

Sunday - Our Families, Congregation and Community

This is the best time of year to catch up with neighbors on your block. Be ready with the next invitation before the crowd starts home. You'll be surprised at the speed at which strangers become friends.

Monday – Supported Worker of the Week - Elisabeth Herrin Serving with Out of the Ashes Foundation in Charlotte, NC

Pray for Out of the Ashes Foundation, an organization that seeks to empower the community to compassionately embrace those who are grieving the loss of a pregnancy, infant, or fertility with the love of Christ as a foundation for healing. Praise the Lord that Elisabeth's leg is healing, and she is now able to drive! Pray for the Annual 5K & Remembrance Race that occurs in October, as this is the ministry's largest event. Pray that they will be able to recruit the volunteers needed for this event. Pray for the Lord to provide wisdom and clarity for all of the logistics and details. Continue to pray for the many families who are either experiencing the loss of a child for the first time, or those who are further in their grief journey and who feel unseen. Pray for comfort. Pray for newly bereaved families to feel supported by friends, family, and Out of the Ashes Foundation as they navigate an extremely difficult time.

Tuesday – Our Essential Workers and First Responders

The experts are predicting a very hot, very wet summer. This is our reminder that our area attracts grandparents who may find the climate hard to adjust to. Help your local first responders by making note of the people using canes or walkers who would be thankful for help with a bag of groceries. The first responders would be just as appreciative if we got in the habit of thanking them for their volunteer hours and their bravery on emergency calls. We are blessed by their generous gift of time.

Wednesday – Our Elected Leaders and Public Officials

Earlier this summer our country had a shocking reminder of what we mean when we refer to unpaid elected officials as public servants. An angry citizen murdered a legislator and her husband over a difference of opinion. Sadly, this kind of tragedy is becoming more common. Pray this week for the safety of our public servants. Pray for leaders we know personally who are willing to sacrifice for the good of our towns and cities. Pray we would show honor to whom honor is due and encourage godly people to seriously consider public service.

Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger

Last year, India, the largest country in the world was being quiet about its plans for the peaceful co-existence of the major religions within its borders. Now, the head of the country's government and its religion have now been given a free hand to drive out any faith that is not Hindu. As unpopular as that might have been, the new aggression is being carried out with brutality and speed to "cleanse" India before moving on to its enemy, Pakistan. Pray for the Christian believers in India. Pray for faithful preachers and teachers. Pray for courage and wisdom. Pray that God's glory will overcome evil of every kind.

Unreached People Group – Shabak in Iraq: Pray for the Shabak people (pronounced, "shah-BAHK") who number around 253,000. They are a Muslim ethnic group living on the Nineveh Plains in Iraq, working primarily on farms. Many of their people were driven away from the lands in 2014 when ISIS invaded their territory, and they did not return until 2016-2018. When the Shabak people did return to their lands, they found them demolished. They are still in the midst of trying to rebuild their lives. Pray for the Shabak people. Pray that the Lord will use their challenging circumstances to drive them towards seeking truth only found in the gospel. Pray for Bible translators to begin work within the Shabak language, that these unreached people may read God's Word in their own language. Pray for Christian believers in Iraq to have opportunities to share the love of Christ with the Shabak people.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners: Pray for the **Afghan Refugee Mission Team**, a ministry of Christ Covenant that ministers to our Afghan Refugee neighbors by caring for their needs. Pray for the Lord to provide summer readers for children in the afternoon to help prepare them for school in the fall. Pray for wisdom as the team transitions from sponsoring a family to becoming relationally focused as they go forward in ministering to this particular family. Pray for Ashley and Daniel, who are assisting the team, that they can find a church home close to where they live and that their ministry to Afghans would flourish. Pray for a family who is still waiting on their EBT cards, which are needed so they can purchase food. The family has five children, so the funding is needed soon. Pray for the tutoring program and pray for wisdom as to how to best tutor the

children. Pray for provision for the new family who needs several items such as toiletries, laundry detergent, and more. Pray that gift cards can be provided to fill these many needs.

Saturday - Our Servant Leaders

Local Presbytery and Our Church:

East Charlotte Presbyterian – Charlotte, NC – Pastor Tyler Dirks

Pray this week for God's sovereign rule over our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), its individual congregations across our nation and throughout the Americas, and its ministries around the world. Pray for the lives of our leaders and our members to be recognized by their desire to grow more like Christ as they grow in spiritual knowledge and love for our Savior. Pray that the PCA will be blessed by its diligence as evangelists and teachers and caring neighbors with growing congregations and fruitful ministries. Pray that we would see young people respond to God's call to vocational service. Pray that we would see our own children grow in faith and commit their lives to raising a new generation of believers to continue in ministry until the gospel is shared everywhere and Christ returns in glory.

Your pastors and staff are praying for you! Send your confidential prayer requests to prayer@christcovenant.org.