

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

**Yourself** — *that you would be hungry for time in His Word and in prayer, that you would bring every detail of your life to Him.*  
**Your Family** — *that your home would be known for its natural hospitality and love, that Christ is exalted in everyday life.*  
**Our Congregation** — *that we would be people of prayer, eager for revival and known by our care for one another.*  
**Our Neighbors and Our World** — *that God would use us to share the Good News of the Gospel in all places, and at all times.*  
Each day, pray for **staff, Deacon(s), Elder(s), mission/ministry(s).**  
Pray for a pure heart, a shepherd’s heart, a heart owned by Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRIES TODAY

**Come and Worship Christ the King**  
*The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity--hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory--because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.*  
*J.I. Packer*

**Friday, December 1** • Exodus 13:15 • **Kevin DeYoung, Dick Givens, Wade Byrum, Lee Brady, Allen Carrick, Pastoral Interns**  
Pray... for a deeper devotion to Christ; for our children to be Spirit-filled; for our homes to be known for Christian hospitality. Pray for Christians living in refugee camps and waiting for resettlement.

**Saturday, December 2** • Deuteronomy 7:8-9 • **Tom Groelsema, Lane Jones, Gary Corwin, Keith Kitchen, Andy Caldwell, Dave Lapp, Andrew Cash, John Girard, Children’s Ministry**  
Pray...for a growing hunger to pray; for your family to pray for one another; for confidence in Christ; for the Holy Spirit to inhabit our worship whenever we gather.

**Sunday, December 3** • Nehemiah 1:10 • **Mike Miller, Mindy Thornton, Art Van Sciver, Ron Raulston, Steve Caldwell, Harvey Harrelson, Clay Anderson, Outreach & Missions, CDS Board. Caregivers Ministry**  
Pray... for members of our church family connected to public schools – students, parents, and teachers; for the opportunity to share the Gospel and build relationships at work.

**Monday, December 4** • Job 19:25 • **Eric Russ, Andy McNulty, Heather Thompson, Chris Baker, Home School Families**  
Pray....that you would trust that God is in control; for those from our congregation whom God calls to full-time Christian service; for God to make Himself known to a needy world.

**Tuesday, December 5** • Psalm 19:14 • **Bruce Creswell, Mike Booker, John Faber, Tripp Gabriel, Joshua Skipper, Grief Share Ministry**  
Pray... that loving Christ would be your highest priority; that our commitment to giving will reflect our commitment to serve Christ and our confidence in His promises. Pray for the power of the Spirit in our worship. Pray for churches in North America.

**Wednesday, December 6** • Psalm 25:22 • **Teresa Caldwell, Michael Johnson, David Krausse, Greg Litowski Jo Batson, Small Groups**  
Pray...that you would relinquish deep hurts to God; for the salvation of our children; for our nation to depend on prayer for wisdom; for those in military service in high-risk areas; for those who risk their lives in service to communities. Pray for China.

**Thursday, December 7** • Psalm 26:11 • **Sandy Spitz, Darlene Richardson, Jim Rea, Reggie Phillips, The Gospel Coalition**  
Pray...that you would be approachable and undistracted; for families that are strong. Pray that we would love our children by teaching and caring for them. Pray for imprisoned Christians.

**Friday, December 8** • Psalm 31:5 • **Derek Wells, Roberta Hill, Gaylene Scheide, Scott Young, Bill Hedgpeth, Greg Love**  
Pray...that God will draw close to our families and our community as we love like Christ. Pray that we will learn more about Him and be hungry to grow in faith and in love for others.

**Saturday, December 9** • Psalm 34:22 • **Amy VanDusen, Michelle Gustavson, Ryan Fuderer, David Glover, Matt Needles, Mark Gulley, Ana Benitez, Stephanie Bennett**  
Pray... for a clear understanding of God’s love for His children; for adult children who have taken on the care of parents; for gentleness with one another; for patience and love given by God.

**Sunday, December 10** • Psalm 44:26 • **Nathan George, Liz McNulty, Steve VanDusen, Brent Andersen, Caleb Johnson**  
Pray... that you would bow to God’s sovereign control; for a new generation of believers; for the power of the Spirit in our worship; for more church plants. Pray for God’s mercy on the US.

**Monday, December 11** • Psalm 71:23 • **Blair Smith, Sarah Gidney, Danny Church, Fritz Menchinger, Min Shin, Tom Van Beek**  
Pray... for our volunteers; for parents who need wisdom and patience with rebellious children; for boldness for Christian workers in hostile areas; for God’s favor on our campus.

**Tuesday, December 12** • Psalm 72:14 • **Rick Ely, Molly Knauer, Garry Rice, Josh Grissom, Nate Reel, SBS, Erin McFaddin**  
Pray...for personal brokenness that leads to revival; for grace to die to self; for emotional health for all children.

**Wednesday, December 13** • Psalm 77:15 • **Barry Peterson, Mark Helmer, Adam Long, Rob Fitch, Marguerite Ortiz**  
Pray...to be open and teachable; for brothers and sisters to demonstrate love toward one another; for generous giving for our outreach ministries and supported workers.

**Thursday, December 14** • Psalm 78:35 • **Ginni Larkins, Roger Paules, Beecher Bailey David Harris, Bobby Shanahan,**  
Pray... for the ministry of new believers; for our children to share Christ’s love with their friends; for revival across America.

**Friday, December 15** • Psalm 103:4 • **Peggy Wekall, Jenny Blackmon, Chad Slack, American Heritage Girls**  
Pray...that you would see what God is doing in your life; for times of joy and rest together as a family; for our nation’s leaders; for wisdom in seeking God’s priorities. Pray for women leaders.

**Saturday, December 16** • Psalm 107:1 • **Mimi Brady, Jim Sutton, Covenant Day School, Caleb Ministry**  
Pray...for fresh faith; for the lonely to know that they are not alone; for devotion to prayer by all of God’s children; that Christ’s love would touch someone through you; for young marriages.

**Sunday, December 17** • Psalm 130:8 • **Tom Engstrom, Matt Fikkert, Mark Lomas, Pam Eash, Nathaniel Davis**  
Pray...that joy would flood you because of Christ; that your family would know your love; for the Gospel to shine through us.

**Monday, December 18** • Isaiah 1:27 • **Joel May, Ron Brown, Jim Haigh, Keith Hudson, Curt Johnson, Mary Ann Foltz, Kris Redwing, Clearly Reformed**  
Pray...that you would learn to listen; for gentleness with wounded and tender hearts; for wisdom in leaders; for true faith to rule in our hearts, families, church, and nation. Pray for faithful leaders.

**Tuesday, December 19** • Isaiah 35:9 • **Semra Staut, Patrick Keaton, Jordan Clark, Don Harding, Set Free, Counseling**  
Pray...Christ’s love would influence every word; that you would encourage your family; for a zeal to share the Gospel on your street; for those in prisons and those who minister there.

**Wednesday, December 20** • Isaiah 41:14 • **Jan Adams, Matt Lindner, Brendan Kelly, Senior Adults, Women’s Bible Studies**  
Pray...for love for your enemies; for our children’s emotional, physical, and spiritual safety; for God-pleasing worship; for total trust in God’s miraculous providence.

**Thursday, December 21** • Isaiah 43:14 • **Kristina King, Sherry Dixon, Jason Shannon, Campus Outreach, RTS Charlotte**  
Pray...that you would not try to hide from God; that Christ would enrich family relationships; for families to trust one another fully; for God’s power to overtake our leaders. Pray for our nation to turn to Christ. Pray for Ukraine.

**Friday, December 22** • Isaiah 44:6 • **Staci Poston, Steve Hicks, Deacons Emeriti, Don Moseley, Prison Ministry**  
Pray...that you will believe all of God’s promises; that your family will trust in God alone; that our church would be a testimony to God’s provision; that we would continue to reach out to our city.

**Saturday, December 23** • Isaiah 44:22-24 • **Zach Fulginiti, Rudy Barlow, Sabbatical Officers. Drew Gustavson, Rich Pietrus**  
Pray...that your faith would flourish; for families to make worship a priority; for confidence in God’s provision for the work he calls us to. Pray for government leaders who will stand for biblical principles. Pray for believers in North Korea.

**Sunday, December 24** • Isaiah 48:17 • **Jason Klohr, Margie Love, Abigail Cerrato, Becky Creswell, Rebecca Tilley, Elsy Villatoro, Creighton Sloan, Mark Palardy, *Mercy Ministries***

Pray...for our ministry to young adults and their leaders; for our families to be strong; for a unity in purpose and an openness to ministry to all those God puts on our hearts; for our nation to turn to God and honor Him. Pray for Haiti.

**Monday, December 25** • Isaiah 52:9 • **CDS Principals, Steven Estrada, Ken Dabbs, Larry Crouch, *John Johnston, Trail Life***

Pray...that God would use you for His glory; for strength to do all He asks; for a heart for the lost; for kindness to all; for the faith to believe and attempt the impossible; for those who mourn.

**Tuesday, December 26** • Micah 6:4 • **Will Parman, Patty Parman, Gatha Schleicher, Paul Joyce, Rob Veerman, *Jason Poston***

Pray...that you would cling to Jesus today; for deeper love within your family; for community to flourish; for more committed small group leaders. Pray for those without jobs.

**Wednesday, December 27** • Zechariah 10:8 • **Rose Hiscott, Steve Whitesel, Asher Pope, Timothy Roberts, Rudy Doejaaren,**

Pray...that you would be generous with your time; that Christ will be glorified in every type of worship and in every congregation in our nation. Pray for all those in military danger zones.

**Thursday, December 28** • Luke 1:68 • **Dave Baxter, Flynt Jones, Joe Milito, Joseph Foucachon, Michael Hutchinson, Pamela Mullins, Mark Kovach, B.J. Thomas, *Shepherdess Ministry***

Pray...that you would worship every day; for those who are grieving this month; for revival, personal and congregational; for our toddlers; for our shepherds. Pray for our care of others.

**Friday, December 29** • Luke 24:20-22 • **Presbytery Pastors, Brett Hodge, Steve Smith, Saida Bragagnolo, *Marriage Ministry***

Pray...that we would love our neighbors; for kindness toward the needy; for God's hand on the life of our congregation; for believers in Muslim countries.

**Saturday, December 30** • Galatians 3:13 • **Amy Wallace, Matthew Cuthbertson, *Carlton Whitman, Ken Compton, Web Ministry***

Pray... for our small groups to grow spiritually and deepen in care for each member; for our nation to know God. Pray for Kenya and the spread of Christianity there.

**Sunday December 31**• Hebrews 9:15 • **Jay Lynch, Our Consulting Specialists, Our Elders Emeriti, Seminary Students, *Our Church Plants around the world, Kendal Ministry***

Pray... for our shepherding initiative and our officers as they lead this ministry to our members; for spiritual growth; for spiritual awakening in the US; for those who rule in government.

**Pray for Our Supported Partners**

**Church Planters**

December 3                      **Milas and Ashley Shepherd  
Fairfield, Connecticut**

December 10                   **Amjad and Sarah  
Restricted Area**

December 17                   **Tom and Sharlene Muir  
Midlothian, Scotland**

December 24                   **Jose’ and Anna Portillo  
Charlotte, North Carolina**

December 31                   **Jonathan and Vanessa Saunders  
Detroit, Michigan**

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*“We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem. We receive his poured-out life and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others.”*

*Elisabeth Elliot*

**Personal Prayer Reminders**

- **Pray for people who are dealing with depression and other emotional or spiritual challenges.**
- **Pray for struggling marriages and children in rebellion.**
- **Pray for people seeking jobs or facing business setbacks.**
- **Pray for those grieving the loss of family members or close friends.**
- **Pray for those who suffer with chronic pain.**
- **Pray for those who are ill.**
- **Pray for those in harm’s way.**
- **Pray for our military.**
- **Pray for safety on our campus.**

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**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER**

**I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.  
I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant power I'll tell:  
how the victory he gives me  
over sin and death and hell**

**I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his heavenly love for me;  
he from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

*Philip P. Bliss  
1 Chronicles 16:9*