blessed the obedience of the church in Acts, allowing more and more people to know Christ. This growth was the result of the work of the Holy Spirit moving through ordinary people who said “yes” to God’s leading.

The path forward is simple: Do you want to see a church multiplication movement? What’s one step you can take today to make it happen (ex: praying, building up leaders, discipling others)? Now, go do it.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Reflect on Acts 9:31 and ask God to guide you in discovering your place in His kingdom work, even in everyday moments. Pray for a heart aligned with His priority of church multiplication and seek His direction on how you can contribute to this movement in practical ways today.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *GROVE HILL CHURCH*

Grove Hill Church in Chapel Hill, TN, led by Pastor Ridley Barron, serves the rapidly growing area of southern Middle Tennessee, bringing the whole gospel to impact lives and inspire lasting faith. As they grow in outreach, Grove Hill is also praying for guidance and provision for a new building to support their mission.

- Pray for Pastor Ridley Barron and the church leadership, that God would provide them with wisdom, strength, and vision to lead effectively.
- Pray for growth in their congregation and outreach, that Grove Hill would be a place where people encounter genuine love and faith in Jesus.
- Ask God for unity and encouragement among church members, fostering a spirit of service and love for the community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / NICK & LILLIAN*

Nick and Lillian serve in Southeast Asia, focusing on training local Malaysians for church-based ministry through seminary courses. Nick teaches Greek and biblical studies while actively participating in various roles at Gospel City Church KL, helping to equip future leaders for the gospel.

- Pray for their family to grow together in love for God and one another, fostering a strong spiritual foundation.
- Ask God to bless their students' seminary studies and prepare them for impactful gospel ministry in their communities.

Day 10: Who is My Neighbor?

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10 tells us of an expert in the law who asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus answered with the two greatest commandments: Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Wanting to justify his own actions, the man asked Jesus: “Who is my neighbor?”.

Jesus did not give him a categorized list. Instead, he told him a story. In the story, there was a man in a desperate situation who had no ability to meet his own needs. Two religious leaders passed him by without stopping to help. The one who helped him was seemingly the least likely to do so. The point of the story was clear; the neighbor was the one who saw the need around him, stopped what he was doing, and did what he could to meet the needs of a stranger.

Today, we are praying for God to do a miraculous work in Middle Tennessee among our own physical neighbors. This begs the question: do you know your neighbors? Do you know the needs in your community? Are you engaging with the people who live around you?

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Reflect on the two greatest commandments: to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself. Ask God to draw you into a deeper, loving relationship with Him, and to shape your thoughts, words, and actions to reflect Christ to your neighbors today.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *PEOPLE LOVING NASHVILLE*

People Loving Nashville is a ministry dedicated to serving Nashville's unhoused neighbors by meeting immediate needs and providing pathways to lasting transformation. Through relief, community support, and the hope of the gospel, People Loving Nashville works to nurture growth in body, mind, and soul for those they serve.

- Pray for compassion, wisdom, and strength for the staff and volunteers as they serve Nashville's unhoused community.
- Ask God to provide ongoing financial support and resources, enabling the ministry to meet physical needs and offer holistic care.
- Pray that each act of service would create opportunities for gospel conversations and lasting relationships rooted in Christ's love.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *UNREACHED PEOPLE OF SUDAN*

Of Sudan's 200 people groups, 169 are considered unreached, meaning they do not have access to the Bible in their own language. Sudan has seen some improvements in human rights, including the abolishment of the death penalty for leaving Islam, but ongoing unrest threatens these gains. Converts to Christianity face significant persecution, including violence and rejection, as they seek to share the gospel in a challenging environment.

- Pray that God will establish leaders who uphold human rights and promote freedom of religion, ensuring safety for converts.
- Ask the Lord to empower Christians in Sudan to live boldly, sharing the love of Christ despite the risks, and to bring healing to those affected by oppression and violence.

Day 11: Beyond: Praying for the Nations

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:14-15

Our desire as a church family is not simply to remain within Middle Tennessee or the United States. The heart of our church is to reach the lost and searching all around the world, regardless of their home country. Think of all the opportunities you have had living in Middle Tennessee to hear the gospel. Contemplate how many churches you drive past, even in your daily commute to work. That same privilege doesn't exist everywhere. There are close to three billion people that would not know the name of Jesus if you spoke it to them.

Because we have been given the immense blessing of being surrounded by the gospel message, it is also our responsibility and privilege to bring that to the lost and searching. When Jesus walked the earth, He called His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him sacrificially. That same calling is upon us as well. While the Lord could bring people to Him in countless ways, He chooses us to be co-laborers alongside Him in sharing the gospel and making disciples of all nations. As you pray today, take time to consider how the Lord is calling you to love the nations. Are you ready to walk alongside Him in obedience?

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Pray that God would open your eyes to the nations. Ask that He would fill your heart with compassion for the lost and hurting around the world. Pray for freedom from comfort and self-sufficiency in your life, instead seeking His guidance on how to be obedient in supporting His mission.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *REDEMPTION HAITIAN FELLOWSHIP*

Redemption Haitian Fellowship, led by Pastor Jean LeVque in La Vergne, TN, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the vision to see 100+ healthy churches in Middle Tennessee. Guided by the mission to “rise up and build up” while seeking God’s kingdom, Redemption Haitian Fellowship offers a welcoming community where individuals can find hope, purpose, and friendships rooted in faith.

- Pray for Pastor Jean LeVque and the leadership team, asking God to provide wisdom, strength, and guidance as they lead the church.
- Pray for growth in the congregation, that those seeking hope and purpose would find a spiritual home at Redemption Haitian Fellowship.
- Ask God to create meaningful gospel conversations within the La Vergne community, drawing many to experience God’s love and salvation.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / BRANDON & DAPHNE*

Brandon and Daphne are serving with Living Hope in South Africa, focusing on critical areas such as HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and economic empowerment. They work across the organization, supporting outreach and mentoring the Living Hope staff, as they share Jesus’ love with the local community.

- Pray for divine appointments and open doors for gospel conversations, that God will lead them to people of peace who are ready to receive and share His love.
- Ask for confidence and courage for Brandon and Daphne as they adjust to serving in a new place, that they would feel empowered in their mission

Day 12: Multiplying Ministry

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:14-20

Sharing the gospel with millions seems intimidating, doesn't it? It's not a task any one person could do on their own. Thankfully, as believers, we can rest in the knowledge that we don't have to do it alone.

Paul reminded the church at Ephesus of the power they had because of their faith in Jesus. He prayed that they would be "strengthened in power.... through His spirit." As Christ followers, we can pray that same prayer and claim that same power! The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of us. We don't have to be intimidated by the call to reach millions of people because we know that answering that call is not something we can do in our own strength.

If you trace the missionary journeys of Paul, you will find that as he traveled, he shared the gospel with small groups who, in turn, shared the gospel with others. Many of Paul's letters were written when he was in prison, yet the churches that God used Paul to start grew and flourished. The message of the gospel spread because of the power of God's Spirit, even though Paul was not with them.

As Christ followers, we can be encouraged that God can and will do the same today! Sharing the gospel with one person, sending a team out on a mission journey, or sending a global worker out to an unreached people group are all catalysts God can use to multiply ministry. Through all these things, we can and will see millions reached with the gospel of Christ.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Praise God for His power and strength, thanking Him for allowing you to be part of His work. Ask Him to reveal areas in your prayer life where you can pray with greater boldness and expectation and thank Him for working in ways beyond what you can foresee. Pray for increased faith and renewed affection toward Him as you experience His goodness and power.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *ARABIC COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP*

Arabic Community Fellowship, led by Pastor Wagdy Zakher in Smyrna, TN, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the mission to establish 100+ healthy churches in Middle Tennessee. Serving as a spiritual home for Arabic-speaking individuals and families, this fellowship offers a welcoming environment where members can deepen their faith and grow as disciples of Jesus.

- Pray for Pastor Wagdy Zakher and the leadership team, asking God to provide wisdom, strength, and vision as they lead their congregation.
- Ask God to bless the church's mission to reach Arabic-speaking individuals in Smyrna, that many would come to know Jesus through their ministry.
- Pray for gospel conversations within the community, that Arabic Community Fellowship would shine as a light of Christ's love in Smyrna.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *KURMI PEOPLE OF INDIA*

Let's take time to pray for the Kurmi people, one of the unreached groups in India with a population of over 21 million.

- Pray that the Kurmi will hear the gospel and recognize Jesus as their hope and Savior, leading them to repentance and faith in Him.
- Ask God to ignite a discipleship movement among the Kurmi, resulting in new church plants and strong communities of believers.
- Pray for workers to be sent to the Kurmi people, equipped to share the gospel and make disciples who will then reach others.
- Pray for encouragement and strength for current Kurmi followers of Jesus, that they may boldly share their faith and impact those around them.

Day 13: Through Love, Serve One Another

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:8-11

If we look at Jesus' ministry, we'll find Him engaging the spiritual and physical needs of the people He meets. A quick glance at our city would reveal countless needs to be met: housing and food insecurity, health services, disaster relief, child and elderly care, and more. When needs arise in the community, the legacy of God's people throughout Scripture is to be first in line to serve their communities selflessly.

Have you noticed how often God uses His people to answer your prayers? Likewise, He wants to send you as the answer to the prayers of others. Galatians 5 says "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Our faith is not simply for our own sake, but also for the sake of others. Our church exists not only for the sake of its members, but also for the sake of our city. The gospel compels us to give of ourselves and our resources to meet the needs of our community.

When we serve others and meet their needs, we model our Savior's heart to them: caring, compassionate, generous, and faithful. We don't serve others because we ought to, but because He served us first. So, we engage needs joyfully out of obedience and out of gratitude for a God who would dare to serve us first. We serve because He is good enough to send us, His people, as His agents to give, to love, and to heal. It is our birthright and responsibility as men and women of God, and our privilege to be used by the God who provides for our every need.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to give you a heart that loves your community as He does, growing in you a desire to turn outward and serve others as you would care for yourself and your family. Recognize that, apart from Him, you lack what is needed to bring lasting change, but trust that He can work through you as you surrender to His Spirit. Offer your “yes and amen,” inviting Him to use you to point others to His love.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES*

GraceWorks Ministries is committed to addressing poverty in Williamson County by providing essential resources like food, clothing, housing support, and financial assistance. GraceWorks has outgrown their space, it’s awesome how they are using every square inch of their current facility for ministry. They are praying for a new location with more space as they grow.

- Pray for continued resources and support to meet the growing needs in Williamson County, enabling GraceWorks to serve each family with compassion.
- Ask God to raise up dedicated volunteers to sustain and strengthen GraceWorks’ programs and services.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for the staff and leadership, equipping them to make a lasting impact on the lives they serve.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *SEND RELIEF*

Send Relief is dedicated to disaster relief and community development, focusing on those in desperate need around North America. Their mission is to demonstrate God’s love, helping individuals and families experience hope, peace, and the fullness of life that God desires for them.

- Pray for the Send Relief team to have wisdom and strength as they provide relief and support to those who have lost everything.
- Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations through Send Relief’s efforts, that people would encounter Christ’s love and find hope in Him.

Day 14: What Makes a Church Healthy?

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:41-47

What makes a church healthy? In our modern context, it's tempting to measure church health by metrics like attendance numbers, building size, or budget. While these aren't inherently wrong, the early church in Acts gives us a radically different picture of true church health.

As we work toward building a network of 100+ healthy churches, we look to the early church as our model. Just after Pentecost, we see the first Christian church taking shape with distinctive characteristics that marked their community. They were devoted to biblical teaching, not as casual listeners but as people hungry for God's Word. Their fellowship went far beyond Sunday greetings—they shared their lives and resources, ensuring no one had unmet needs. Their gatherings centered on worship and prayer, combining reverence with authentic celebration of God's goodness.

Most notably, they didn't exist in isolation. Their transformed lives and genuine love for others caught their neighbors' attention, leading to daily additions to their number. This growth wasn't their primary goal—it was the natural outcome of their faithful devotion to God and each other.

As we pursue this vision of multiplication, we must resist defining success by worldly standards. True church health isn't primarily about size or resources—it's about faithfulness to these biblical principles: devotion to God's Word, genuine community, vibrant worship, faithful prayer, and engaged mission. These are the markers that should measure our progress and guide our growth.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to show you unique ways to contribute to the health of the church. Reflecting on Acts 2:43, pray for a renewed sense of awe for all that He continues to do in the life of your church.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP COALITION (ILC)*

The International Leadership Coalition (ILC) equips and supports international ministers in Tennessee, providing a 15-month Ministry Training Program led by Pastor Fady Al-Hagal. Built on four core pillars—Minister, Message, Mission, and Ministry—the program aims to develop servant leaders, deepen biblical knowledge, and empower effective mission work.

- Pray for Pastor Fady Al-Hagal and the ILC board, asking God for wisdom, strength, and guidance as they lead and support church-planting efforts.
- Ask God to bless the ILC with resources and opportunities for growth, bringing about many salvations and baptisms.
- Pray that those trained through the ILC would become courageous leaders and disciple-makers in their communities.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / KELLY & JANICE*

Kelly and Janice are actively involved in church planting and developing discipleship materials in Germany, while also fostering collaboration among local churches. They are committed to sharing the gospel and training new global workers as they navigate the challenges of ministry.

- Pray for Janice and Kelly as they both have had major health issues recently. Please pray for continued health, strength, endurance, and peace for them and their family.
- Ask God to raise up leaders and disciples in the churches they help plant, that their efforts would bear fruit and transform lives in the community.

Day 15: Disciples Making Disciples

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Our church is built on a simple but profound calling: to know Jesus personally and make Him known through our lives. This is the heart of disciple-making—a commitment to grow in faith and invite others to walk with us in following Christ. Today’s reading shows us that to fulfill this mission, we need strength and endurance that only comes from God’s grace. Paul reminds us to rely on Jesus daily, just as a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer are focused and diligent in their pursuits.

Being a disciple means picking up our cross each day, obeying Christ, and reflecting His heart in our actions. When we’re faithful, patient, or sacrificial, others see a glimpse of Jesus in us. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul encourages Timothy to pass on what he’s learned to faithful people who can continue the mission. This multiplication—of making disciples who will make disciples—is at the core of following Christ.

Sharing the gospel isn’t just about preaching; it’s about authentic, loving conversations. We’re called to share how Christ has transformed us and to equip others to share the gospel and make disciples. Today, ask yourself: How can I serve someone in a way that reveals Jesus? How can I share my story sincerely? And how can I help others grow in their faith and equip them to disciple others? In this way, we multiply His love and truth, living out the gospel in words and actions.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to open your heart, mind, and eyes to see where He is already at work around you. Pray that He would search your heart and reveal His heart for the people He is calling you to engage.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *WHITSITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*

Located in the Woodbine neighborhood, Whitsitt Elementary serves a diverse student body, including a large population of international students. The school provides a supportive and welcoming environment for families adjusting to life in the U.S., with The Church at Woodbine partnering to offer additional care and encouragement to the Whitsitt community.

- Pray for Whitsitt families as they adjust to a new life in the U.S., asking God to provide them with peace, stability, and a supportive community.
- Ask God to bless and strengthen Whitsitt's teachers and staff, giving them compassion, wisdom, and resources to serve their students well.
- Pray for the partnership between Whitsitt Elementary and The Church at Woodbine, that it would bring encouragement and support to the school community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / DAVID & LAURA*

David and Laura have been serving with the International Mission Board for over 30 years, focusing on outreach in Edinburgh. They equip local believers in sharing their faith, lead Serve 365 to facilitate visas for Christian workers in the UK, and head a Leadership Development Network across Europe.

- Pray that local Christians in Edinburgh will grow in boldness and commitment as they share their faith with those around them.
- Ask God to soften hearts in Edinburgh and Scotland, opening doors for many to hear and embrace the gospel message.

Day 16: Good News Worth Sharing

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 • 1 Peter 3:15-16

Our church is passionate about having millions of gospel conversations—sharing the hope of Jesus with those who are lost or searching. But what does a Gospel Conversation truly mean? It's about sharing the good news of Jesus, entrusting the outcome to the Holy Spirit, who works in people's hearts. We are called to always be ready to speak about our faith, confident that the Holy Spirit will do the work of renewal.

Jesus came to live a perfect life and died a death that He didn't deserve—a death meant for us—so that we could be reconciled to God. His sacrifice opens the door for us to know Him personally. This is truly good news, and it's worth sharing. Gospel Conversations allow us to invite our friends and neighbors into the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ through a saving relationship with Him.

Consider this: if your life is the only interaction that someone has with the gospel, how will that person see Jesus through your actions? Be challenged today to share the gospel with how you live and how you interact with your friends and neighbors.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God today to place people in your path who need to experience His presence. Pray for open eyes to see the opportunities He provides, and for the ability to be fully present and ready to share what He's done in your life.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (DCS)*

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) workers in our community provide essential care and support for vulnerable children and families, often in complex and challenging circumstances. Their dedication is crucial in ensuring safe placements and providing stability and hope to those they serve.

- Pray for DCS workers, that God would protect, guide, and grant them wisdom in each placement decision they make.
- Ask God to provide strength and encouragement for DCS staff as they navigate the demands of their work.
- Pray for the children in DCS care, that they would experience safety, comfort, and hope as they wait for family stability.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / CHASE & LESLIE*

Chase and Leslie* are global workers in a region closed to the gospel, dedicated to discipling believers and introducing others to Jesus. Their mission involves navigating cultural challenges while sharing the hope of Christ.

- Pray for more workers to be sent to this region to support the gospel mission and disciple new believers.
- Ask God to grant Chase and Leslie boldness in sharing their faith and wisdom in their conversations as they engage with their neighbors.

**Note: names have been changed for safety.*

Day 17: Living in Biblical Community

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42, 46 • John 13:15

Biblical community isn't just a part of the Christian life—it's the foundation that helps us grow and thrive together.

At Brentwood, it's our goal to see every member involved in a group. We believe that accountability and fellowship are key in the life of every follower of Christ. When we gather together, we have the opportunity to encourage one another, share our struggles, and spur each other on towards deeper relationship with God.

Life isn't easy. As followers of Christ, we're told that our lives won't be easy (John 16:33). But God has provided a way for us to walk through the hard times together. Through groups, we can bear one another's burdens, pray for each other, and keep each other anchored in the truth of God's word.

In Acts 2, we see the church form a community. These believers lived life together and provided a model of what we can and should do in our everyday lives.

We weren't created to live life alone, we need each other. We need the support, accountability, and wisdom that comes from being part of a biblical community. So, I encourage you, if you're not already involved in a group, seek one out- there are great groups already meeting in our church filled with great community ready to live life alongside of you.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to help you intentionally seek out and engage in a Biblical community that nurtures growth and equips you to serve others. Pray for eyes to see ways to minister to those around you, inviting them into community and serving them well to point them to Christ. Thank Him for the opportunity to invest in others' lives and grow together in faith.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *WELCOME HOME MINISTRIES*

Welcome Home Ministries provides a pathway to healing and freedom through addiction recovery support, mental health counseling, and recovery housing, creating a safe and compassionate environment for individuals seeking wholeness in Jesus Christ. Through addressing both physical and spiritual needs, this ministry guides people toward lasting transformation through the power of the gospel.

- Pray for those in Welcome Home Ministries' care, that they would encounter Christ's love, experience healing, and be transformed by the gospel.
- Ask God to bless the recovery housing with stability, community, and hope, providing each resident with a foundation for a new life.
- Pray for provision and resources to sustain Welcome Home Ministries as they meet the physical and spiritual needs of those they serve.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *EVERY GIRL COUNTS*

Every Girl Counts has been transforming lives since 2016 by breaking the cycle of poverty through secondary education for girls. By partnering with local schools, providing life skills training, and sustaining families with essential resources, they are making a significant impact in slum communities in Nairobi, Kenya.

- Pray for favor and strong connections with local relationships, that Every Girl Counts may effectively collaborate with schools and community leaders to maximize their impact.
- Ask God to empower the girls they serve, providing them with the wisdom and strength to pursue their education and develop essential life skills that will help them thrive.

Day 18: Always on Mission

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:19-23

We embrace the Great Commission’s call to ‘go’ by reaching people wherever we are—starting in our own neighborhoods and extending to the ends of the earth. We are empowered to make disciples, beginning right where we are, then reaching our surrounding communities, and ultimately impacting people across the world.

In today’s reading, we see Jesus traveling throughout Galilee—His home. He prioritized serving those around Him, recognizing that loving our neighbor starts close to home and extends to everyone within our reach.

Jesus didn’t just proclaim the good news of the Kingdom; He also met people’s physical needs, healing their illnesses and diseases. Likewise, our mission goes beyond words; we’re called to serve others by addressing their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Jesus consistently lived on mission, sharing the good news even in familiar and “comfortable” spaces. He never took a break from showing God’s love. Today, think about how you can impact those in your circle with the good news, through both words and actions.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to show you how you can serve those around you, giving you eyes to see the lost and searching. Pray for awareness of those in need of His light where you live, work, and play, and for guidance to be a light to them.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *CUL2VATE*

Cul2Vate, a nonprofit in Middle Tennessee, addresses both physical and spiritual hunger by “Growing Food and Growing People.” Based on Matthew 25:35—“I was hungry, and you fed me”—Cul2Vate grows fresh produce for food-insecure communities and provides job training and life skills to individuals in need of a fresh start.

- Pray for an abundant harvest, that Cul2Vate’s fresh produce would reach and nourish those in need across food deserts in Middle Tennessee.
- Ask God to bless the Cul2vators, providing them with growth opportunities in job skills and life skills.
- Pray for each Cul2vator’s spiritual development, that they would encounter God’s love and transformation as they work the land.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *AFRICAN LEADERSHIP*

African Leadership is dedicated to equipping the next generation of leaders across Africa, fostering thriving communities through Gospel-centered relationships. With a presence in eleven countries, they are committed to developing leaders who can create positive change and impact in their communities.

- Pray for wisdom and strength for those leading leaders, that they may effectively inspire and cultivate the vision of a thriving community among those they serve.
- Ask God to multiply the impact of their work across Africa, that the leaders trained through African Leadership will bring hope and transformation to their nations and communities.

Day 19: To Every Corner of the Earth

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 22:27

Psalm 22 is an epic chapter of prophecy, describing in great detail the events of the cross hundreds of years before Jesus walked the earth. It outlines the gospel and reveals God's intricate plan to save the whole world. But as the chapter comes to a close, verse 27 declares that "all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You." It announces that the Lord rules over every nation.

From Genesis to Revelation, we see Jesus as our redeemer and friend. We discover that this truth and power are not limited to just you and me but should be shared with every nation, tribe, and tongue. We have access to this great news: Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life—one that you and I never could—and sacrificed Himself on our behalf. It is not only our responsibility but should be our honor to share this good news with every corner of the earth.

While not every believer may feel called to international missions, you might be. Take some time to pray about where God may be leading you for the sake of the gospel.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to break your heart for the nations and for those who are lost and searching. Pray for clarity in how He has called you to go—whether on a mission journey, for a longer commitment, or by supporting others who are called. Ask Him to draw people from all nations to Himself so that all may hear the good news of Jesus.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *SUDANESE FELLOWSHIP*

Sudanese Fellowship, led by Pastor Gai Luom, serves the Sudanese community in Middle Tennessee by providing a space for spiritual growth, unity, and support. As part of the International Leadership Coalition and Brentwood Baptist's vision for 100+ healthy churches, this fellowship shares the gospel, bringing hope and belonging to those who have come from Sudan.

- Pray for Pastor Gai Luom and his leadership team, that God would give them wisdom, strength, and guidance as they shepherd their community.
- Ask God to bless their outreach, that many in the Sudanese community would be drawn to the hope and salvation found in Jesus.
- Pray for growth in the congregation, that those seeking community and spiritual support would find a welcoming home in Sudanese Fellowship.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *HOPE FOR TOMORROW, GUATEMALA CITY*

Hope for Tomorrow is dedicated to meeting the holistic needs of children in Guatemala City, focusing on their physical, educational, medical, psychological, nutritional, and spiritual well-being. As a Christ-centered organization, they aim to create an environment where each child can discover and fulfill God's purpose for their life.

- Pray that the children served by Hope for Tomorrow will experience healing, hope, and growth in every aspect of their lives as they receive the support and care they need.
- Ask God to bless the staff and volunteers with wisdom, compassion, and strength as they work tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of each child and guide them in their journey of faith.

Day 20: Being a Faithful Steward

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:9

Honoring the Lord means being mindful and recognizing that everything we have belongs to Him. We are called to be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us. When we give, it's a response rooted in acknowledging that our resources are His to begin with.

Giving requires us to engage with the world through this lens. It's placing our trust in the Lord, acknowledging that when we freely give, we are confident that He will provide. Honoring the Lord means not clinging tightly to what we have out of fear but releasing it with faith that He will continue to care for us.

He is glorified when we live in obedience to His calling. He is glorified when we are faithful with what we have been given. He is glorified when we worship and praise Him, not just with our words, but with the way we live our lives and give of our time and resources. In recognizing Him as Lord over all, our trust grows deeper, and we experience the joy of honoring Him with the material things He has entrusted us with.

Today, consider how you can trust God more deeply by honoring Him with what He has given you.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Acknowledge that everything you have belongs to God, and thank Him for the gifts He has entrusted to you. Ask Him to guide you in generously using your time, talents, treasures, and testimonies to reach your neighbors and share His love. Pray for wisdom to be a faithful steward of all He has given you, especially in reaching those who are lost and searching.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *HIS HOLY HILL*

His Holy Hill, led by Pastor Mo Obayomi in Murfreesboro, TN, is a partner in the mission to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a vision for a diverse, united community of believers, His Holy Hill seeks to cultivate “vessels of honor” devoted to prayer, teaching, worship, and discipleship, equipping members to represent Christ in their daily lives.

- Pray for Pastor Mo and the leadership team, that God would grant them wisdom, strength, and encouragement in their mission to disciple and unite the church.
- Ask God to foster unity among the diverse community at His Holy Hill, drawing members closer to God and one another.
- Pray that His Holy Hill would be a powerful catalyst for the gospel in Murfreesboro, inspiring others to live for Christ in their everyday lives.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / MATTHEW & JULIA*

Matthew and Julia coordinate outreach programs in Southeastern Europe, sharing Christ’s love through therapy, sports, and health initiatives in a community deeply impacted by trauma, atheism, and Islam. They have two house church groups and recently celebrated baptisms.

- Pray for the individuals close to making faith decisions in their house churches, that they may fully embrace the gospel, and for God to send additional team members to support their ministry.
- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Matthew and Julia as they seek guidance for their next steps, that their outreach efforts would continue to grow and bear fruit.

Day 21: Loving Others Like Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:24-25 • Ephesians 5:18-20

When I think about how God has loved me, the first three characteristics that come to my mind are these: He loves me *personally, sacrificially, and unconditionally*. When I think about how I love my friends, neighbors, and community... I can't say that those are the first characteristics that come to my mind. Can you?

We aren't called to love out of convenience or comfort, but with a love that is personal, selfless, and unconditional. He doesn't simply *encourage* us to love like this; He *commands* it. He laid down His life for us, not because we earned it but because He chose to love us completely. When it comes to our communities, are we loving each other in the way that Christ has loved us?

This is a high calling, but it is one we can strive toward every day. We love because He first loved us, and our love for others can be a powerful witness of our faith. God designed us to live in community, to gather together to grow, encourage, and love each other. In fellowship, we find strength and accountability to love deeply and intentionally. Gathering together reminds us of His love and of the ways we're called to share that love.

Today, ask yourself: In what ways can I love more personally, more sacrificially, and more unconditionally? How can I show this love to my friends, my community, and even those who are difficult to love? As we love like Jesus, we point others to Him and show that we are His.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to show you ways to encourage those you encounter as you gather with His people, and pray that you, too, would find encouragement in worship with your brothers and sisters. Seek His help in being open and authentic about your own struggles, inviting support and connection from others in your faith community.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *REAL LIFE FT. CAMPBELL*

Real Life Ft. Campbell, led by Pastor Erik Maloy in Clarksville, TN, is a new church plant focused on reaching the Ft. Campbell community and beyond with the gospel. With a mission to “Love God, Love People, Make Disciples, and Plant Churches,” this church aims to serve military families and mobilize disciples who will carry the gospel both locally and globally.

- Pray for Pastor Erik Maloy, Associate Pastor Richard Christian, and the leadership team, asking God for wisdom, strength, and vision as they guide this new church.
- Ask God to enable Real Life Ft. Campbell to effectively reach military families, veterans, and local residents, drawing them to Christ.
- Pray that their disciple-making efforts would multiply, impacting Clarksville and beyond with the gospel’s transformative power.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / KEVIN & CASEY*

Kevin and Casey are dedicated to planting churches among the Deaf community in Southeast Asia. His mission focuses on building relationships and fostering connections within this unique group while sharing the gospel.

- Pray for Kevin and Casey to establish a strong Christian community among the Deaf and for him to connect with other Deaf individuals to enhance communication and collaboration.
- Ask for boldness for Kevin, Casey, and Deaf believers in sharing their faith and discipling others, as well as for safety and security in their ministry efforts.

Day 22: Authentic Community & Fellowship

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:42-47 gives us a beautiful picture of the early church: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common.” This passage emphasizes their deep commitment to one another. Their devotion wasn’t just to learning about God but also to living in an authentic, loving community.

Their commitment to one another included sharing meals, fulfilling needs, praying together, and living side by side. Their love for God overflowed into real acts of love for one another. They considered themselves not only as individuals but as members of a greater family of believers, united by their shared faith. They considered themselves not only as individuals but as members of a greater family of believers, united by their shared faith.

The result of this devotion was a powerful witness to the world. Many saw their love and commitment to one another and wanted to be a part of this family, as verse 47 says, “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Their love and unity drew others to Jesus.

This passage reminds us today that being part of the body of Christ means more than attending church services. It’s about being genuinely committed to one another—sharing our lives, meeting needs, and growing in faith together. When we’re devoted to each other in this way, our communities reflect the love of Christ, and God can use that to draw others to Himself.

How can you show devotion to your brothers and sisters in Christ today? True Christian community calls for commitment to God’s community as it brings glory to God and strengthens us as we journey together in faith.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to help you recognize your need for the influence of other believers in your life, strengthening your faith through community. Pray for opportunities for your group to connect with and serve your neighbors, extending His love to those around you.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *BEGIN ANEW*

Begin Anew is a ministry providing hope and education to adults seeking a fresh start, empowering them with skills for personal, professional, and spiritual growth. Through mentorship, leadership development, and community support, Begin Anew equips individuals to impact their families and communities with Christ's love.

- Pray for God to raise up new mentors, leaders, and coaches to inspire and guide Begin Anew's students toward a successful fresh start.
- Ask God to help Begin Anew's students experience His love, know their worth, and find purpose in impacting future generations.
- Pray for each of the four Begin Anew locations, that they would continue to thrive as places of learning, community, and encouragement.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *TRANSFORMATION NEPAL*

Transformation Nepal (TN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to reaching the marginalized and underprivileged communities in Nepal. Founded in 2005, TN focuses on holistic development through education, sustainable livelihood initiatives, disaster management, healthcare, and advocacy, aiming to foster a prosperous society guided by social justice and human dignity.

- Pray for lasting change in the lives of those served by Transformation Nepal.
- Ask God for wisdom and strength for the staff and volunteers as they work in diverse communities.

Day 23: He Who Promised is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:23-25

Hebrews 10:23-25 encourages us to hold firmly to our faith and to stir one another up in love and good works. These verses remind us of the power of community and the importance of remaining steadfast in our beliefs, especially in challenging times.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” This assurance calls us to anchor our trust in God’s promises, knowing He is unwavering in His faithfulness. We can remember how he provided in the past when hard days come.

The call to “not neglect meeting together” reminds us of our need for fellowship. It’s easy to isolate ourselves in our busy lives, but genuine connection with fellow believers fuels our faith and encourages us to live out our calling.

As we gather, let us encourage one another, sharing our burdens and celebrating our victories. Today, take some time to consider how you can be more intentional with your friends and neighbors and how you can be a source of encouragement to them in their daily lives.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Take time to thank God for the community He has placed in your life, and if you are seeking community, ask Him to reveal those people to you. Pray for eyes to see those around you who need Gospel-centered relationships and for ways to invite them into meaningful fellowship.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *OPERATION ANDREW GROUP*

Operation Andrew Group is a ministry committed to uniting Nashville's churches to love God and serve neighbors, fostering a flourishing community rooted in the message of John 17:21. Through public education initiatives, pastor engagement, and young adult mentoring, Operation Andrew Group strengthens collaboration and impacts lives for God's glory.

- Pray for unity among the churches involved, that they would work together to show God's love and bring transformation to the Nashville community.
- Ask God to bless the public education initiatives, providing encouragement and support to students, teachers, and families through church partnerships.
- Pray for the young adult mentoring programs, that mentors and mentees would build relationships that inspire growth, faith, and purpose in the next generation.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKER / DEBRA*

Debra serves in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on medical missions to support children and families in need. Her work includes fostering spiritual and physical healing while empowering local communities.

- Pray for Debra and her team to remain united in Christ and for their health as they serve.
- Ask God to bring restoration to families, guide parents to seek Him for healing, and impact the community through their efforts.

Day 24: Worthy of it All

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:1-10

Nothing is more valuable than Jesus, and no offering is too great to be given to Him. In Mark 14, Mary, Lazarus' sister, shows this truth uniquely. She sits at Jesus' feet and worships Him with an expensive jar of perfume. The perfume she pours out is not a little gift; it is most likely a prized family heirloom worth nearly 20 years of wages.

Mary could have chosen to use just a portion of the perfume; even that would have been an extraordinary gift to Jesus. But her heart was set on wholehearted worship, giving without reservation. True worship doesn't come in moderation, and true giving doesn't either. Mary's actions show us what it looks like to value Jesus above all else. Because she recognized His unmatched worth, she was willing to give it all, knowing that Jesus is of infinitely greater value than anything else.

Let Mary's example encourage you today—give Him your complete devotion, holding nothing back. Worship Him with all of your being and everything you have since He is worthy of it all because it was all His to begin with.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to guard your heart from stinginess, reminding you that He blesses the work of your hands. Pray for a heart open to giving cheerfully and with the love of Christ as He brings your neighbors' needs to your attention.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME*

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home (TBCH) provides Christ-centered, Bible-based care for children and families in crisis across Tennessee, offering residential homes, foster care, and family support. TBCH creates a safe environment through compassionate care where children can grow in faith, hope, and love.

- Pray for the children served by TBCH, that they would experience healing, stability, and a profound understanding of God's love.
- Ask God to bless and strengthen the foster families and houseparents, equipping them with patience and compassion as they nurture each child.
- Pray for the TBCH staff and leadership, that they would have the resources and support needed to expand their ministry and serve more children in need.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKER / DANIELLE*

Danielle Schneider serves in Southern Africa, where she equips life skills educators leading programs for children and teens at Living Hope, a ministry focused on poverty alleviation. Additionally, she serves as the Children's Minister for King of Kings Baptist Church, supporting families and overseeing preschool and children's ministries.

- Pray for more leaders to lead and support preschoolers and children at King of Kings Church.
- Ask for salvation, restoration, and healthy relationships for families impacted by the ministries of Living Hope and King of Kings.

Day 25: Equipped to Lead Well

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:11-13 • 2 Timothy 3:16-17

God has given specific roles—pastors, teachers, evangelists—to build up the church and prepare each believer to serve others in their unique calling. Every role within the church has a purpose, coming together to strengthen and expand God’s Kingdom.

Scripture teaches that all of it is “breathed out by God” and essential for equipping His people for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16–17). The Bible isn’t just a guide; it’s God’s living Word, actively shaping and preparing believers for the tasks He entrusts to them. As they engage with Scripture, they are equipped to lead, serve, and minister effectively. Are they daily seeking God’s wisdom in His Word, allowing it to prepare them for their calling?

Equipping leaders is vital to building up the body of Christ. As we engage with His Word and grow in our knowledge of who He is, we become better prepared to serve.

Today, ask yourself: How can I grow in understanding Scripture to better serve where He’s called me? How can I allow God’s Word to shape me into a leader equipped for His purposes?

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God today for the gifts He has uniquely given you to serve His body. Ask Him to grow in you a desire to build up the church, recognizing that all things belong to Him. Pray for unity within your church body and for hearts that come together in prayer, serving and equipping your community with love.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *MEN OF VALOR*

Men of Valor is committed to transforming the lives of men in prison by introducing them to Jesus Christ and guiding them in discipleship to become men of integrity. Through spiritual mentorship and leadership development, Men of Valor equips these men to re-enter society as positive contributors, building a legacy of disciple-makers in their communities.

- Pray for the men in the Men of Valor program, that they would encounter Jesus in a life-changing way and embrace a new identity in Christ.
- Ask God to foster spiritual growth and discipleship, equipping these men to make a lasting, positive impact as they prepare to re-enter society.
- Pray for provision and resources for Men of Valor, enabling them to expand their reach and influence both within prisons and the community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKER / ELIZA*

Eliza serves in the United Kingdom in Birmingham, England, partnering with Greater Europe Mission to minister among refugees.

- Pray for boldness in her gospel conversations and that she can effectively share the hope of Christ.
- Ask God to provide discernment as she adjusts to a new culture and to surround her with a biblical community for support.
- Pray for the refugee ministry and for local churches to continue advancing His kingdom through their partnerships.

Day 26: You Are Loved, You Are Sent

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:14-15

“You are loved, and you are sent.” These words aren’t just a weekly reminder—they’re the heartbeat of our mission. God who could have chosen any means to spread His message, but He chose to use us. Not because we’re qualified, but because He delights in using ordinary people to share His extraordinary news.

Remember the last time you received exciting news—maybe a job promotion, an engagement, or an answered prayer. That bubbling excitement, that urgent need to share with someone... that’s just a glimpse of how we should feel about the gospel. But this news is infinitely better: the Creator of the universe has made a way for humanity to be reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ!

This is why church multiplication isn’t just a good strategy—it’s God’s primary plan for spreading the good news. Every new church becomes a hub of gospel conversations, a launching pad for missionaries, and a community of believers passionate about sharing this life-changing message. Think about it: more churches mean more people sharing their faith in their neighborhoods, more missionaries being sent to unreached areas, more lives being transformed by the gospel. This multiplication of churches and disciples isn’t our backup plan—it’s God’s chosen method for reaching the world with the beautiful message of salvation.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for the beauty of His calling to share the Gospel and for bringing people to hear His truth. Ask Him to guide you each day, showing you when and where He wants you to go, and pray for opportunities to share His good news with open hearts around you.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *COLLEGE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH*

College Grove Baptist Church, led by Interim Pastor Gerald Cook, is a partner in establishing 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. Committed to living out genuine faith with a contemporary worship style, College Grove Baptist aims to impact their community through revitalization, growth, and discipleship, sharing the love of Christ with all people.

- Pray for Interim Pastor Gerald Cook, that God would provide him with wisdom, encouragement, and strength as he leads the church during this transitional season.
- Ask God to bless the church's revitalization efforts, bringing fresh growth, purpose, and renewed energy to the congregation.
- Pray for spiritual revival and a deeper hunger for God's Word within the church community, impacting College Grove and beyond.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *JAT PEOPLE GROUP OF INDIA*

The Jat people group, with a population of nearly 10 million, predominantly identifies as Sikh, with only 0.02% being Christian. They primarily engage in farming, with some involved in trading and labor.

- Pray for God to send workers to share the gospel with the Sikh Jat communities.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts toward Jesus.
- Pray for prayer teams to be mobilized for intercession and worship, preparing the way for a church-planting movement among the Sikh Jats.

Day 27: Gospel First & Always

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Paul emphasizes what is most important: the gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel, rooted in Scripture, is central to God's redemptive plan for His people.

The gospel calls us to follow Jesus through His death, burial, and resurrection, leading us from death to life as a new creation. Formed by God and transformed by Christ's saving work, we are given new life and hope. In 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses many aspects of the Christian life, but he underscores that nothing is more vital than the good news of Christ's atonement for our sins and the victory His resurrection gives us over sin and death.

This is why the first key value of our church is "Gospel First and Always." The most important thing about us, and the most important thing we will ever share is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Have you confessed with your mouth and believed in your heart that Jesus is Lord? If not, pray to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. If so, pray God will reveal His gospel to you in the light of your new life as a new creation.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: WILLIAMSON COUNTY YOUNG LIFE

Williamson County Young Life is part of a global ministry reaching middle school, high school, and college students, introducing them to Jesus and empowering them as future leaders. Through relational ministry, Young Life is dedicated to sharing the gospel, discipling students, and equipping them to serve God's Kingdom.

- Pray for Young Life leaders, that God would renew their passion, strength, and encouragement as they invest in young lives and share the gospel.
- Ask God to open the hearts of students who are far from Him, that they would encounter Jesus in a transformative way.
- Pray for discipleship to thrive within Young Life, equipping students to grow in faith and become influential leaders for God's Kingdom.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: GLOBAL WORKERS / WARREN & ALEXANDRA

Warren and Alexandra* are committed to reaching the Yemeni community across the Middle East, currently working to establish the first office in Yemen amid the challenges of war, famine, and spiritual lostness.

- Pray for the Yemeni community to be receptive to the gospel and for God to manifest His presence as they share His message.
- Ask for progress in their language acquisition and for the church to grow and prepare to fulfill the Great Commission.

**Note: names have been changed for safety.*

Day 28: Uniquely Made

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:14-16

Have you ever been standing at the edge of a large crowd? No one makes eye contact with you—no one even knows you. If you turned and walked away, no one would even notice. The place you occupied would soon be absorbed by the crowd, your presence unnoticed and invisible.

We can all feel this way in the busyness of our world, but we stand out in the crowd to God. He made you. He knows everything about you, and He cares about every detail of who you are—because He designed and created every detail. Every strength, gift, and talent are given to you by Him.

The things that scare you? He knows. The things that bring you great joy? He is aware of every single one of them.

When you feel lost, invisible, forgotten, and ignored by everyone around you, you can rest assured that you are remembered, treasured, and loved infinitely by the One who created and gave life to you. Today as you pray, remind yourself that you are talking to the One who loves you most and truly desires to hear from you because He uniquely created you.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for fearfully and wonderfully creating you, acknowledging His incredible design. Ask Him for wisdom to understand how He has uniquely fashioned you for a specific purpose in His redemptive plan and praise Him for the purposeful design He has for every day of your life.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *HOPE CLINIC FOR WOMEN*

Hope Clinic for Women in Nashville, TN, is a faith-based, confidential center offering compassionate medical care, counseling, education, and practical support to individuals navigating pregnancy-related decisions. Serving women of all ages, races, and religions, Hope Clinic provides a safe space, bringing hope and healing to those in need.

- Pray for the staff, that God would grant them strength, wisdom, and compassion as they care for individuals making challenging life choices.
- Ask for protection and safety for the women and babies cared for at Hope Clinic, that each life would be cherished and safeguarded.
- Pray for gospel conversations, that staff and volunteers would have opportunities to share the hope and love of Jesus, bringing healing and transformation.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / ANDRE*

Andre serves with Free Burma Rangers, bringing the love and hope of Jesus to conflict areas. He volunteers in the medical department, providing care and logistical support while delivering crucial humanitarian aid.

- Pray for the protection of staff, hospitals, and children's programs as they work in vulnerable areas.
- Ask God to bring peace and reconciliation to Burma and for more people to come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Day 29: Uniquely Called

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:4-6

Imagine receiving an invitation to the most exclusive event in history—one planned before time began. That’s exactly what Paul describes in Ephesians 1. But this isn’t just any invitation; it’s an adoption certificate with your name written on it “before the foundation of the world.”

The truth here isn’t just that God chose us, but why He chose us: “to be holy and blameless in love before him.” This isn’t about earning His love through perfect behavior. Instead, He chose us, knowing every mistake we would make, every struggle we would face, and every doubt we would wrestle with—and He still said “yes” to a relationship with us.

Think about the phrase “according to the good pleasure of his will.” God didn’t adopt you out of obligation or duty. He didn’t choose you because He had to. He chose you because He wanted to. Your salvation and redemption delights His heart.

In a world that often bases acceptance on performance, this truth changes everything. You don’t have to prove your worth or earn your place. Before you took your first breath, God had already lavished His grace upon you in Christ.

When you truly grasp this security in God’s choosing love, it transforms how you serve Him. You’re no longer serving to earn His approval—you already have it. You’re no longer using your gifts to prove your worth—He’s already declared your value. Instead, you’re free to serve simply because it brings joy to the Father’s heart. Your calling isn’t a burden to bear but an opportunity to delight the One who delighted in choosing you. This security frees you to step out boldly with your gifts, knowing that your identity rests not in what you do for God, but in what He’s already done for you.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God that your relationship with Him is not based on what you can offer, but on His boundless love. Ask Him to help you rest in the security of being chosen and loved and pray that this truth would transform the way you live and love others today.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *PATH UNITED*

Path United is a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring and equipping children in mobile home communities to become flourishing adults. Operating community centers within these neighborhoods, Path United provides academic, social, and emotional support through Christ-centered relationships and programs, empowering children to break cycles of poverty and thrive.

- Pray for the children served by Path United, that they would feel loved, supported, and encouraged as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally.
- Ask God to strengthen Jim and Melinda Hollandsworth, their staff, and volunteers with wisdom, patience, and compassion as they invest in young lives.
- Pray that Path United's community centers would be safe, welcoming spaces filled with God's presence, offering hope and growth for each child and family.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / STEVE & JOY*

Steve and Joy are based at the University of Nations in Kona, Hawaii, where they train, prepare, and send out individuals to plant the gospel in Korea and beyond. They lead a flagship school for Korean/English speakers, focusing on training 18–35-year-olds to fulfill the Great Commission, while also serving in the youth ministry of their local church.

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they train students to effectively share the gospel and fulfill the Great Commission in Korea and beyond.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen their family relationships, providing support and encouragement as they balance ministry and family life.

Day 30: Bringing the Gospel to Hard Places

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:3-5, 10-11

“There’s just no way.”

Picture the scene in Mark 2: a packed house, people spilling out the doorways, no space to even squeeze through—and four friends desperate to get their paralyzed companion to Jesus.

They could have turned back. They could have waited for a “better time.” They could have said, “Well, we tried.” But love for their friend and faith in Jesus drove them to think differently. When the door wasn’t an option, they looked up and saw possibility where others saw only obstacles.

This wasn’t just creative problem-solving—it was faith in action. These men believed so strongly in Jesus’s power to heal that they were willing to climb a house, dig through a roof, and lower their friend down through the ceiling! ***Their innovative approach wasn’t about being clever; it was about being completely committed to bringing someone to Jesus.***

Think about the people in your life who seem hard to reach with the gospel. Maybe traditional approaches aren’t working. Maybe cultural barriers feel insurmountable. Maybe busy schedules or different worldviews seem like solid walls. But what if those “walls” could become doors? What if those very obstacles could become opportunities for creative gospel conversations?

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for how He intentionally innovated a way for us to be with Him eternally. Ask Him to help you identify your time, treasures, and talents, and pray for insight on how to move the ordinary into the extraordinary for His glory.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *FRANKTOWN OPEN HEARTS*

FrankTown Open Hearts in Franklin, TN, is a ministry dedicated to inspiring, empowering, and equipping at-risk youth in Williamson County. Through academic support, mentoring, and spiritual growth programs, FrankTown brings hope and essential life skills to low-income youth, helping them grow into confident, fulfilled adults.

- Pray for the youth served by FrankTown, that they would find hope, purpose, and empowerment through the programs offered.
- Ask God to provide wisdom, strength, and compassion to the staff and mentors as they guide young people toward positive futures and deeper faith.
- Pray for safety and well-being for all students, that God would protect them physically and emotionally during transportation and activities.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / JOHNNY & ANNA*

Johnny and Anna* serve as language teachers in a closed Muslim nation, working with a church planting team in a city without Christian gatherings. Their mission involves teaching, loving their neighbors, praying, and sharing the gospel to make disciples.

- Pray for the hearts of the local people to be prepared to receive the gospel, opening them to dreams, questions, and a longing for a relationship with God.
- Ask God to provide fellowship for isolated believers, helping them grow in their faith despite the challenges of being in a community with few known Christians.

**Note: names have been changed for safety*

Day 31: Reaching the Nations in Our Neighborhood

SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:26-28

Take a moment to look around your neighborhood, workplace, or local coffee shop. The diversity you see isn't an accident—it's by divine design. In Acts 17, we see Paul declare this truth: God “made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth” and has “determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place”

But here's the beautiful part—He didn't just randomly scatter people across the globe. He did it so that they might seek Him. That colleague from another country, your neighbor who speaks a different language, a student from across the world—they've been divinely positioned in your path. These are people with which we can have intentional gospel conversations with.

Paul reminds us that God “is not far from each one of us.” Despite our different languages, customs, and traditions, every person shares the same fundamental need—to know their Creator. The cultural differences that often make us hesitate are unique opportunities for gospel conversations.

When God positioned people from different cultures in your community, He also positioned you there. Just as He orchestrated their journey, He orchestrated yours. Those cultural differences that may seem intimidating are actually part of His perfect plan to make Himself known. Praise God for his perfect plan, that allows us to encounter and encourage the nations, wherever we are.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to give you a heart for the nations, recognizing that He has made them and desires them to be in relationship with Him. Pray for eyes to see and ears to listen intently, so you can help others come to know Him. Seek His guidance to be intentional in your neighborhood today, asking Him to place people in your path and to give you the right words to say as you encounter them in Jesus' name.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *NEXT WAVE*

Next Wave is dedicated to raising up the next generation of disciple-making missionaries, equipping young people to spread the gospel globally. Partnering with local churches and mission organizations, SALT Next Wave prepares students for cross-cultural ministry with a vision to send 10,000 young gospel workers to the nations by 2040.

- Pray for God to raise up a new generation passionate about the Great Commission, ready to make disciples and reach the nations with the gospel.
- Ask God to bless the training of students, equipping them with biblical knowledge, cultural awareness, and spiritual maturity for cross-cultural missions.
- Pray for impactful ministry among diaspora communities in North America, that these young workers would bring hope and build gospel-centered relationships.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *MOVING TO MIDDLE, TN*

People from over 50 nations, 91 people groups, and 143 languages are now calling Middle Tennessee home, creating an opportunity for the gospel to reach the nations right in our community. Pray that each individual would encounter the love of Christ and find hope and belonging in Him.

- Pray that these diverse people groups would feel welcomed, loved, and valued by the local church and find their identity in Christ.
- Ask for open hearts to the gospel and for God to raise up faithful believers who will share His love and truth with the nations living in Middle Tennessee.

Day 32: You're in the Race

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:19

Imagine arriving at a race, ready to sit back, relax, and watch from the stands. But the moment you get there, you realize—you're not a spectator. You're one of the runners, and the baton is being passed to you. It's your turn to carry it forward.

That's exactly how the Great Commission works. Jesus didn't call us to stay on the sidelines. He's called us to jump into the race and be part of the mission. You're not just a face in the crowd—you're in the race, and the baton is now in your hands.

Matthew 28:19 is often called the Great Commission, but what if we view it as a “co-mission” with Jesus Himself. He's actively passing the spiritual baton to His followers. He entrusts us with the message of salvation, inviting us to participate in His work. And the most amazing part? He uses ordinary people—people like you and me—to carry this extraordinary message of hope and life.

You don't always have to travel across the world—though God may call you to that. Often, He's asking you to share the good news with those already in your life: your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses right where we are, within our everyday circles of influence. God has strategically placed you in relationships that are your mission field—whether it's the barista at your coffee shop, your barber, or your child's coach. These people are in your path for a purpose, and God has chosen you to bring His light into these relationships.

Every conversation, act of kindness, or moment of encouragement is an opportunity to share the love and truth of Jesus. You don't need to be a preacher or missionary to make a difference. You just need to be willing to use the influence God has already given you to make disciples right where you are.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Begin by asking God to help you embrace the role of being a disciple-maker in your own heart. Take a moment to reflect on your circle of influence and identify 3-5 people within your natural network. Write down their names and commit to praying for opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Pray for boldness and ask the Lord to open a door today for you to carry the baton of discipleship forward.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *NEXT WAVE*

Parker's Creek Baptist Church in Burns, TN, is a partner with Brentwood Baptist in the mission to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. Led by Pastor Mike Eiras, this church is committed to sharing God's love, proclaiming the truth of salvation, and building a supportive, biblically grounded community.

- Pray for Pastor Mike Eiras and the church leaders, that God would grant them wisdom and strength as they faithfully teach and lead.
- Ask God to deepen the congregation's understanding of His Word, inspiring members to grow closer to Jesus.
- Pray for effective gospel outreach, that Parker's Creek would share the message of salvation through Christ in their community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / CARLA & KEEGAN*

Carla & Keegan serve in Southeast Asia, sharing the gospel through media, training, contextualization, and counseling. As part of Create Labs, they create evangelistic resources for unreached people groups, train others, and provide technical support, while Carla also serves as a clinical counselor at The Well International, supporting missionaries.

- Pray for Carla and Keegan's physical health, as they have been struggling to stay healthy this year.
- Ask God to grant them wisdom in parenting and discernment in their leadership roles at Create Labs and The Well International, helping them to clearly hear His guidance in ministry opportunities.

Day 33: The Foundation of our Faith

SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:16

The gospel impacts every part of our life. It is the foundation of our faith, the truth that we're called to prioritize above all else.

God created our world, and it was perfect, without sin. Yet we sinned and disobeyed God. But God had a plan—a redemption story set in motion from the beginning—where His perfect Son would come to rescue us, be our living sacrifice, and defeat death and sin in His resurrection. Praise God that our salvation is found in Him! He came as a sinless and perfect sacrifice so that we could have life and life abundant (John 10:10).

To live “Gospel First and Always” means our lives should be marked by this truth. When we begin each day in prayer, inviting God to guide us, we are living out the gospel. When we are generous and loving, allowing our actions to show others the love of Christ, we are reflecting the gospel. And, most importantly, when we share the gospel boldly, we are doing exactly what Paul urged us to do—living without shame, making the good news known to those around us.

Since the early church, believers have proclaimed, “Jesus is Lord,” often facing persecution. Yet, they stood firm, knowing the gospel is the power that brings salvation. God’s plan for the spreading of this message is His church. Just as the gospel came first to the Jew, then to the Greek (Gentile), we now recognize our call as the church to boldly share this life-changing message without shame or reservation, just like those who have gone before.

As we consider passing down our history and our legacy, let us consider the gospel first and always, for it is the power that leads to salvation.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God for boldness to display the gospel of Christ in both your daily walk and your witness. Pray that those in your circle of influence will recognize their legacy as image bearers of God through the love and grace you show them.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *BOTH HANDS*

Both Hands is a nonprofit dedicated to serving widows and orphans by organizing volunteer-led workdays that repair homes for widows while raising funds for adoptive families. Rooted in James 1:27, Both Hands brings hope, practical support, and a way to live out the gospel through meaningful acts of service.

- Pray for the widows served by Both Hands, that they would feel loved, supported, and valued through the care and assistance they receive.
- Ask God to bless and encourage families pursuing adoption, strengthening them as they work to welcome children into their homes.
- Pray for the volunteers and organizers, that God would grant them compassion, energy, and joy as they serve widows and orphans.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *FINAL COMMAND*

Final Command is an international ministry dedicated to multiplying disciples and expanding God's Kingdom through ordinary people partnering with Him. Their mission is to help individuals discover God, obey Him, and train them to replicate their experiences by sharing with others.

- Pray for international partner Final Command as they train pastors and start churches in places where boldly proclaiming the gospel is difficult and even dangerous.
- Ask that the life-saving message of the gospel will go forward despite strongholds and obstacles, and for God to raise up "Persons of Peace" within communities to enable vibrant Discovery Groups and disciple-making movements.

Day 34: Changed by Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20

Change can be hard. If we're honest, most of us dig our heels in when we feel change on the horizon. It's in our nature to resist anything other than the status quo, the routine, or what feels "controllable." But the reality is this: The backdrop of every salvation story—our story—is change. The first dramatic change occurred in a very singular moment when Jesus pierced through the darkness of our soul and called us into His glorious light as a new believer in Him. The second layer of change is different: this stroke is broader and takes place for the rest of our lives. We call this kind of change "sanctification," the slow and gradual process of becoming more like Jesus.

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus changes the trajectory of the remaining disciples' lives when He presents a new purpose and goal. Go, make disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them—it's what we call The Great Commission. It's something we do with Him, not for Him, through the power of His Holy Spirit. The change He brought to His disciples in this passage is the change He has called us to. Yes, He has changed our eternal identity and destination forever. He's also working to change us here daily to be more like Him. Whether you've been a believer for 50 years or 50 days, are you still allowing Him to change you? As we've just read, He changed our life's purpose and wants to continue changing us from the inside out. So, as you sit in these moments, allow the end of Matthew 28 to challenge you: how are you being changed by Jesus today?

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for salvation, recognizing His work in saving you from your past, sanctifying you in your present, and the hope of future salvation that awaits you. Ask that the love of God the Father, the life of Christ the Son, and the breath of the Holy Spirit would ignite within you a deeper affection for Him, His Word, His will, and His way—always.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *WAVERLY BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*

Waverly Belmont Elementary receives support through mentorship, prayer, and resources to help meet the needs of its students, families, and staff. Volunteers from our church invest in the school community by providing mentorship, food distribution, and practical support, creating meaningful opportunities to share Christ's love.

- Pray for each student to feel supported, safe, and encouraged, fostering academic success and personal growth.
- Ask God to give strength, wisdom, and encouragement to the school staff that they may feel valued and equipped to care for their students.
- Pray for meaningful relationships between church volunteers and families, opening doors for spiritual conversations and gospel-centered encouragement.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS: *IMB JEWISH CENTER*

The IMB Jewish Cluster seeks to equip Jewish people of all ages with evangelism and discipleship skills, creating a foundation for leadership and ministry within their communities. Through training camps and retreats, the Jewish Cluster empowers youth and adults to grow in their faith and become leaders who share the hope of the Messiah with others.

- Pray that Jewish camp participants will experience transformation, develop leadership skills, and feel empowered to disciple others, sharing the love of the Messiah.
- Ask God to strengthen partnerships and provide resources, enabling the Jewish Cluster to expand its outreach and deepen its impact among Jewish communities globally.

Day 35: How Are You Being Discipled?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 11:1

We often hear about the importance of discipleship, but many of us struggle to find it in our daily lives. It's easy to feel like we're walking this journey alone or missing out on the kind of spiritual guidance we hoped for. Yet, even in seasons where intentional discipleship feels distant, God still calls us to grow and be shaped as followers of Jesus.

If you find yourself in a place where you're not being actively discipled by others, consider how God might be inviting you to grow in vulnerability and humility to receive the wisdom of brothers and sisters ahead of you in their spiritual walks with the Lord.

Look for discipleship in community. Sometimes, discipleship happens informally—through conversations with friends, serving together, or learning from those around us. We can gain spiritual insight and encouragement from the people God has already placed in our lives.

Pursue a posture of learning. Discipleship isn't about perfection; it's about being teachable and open to growth. Ask God to show you areas where you can learn and mature, and be intentional about seeking out resources, mentors, or experiences that can help you grow.

Let's be encouraged to take ownership of our spiritual journey, knowing that Jesus honors our vulnerability, and as we follow His lead, we may just find that we're equipped to disciple others along the way.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to reveal your need for discipleship in your heart and walk with Him. Praise Him for how He has shown Himself to you in both your mountains and valleys. Pray for a mentor to imitate as they follow Christ and give you the boldness to seek their guidance. Thank God for the saints who have gone before you, teaching you His character through their lives.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *DALEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH*

Dalewood Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, is one of Brentwood Baptist's partners in church revitalization, working together to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. We pray for spiritual renewal at Dalewood, impactful outreach in the community, and strong leadership as the church grows into a thriving gospel presence in Nashville.

- Pray for spiritual growth within Dalewood so that each member will experience renewed faith and a deepening relationship with Christ.
- Ask God to guide and strengthen Dalewood's leaders, equipping them with wisdom and vision as they revitalize the church.
- Pray for new leaders to arise, empowered by the Spirit to support Dalewood's mission and ministries in impactful ways.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / AMY & STEVE*

Amy and Steve Aaron serve with Living Hope in South Africa, where Amy coordinates donor relations, and Steve manages facilities across eight campuses. They are dedicated to sharing the gospel and supporting their community through compassionate service.

- Pray for wisdom and provision as they respond to local crises and safety amid increasing crime in their area.
- Ask God to deepen their connections with non-believers, increasing their gospel impact and providing sustained resources for their ministry.

Day 36: Who Are You Discipling?

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Have you ever received a family heirloom? Something precious and meaningful, passed down from someone who came before you, that you now treasure and hope to pass on to future generations? Heirlooms are a beautiful metaphor for discipleship.

In 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul models discipleship in a way that echoes the responsibility and joy of receiving something invaluable. Just as an heirloom carries the legacy of love, our faith is a precious gift we are called to share. The gospel is even greater because we have no limits on how many people we can pass it on to!

Yesterday, we prayed for those who helped shape us into the disciples we are today. Reflecting on these individuals can bring us joy as we remember their influence. But it's even more uplifting to realize that God calls us to pass that same faith on to others.

Paul recognized his role in Timothy's spiritual journey, having mentored him by proclaiming the truths of Jesus. Now, Paul emphasized that Timothy's responsibility is to share the same gospel and discipleship with others who will, in turn, teach others.

This relationship creates a direct line of discipleship that traces back from Jesus to His original disciples and then from those disciples to the ones they mentored. If we continue this pattern through countless generations, it ultimately leads to us!

Our task now is to disciple others and share the good news of Jesus with those around us!

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank God for the precious gift of faith and the mentors who have shaped you as a disciple. Ask Him to help you embrace your calling to share the Gospel and nurture others in their faith with joy and commitment. Pray that you follow Jesus' example by multiplying His love and truth in your life and sharing the Gospel freely with others.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *ETERNAL ROCK EVANGELICAL CHURCH*

Eternal Rock Evangelical Church, led by Pastor Wael Sous in Antioch, TN, is one of our partners in the mission to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a commitment to sharing the gospel and making disciples, Eternal Rock Evangelical Church is a beacon of hope in Antioch, focusing on Christ-centered teaching, worship, and community outreach.

- Pray for Pastor Wael Sous and the church leadership that God would grant them wisdom, strength, and encouragement to guide the congregation.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of Eternal Rock's members so they will grow deeply in their faith and live as committed disciples of Christ.
- Ask God to bless the church's outreach efforts in Antioch so that they can impact the community and draw people to the gospel.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *IMB SCARA TEAM SOUTH ASIA*

In a South Asian city of over 21 million people—ten times the population of metro Nashville—a remarkable discipleship movement is underway through the IMB's SCARA team (Slum Community and Redlight Area). Our church supports a team of missionaries who are equipping local leaders to make disciples in some of the poorest and darkest areas of these cities, leading to the emergence of fourth-generation churches igniting the hope of Jesus.

- Pray that the global workers serving alongside local church planters may be strengthened and encouraged in their efforts.
- Ask God to cultivate a desire among believers in these churches to share the gospel with their communities and foster unity among the new churches to support their mission.

Day 37: How Are You Being Discipled?

SCRIPTURE: James 5:16 • Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
1 Corinthians 11:1

We're called to live out our faith in intentional community and to grow together in prayer, transparency, and accountability. In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul urges us to imitate him as he imitates Christ. This example reminds us of the power of discipleship—a process that happens best in relationships where we're known, supported, and equipped to reflect the love of Jesus to the fullest.

This kind of community requires us to take a few steps, ones that may feel vulnerable: sharing our struggles, confessing our sins, and allowing others to pray and walk alongside us. When we seek Christ together, we are stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to resist the challenges of life than we could ever be on our own.

Today's reading shows the importance of confession, prayer, and community in our faith journeys. James reminds us that healing comes when we share our burdens and pray for each other, and Ecclesiastes highlights the strength that comes from having others by our side. Together, we're stronger and more resilient, able to resist temptations and challenges that would be difficult to face alone.

Christ-like community calls us to radical honesty and vulnerability. We're not meant to hide our struggles, but to share them openly with trusted friends and prayer partners who desire to walk alongside us.

Being discipled begins with choosing to walk with others who can encourage, strengthen, and equip you in faith. Whether it's a LIFE Group for ongoing connection or a Focus Study for a specific season of learning, there's a place for you to belong and grow at Brentwood Baptist. If you're unsure where to start, pray and ask that God would guide you to the right community—and then take the step of reaching out.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask the Lord to give you a sensitive heart and help you understand the power of bringing your burdens to Him. Pray for increased trust in His provision and a deeper dependence on Him with every prayer and concern. Thank Him for the Biblical community He has given you, filling in the blank with your specific gratitude.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *ROOM IN THE INN*

Room in the Inn is a Nashville nonprofit that offers care and support for those experiencing homelessness, providing seasonal shelter and programs for recovery and personal development. Through a network of nearly 200 congregations and countless volunteers, Room in the Inn serves as a place of refuge for individuals in need.

- Pray for those served by Room in the Inn that they would experience hope, healing, and a renewed sense of dignity.
- Ask God to strengthen the staff and volunteers with resilience and compassion as they serve Nashville's unhoused community.
- Pray for safety and warmth during the cold months, that all who find shelter at Room in the Inn would feel God's love and comfort.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / BRITNEY & MICAH*

Britney and Micah serve as global workers in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on their community's medical and spiritual needs. Since 2020, Britney has been a pediatric general and thoracic surgeon, teaching and discipling African pediatric surgeons while ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of Kenyan children and their families. Micah, a commercial real estate developer, leads Bible studies for nursing students and serves on the hospital's housing committee.

- Pray that Britney and Micah find rest amid the demands of mission life and their responsibilities in the community.
- Ask God for wisdom and discernment as they seek to expand Christian pediatric surgical training in East Africa and that He draws their trainees closer to Him as they prepare to serve.

Day 38: Praying for the Lost & Searching

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:1

Have you ever really wanted something, perhaps to the point that your heart longed for it? What was it? How did you go about getting what you wanted? How often did you dwell on it? Compare that desire to the desire of your heart for the lost.

This verse should challenge us to reflect on our hearts' attitude toward those who don't know Christ. Regarding those we know who are lost, are we quick to condemn? Are we timid to have gospel conversations? Or are our hearts burdened and filled with love and prayer for their salvation like Paul's?

Paul prompts us to actively pray and share the gospel with patience, conviction, and compassion, trusting the Spirit to do His work. Paul's love for people fueled his prayers for their salvation. As followers of Christ, our heart's desire should be for the salvation of the lost, and our prayers should indicate that. We should pray for those who don't know Christ and trust God with confidence to work in their hearts and lead them to salvation.

Is there someone in your life who doesn't know Christ? Take time today to pray for them by name and consider ways you can lovingly share the hope of Jesus.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Ask God to open your eyes to recognize which friends or family members are lost and in need of Jesus. Pray for Him to open doors for Gospel conversations with those individuals and ask for the courage and boldness to share the Gospel. Seek His guidance for the right words to say when the opportunity arises.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *THE WELL OUTREACH*

The Well Outreach in Spring Hill, TN, addresses hunger needs by providing food assistance and holistic care to families in Williamson and Maury Counties. Through their weekly pantry, student Jetpack Program, mobile food pantries, and family coaching, The Well brings hope and nourishment to all who seek help.

- Pray that families served by The Well feel valued and find hope as they receive essential support and care.
- Ask God to supply the resources needed to sustain and grow The Well's programs, enabling them to continue meeting hunger needs in the community.
- Pray that the Jetpack Program would bring encouragement and nourishment to students facing food insecurity, supporting their growth and well-being.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKERS / DANIEL & SANDRA*

Daniel and Sandra serve in Central Mexico, partnering with evangelical churches to implement gospel storytelling strategies in communities that have limited access to the gospel, known as the Circle of Silence. They focus on starting discipleship groups in rural areas while providing training, mentoring, and oversight to mission teams sent from Mexican churches to the Middle East and Africa.

- Pray for the new storying group in central Mexico, that many accept the Lord and initiate a reproducing church in the area.
- Ask God for safety as Daniel and Sandra travel throughout the region and for wisdom to guide their efforts in sharing gospel stories effectively.

Day 39: Way, Truth, and Life

SCRIPTURE: John 14:6

Have you been burdened by the lost around you? Have you been burdened for those unreached people groups around the world? As followers of Christ, we are called to share the love of Christ with the lost around us and around the world.

Jesus' words in John 14:6 are a reality that changes everything about how we see the world around us. A colleague who keeps searching for meaning in endless achievements, our neighbor finding temporary comfort in harmful relationships, the friend exploring every spiritual path except Jesus—they're all walking toward collapsed bridges.

This truth should break our hearts. Not in a way that makes us feel superior or self-righteous, but in the way your heart would break watching someone you love heading toward danger. Jesus didn't declare Himself as "the way" to spark theological debates—He did it to rescue people He loves.

When we really grasp this reality, evangelism shifts from a duty to a natural response of love. It's no longer about checking boxes or easing guilt. It's about loving people enough to point them toward the only path that leads to life. Sometimes that means having difficult conversations. Sometimes it means loving consistently over years. Always, it means seeing people through Jesus's eyes—as precious souls He died to save.

May we be faithful in our mission to make Christ known- in Middle Tennessee and beyond!

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Pray that God would deepen your compassion for those far from Him, increasing your burden to share the Gospel. Ask for courage to step out of your comfort zone and boldly speak the truth. Seek wisdom in effectively sharing the Gospel with different people and discernment to recognize opportunities to express Christ's love. Finally, pray for perseverance in the face of rejection, asking for strength to keep sharing the Gospel, even when it feels like no one is listening.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *OF ONE ACCORD MINISTRIES*

Of One Accord Ministries has been serving Northeast Tennessee for over 30 years, addressing food insecurity, housing needs, and community support with a holistic, faith-based approach. Founded by Sheldon Livesay, the ministry works to extend the love of Jesus through programs like meal delivery for older adults and the Lunch Box Mobile Summer Food Program for children.

- Pray for the individuals and families served by Of One Accord, that they would find hope, healing, and support through this ministry's work.
- Ask God to strengthen Sheldon Livesay, the staff, and volunteers, filling them with compassion and endurance as they care for vulnerable community members.
- Pray for the ongoing success of nutrition programs, that they would bring nourishment, joy, and connection to those facing food insecurity.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *GLOBAL WORKER / EVELYN*

Evelyn* is dedicated to discipling church leaders among an unreached people group, supporting her team through finance and administrative work across multiple countries. As she navigates this important mission, she is focused on building relationships and finding a community within her new environment.

- Pray for Evelyn as she learns the local language and adjusts to a new culture, asking for clarity and understanding in her daily interactions.
- Ask God to help her build meaningful relationships with her neighbors and connect with a supportive Christian community.

**Note: names have been changed for safety*

Day 40: Faith in Action

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:40

When we see the suffering and brokenness in the world, it should stir something deep within us—a desire to respond and make a difference. Whether it's children without stable homes, families facing overwhelming challenges, or individuals feeling isolated, these needs should move us to act. But serving isn't just something we do, it's a reflection of who we are, shaped by the example of Jesus.

We serve because of Jesus and the way He lived—caring for the outcast, healing the broken, and showing love to the least of these. His life teaches us that service is not about recognition or obligation but is a response to His call to love others as He has loved us. When we step in to advocate for justice, provide support, or are simply present in someone's time of need, we're serving God through our service. Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that others will know that we are His by how we love—how you love those around you is a direct response to how you have been loved by Christ.

As we embrace this calling, we create ripples of change that can extend to a true and lasting hope in Christ. Let's be encouraged to keep serving, knowing that in every act of compassion, we reflect the heart of Christ and share His light with a world in need.

Prayer

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Pray for wisdom to make sound decisions and discern God's will in your life, along with the ability to see beyond the surface of situations. Ask for peace that surpasses understanding during challenges, strength to persevere, and a heart of gratitude for His blessings. Finally, intercede for the needs of your loved ones and community, lifting up those who are suffering or in need of guidance.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY: *SILOAM HEALTH*

Siloam Health is dedicated to empowering neighbors from all nations to lead physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy lives, creating a welcoming community for those in need. By providing holistic care, Siloam addresses both immediate physical needs and deeper emotional and spiritual well-being.

- Pray for Siloam Health's staff and volunteers, that God would grant them compassion, wisdom, and strength as they serve patients and support each other.
- Ask God to bring healing and hope to each client seeking care, meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- Pray that Siloam Health's mission would thrive, with expanded resources and programs to reach even more people in the community.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS: *MISSION EURASIA*

Mission Eurasia is dedicated to training and equipping young Christian leaders for effective ministry across Russia and the surrounding countries of Eurasia. With over 180 people groups and a challenging landscape shaped by historical and political factors, there is a significant need for the gospel and for spiritual awakening in this region.

- Pray for an end to Russia's aggression against Ukraine, that the ongoing war will cease, and peace will be restored.
- Lift up the School Without Walls students and leaders as they share the gospel despite persecution, asking that they effectively reach Russian people in areas that are difficult for Westerners to access.

