

The Watchman

Prayer Guide

Welcome to The Watchman, a place where staff members can share their prayer needs and ministry news. May it remind us of Paul's advice to, "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints." Eph. 6:18 HCSB



Steve Holt
Transitional Pastor

Thank you for your prayers, Belle Aire family! March was a month where Donna and I saw many prayers answered in our lives. God continues to bless us in ways that humble and amaze us. He is so good! Personally, I am so grateful to be a part of what God is doing in the life of Belle Aire Baptist Church. I look forward to each of our gatherings with the anticipation of another demonstration of His Manifest Presence. I continue to pray for a season of renewal, restoration, and reconciliation for our church family. I am asking for personal and corporate healing, the mending of broken relationships, and the creation of new relationships beyond our current church family.

As you pray for my family, here are some specific things to ask of the Lord:

- Life and work balance for me as I continue to negotiate my responsibilities as husband, father, pastor, and as Church Services Director of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.
- Pray for the Lord's watchcare as Donna and I travel to Germany on a Partnership Missions Vision Trip from April 12 to 21. Ask that He will also help us discover ways to connect Tennessee churches with needs in that country.
- Wisdom for Donna and myself as we "parent" adult children.
- Leadership wisdom and discernment for me as your Transitional Pastor.



Adam Davis
Associate Pastor

As we enter the fourth month of 2018, we must persevere in praying for one another and our church. Pray that God would receive all glory for everything we do.

We will be hosting Secret Church on Friday, April 20, from 6:00pm-midnight. This is one of the greatest spiritual highlights for me and others each year. Secret Church is a live simulcast with David Platt. We will be studying *Cults & Counterfeit Gospels* while also praying for churches all around the world as they meet in secret due to religious persecution. Pray that God would use this to encourage us to support persecuted churches all around the world. I strongly encourage you to be a part of Secret Church this year!!!

Be praying for the Nominating Committee as they have been commissioned by the church to put together a transition team. Pray that they would seek the face of God, that He would grant them wisdom, and they are obedient to the Spirit's leading! Also, pray now for those that will serve on the transition team.

Pray for all our teachers as they prepare and teach others biblical truth each week. Pray that God would empower the teachers to help students grow and mature in their knowledge and understanding of the Lord.

Personal Requests

Pray for me as I will be attending the *Together for the Gospel* conference in Louisville, KY. Pray that God would use this conference to strengthen my passion for the Gospel and my work here at Belle Aire. On the backend of this conference, I will be meeting up with Melanie in Cincinnati for a homeschool conference. Pray for safe travel and that we would be encouraged in our endeavor to teach our children.



David Wight
Administrator

I'll be interviewing several candidates for the financial secretary position this month so please be in prayer for discernment and wisdom in selecting the best candidate. Also, you can pray for time management as I will need to train the new financial secretary as well as perform my other administrative duties.

Continue to pray for the church finances. We are currently (as of April 3) roughly \$32,000 under budget, but there have been signs of increased giving. Pray that things will continue in a positive direction so that we can begin making plans to meet our current and future ministry and staffing needs.

Continue to pray for the safety of our members and guests wherever we gather for worship, ministry or fellowship. Pray for the Safety Team--that they will be alert to all dangers and wise in their responses.

Pray for me using the following scripture: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." (Gal 6:9)

Remember to pray for Nancy's dad, Arthur--for his safety and salvation. His physical and mental health continue to decline. We have arranged for him to begin receiving some in-house nursing care.

Thanks.

Dear Watchman,

We will begin recruiting for VBS on Sunday. This unique outreach to our community truly requires the entire church body to contribute. Please pray about how God would have you serve. We work hard as directors to make it easy to walk in and be the hands and feet of Christ to children, and impact their lives and their families for eternity.

Our Weekday preschool is preparing for and having their Spring Art Show/Program on Tuesday April 24. Our church will be filled with families from our community and what a great time for them to see what the preschoolers have learned about God this year.

Thank you for your faithful prayers,

Kelly Jackson



Kelly Jackson
Preschool Minister



Terry Chitwood
Senior Adult Coordinator

Greetings,

What a blessed day we had in worship on Easter Sunday! I pray that the Risen Savior was glorified in all that we did and that lives will continue to be changed by the power of the Gospel!

As I look around and see the beauty of spring, I'm reminded of renewal, new growth, and expectancy in watching everything "spring " into life. It paints a beautiful portrait of what I believe God is wanting to do here at Belle Aire. It is a new season! I pray that each of us will take a deep breath and take in the aroma of what the Holy Spirit is doing. We must invest our energy in cultivating new growth and watching it blossom into something beautiful. As you pray, pray that God will use my ministry to perpetuate that new growth. Pray for all our senior adults, that we can be inspiring to younger generations. I pray that we will take time to mentor those younger than us, all the while continuing to grow ourselves, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the music ministry, that we will lead each week in worshipping the Risen Savior and proclaiming His Name to all generations!

Your prayers have been so appreciated, as you have prayed for my family and some of the sickness that has plagued my grandchildren this winter. As of this writing, all are doing well and healthy! Praise God!

Pray for Donita and I as we set the example for our children and grandchildren. May they see Christ in us and His love being exemplified in our everyday life.

Bless you, Belle Aire. Keep on praying! Jesus hears them all!!

In Christ,

Terry

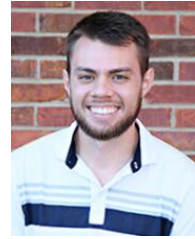


Jared Gregory
Minister of Youth

Ministry Requests

- Thanks for all your prayers during the Dominican Republic Mission Trip. We had a great week and met a lot of great new friends, prayed with a lot of families in a lot of homes, did a lot of manual labor, spent time with a lot of children, and were able to share quite a few personal testimonies. You would be proud of your teenagers!
- The next few things on the radar for us are Senior Recognition on May 6th and planning for our summer mission trips.
- Please pray for our seniors, as they have only a few weeks of high school left and the "senioritis" has set in now that Spring Break is over. Pray they finish well, and don't neglect the opportunities they still have to make an impact in their schools.
- Pray for the planning stages of the summer mission trips. It takes a lot of work in the months before you go to make sure you have all the bases covered.

God Bless,
Jared Gregory



Derek Ervin
Interim Children's Minister

Watchman,

Happy April! I hope you all have had a great Easter! I know we enjoyed spending time with family and hunting eggs at the zoo (with what seemed like the rest of Nashville). April, in the Children's ministry, brings the final days of Bible Drill, final preparations for Children's choir programs, and planning for VBS and Centrikid camp this summer. It is a season of endings and beginnings, and hopefully some warm weather! Thank you for your prayers this month.

Ministry Requests

- VBS recruiting starts April 8. Please pray for a strong group of volunteers who are committed to helping kids learn who Jesus is and what He has done for His people.
- The next On Ramp class also starts April 8. Pray for the kids in the class who are starting their walk with Christ. Pray that they will continue to grow in their faith and begin to share that faith with others.
- Bible Drill is wrapping up this month. Pray that the kids in Bible Drill will remember what they have learned and store it in their hearts once Bible Drill is done for the year.
- Pray for the Children's choir as they sing on April 8 and again on May 20. Pray for Jill Hall and the other leaders to help prepare the kids to lead in worship.
- Pray for the Kidsmin team as we begin to look ahead to next year and for the investors God already has planned for us in the future.

Personal Requests

- Pray for Allie and I as we see new behaviors in Liam that come with being two. Pray for wisdom and patience in parenting.
- Pray also for us as we continue to learn what it's like to parent a teenager. We have seen that it is vastly different than parenting a two-year-old. Pray for the God's grace to be present in our household.
- Pray that Allie and I can adjust to the schedule of two kids in the house so that we can still find time to spend together.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

Derek Ervin

Jason Taylor
Communications Director



Ministry Requests

- Pray that for the Lord to bring volunteers who have a desire to serve on the Communications Team.
- Pray that God will use the people of Belle Aire to be a light for Him in this community.
- Continue to pray for the Communications Team and their families. We have a great team of employees and volunteers who help keep the media and publicity running as best as we can. I am thankful for each of them.
- Pray for Steve Holt and his family as he ministers to this church body.
- Pray for the city of Murfreesboro, that many will come to know Jesus Christ.

Personal Requests

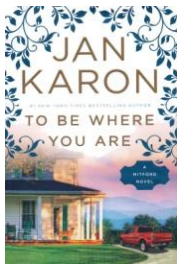
- Pray for my wife Christie. She keeps so many things running smoothly. God has blessed her richly with a heart that is devoted to Him and caring for her family.
- Pray for my son, Jacob. He turns 16 on the 4th of this month. Pray for him to keep God at the center of his life. Pray for him to make decisions that bring honor God. I am very excited about what God has already done in his life. Pray also for safety as he begins driving on his own.
- Pray for my precious girl, Laura Rose. She is growing faster than her dad's heart wants. She has a love for animals, creativity and God's Word. Pray that she never loses that.
- Pray for me to finish seminary well. It is hard work but very rewarding
Thank you, Belle Aire family.

Now to Him who can do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

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The Media Library

Come check out the fine collection of books,
DVDs, and study materials.
Located in front foyer, across from the Church Office.



Sunday morning
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.
10:15-10:25 a.m.

Wednesday night
6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Featured author:

Jan Karon is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of fourteen novels in the Mitford series, featuring Episcopal priest Father Tim Kavanagh. She has authored twelve other books, including *Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook and Kitchen Reader*, and several titles for children. Jan lives in Virginia near the World Heritage site of Jefferson's Monticello.

We have all the books in this series, and I love and would highly recommend all of them! A brief description of the series is: In the small town of Mitford, the residents are like family to one another, interwoven with Father Tim and his special way of bringing family, friends and neighbors a little closer to God.

Karen Moser, Librarian

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