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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

As always, thank you Belle Aire family for your continued prayers, encouraging words, and your faithful support as Donna and I serve you during this season of your history. We consider it an honor and a blessing to be able to be a part of this great fellowship.

I would ask that all of us pray that the Lord would open the windows of Heaven and pour out showers of revival blessings on His people. We are in the midst of our **Fresh Encounter** emphasis and I believe this is a critical time in the life of our church. I believe God is ready to do a work among us if we will be obedient to His Word and seek Him with all our hearts. As we become desperate for Him, He will cleanse our sins, fill us with His Spirit, and lead us to great days of fruitfulness and effectiveness. Let's not miss it!

Pray that I will be able to stay pure, focused, and humble before Him. I am very aware of the limitations of my humanity and my tendency to lose sight of His purposes for my life. I am also keenly aware of how important my personal walk with God is to our church at this time. I know Satan would love to see me fall.

Pray for the Youth and Children Minister search teams as they seek God's chosen leaders for those ministries. I believe each will have someone to present to us soon.

We have much for which to be thankful and much for which to be in prayer. Keep on praying! The best is yet to come!

Pastor Steve



Adam Davis
Associate Pastor

Thank you for your constant prayers for me, my family, and the ministry here at Belle Aire. I am truly blessed to be lifted up in prayer on a daily basis.

August is a great month in the life of our church. It is the start of a new year in our Bible Study groups for all ages. Pray for our preschoolers, children, and youth as they promote into new classes this month. Pray for Kelly, Derek, and myself as we search for new teachers in our respective areas. Pray that many church members will step forward with a strong desire to teach the word of God and care for their learners.

Please pray as we walk through Fresh Encounter together as a church body. Pray that God would do his work in and through our church and help us become more like him. Pray for our church's unity and our witness to those in Murfreesboro.

The fall semester of Equip Classes begins this month. Pray for all those that are teaching classes. Pray for the preparation and application of their lessons. Pray that their people will learn and grow closer to Christ.

Continue to pray for several teams working on behalf of our church. The Transition Team is working hard. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the decisions they need to make. Continue to pray for our youth search committee and our children's search committee. We are seeing God at work in leading us to his candidates for these positions. Pray that they, too, have wisdom and discernment in whom they choose to serve on behalf of our church.

Pray for our college ministry as we make final preparations for the fall semester at MTSU. We-Haul is scheduled for August 24-25. Our goal is to have 125 volunteers help serve by either moving people into their dorm rooms or serving food at the tent. We will prayer walk the MTSU campus on August 19. Pray that God does a tremendous work in our college ministry through our efforts in reaching people for Christ.

Personal Requests

Things are crazy busy right now. Organizing and preparing for the **Fresh Encounter** study, working with 2 search committees, We-Haul, youth ministry activities, and simply other day-to-day necessities have been rather overwhelming. Pray for me as I know this season will soon come to an end.

Pray for our family. Homeschool starts up again and that takes a lot of work and planning on Melanie's end. Pray that she has clarity of mind and time to prepare for a successful new school year. Pray that we would continue to parent our kids in such a way that reflects Christ's love and discipline.



David Wight
Administrator

Watchman,

This month I ask you pray for me using 1 Chronicles 16:8-12:

Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually. Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth . . .

Also, please pray for Patty McClatchey, who will become the church financial secretary sometime this month. There's a lot to learn (and she has me as a boss). I'm looking forward to changing my focus back to my primary duties as church administrator.

Pray for increased giving (we are currently \$158,000 under budget) and for continued safety as we gather together each week.

On a personal note, please pray for my wife Nancy who is having difficulty sleeping--mostly due to chronic pain issues. My grandson Matthew, who has Down syndrome, seems to be doing well. (Thanks for your prayers.) Pray that his cognitive delays will be mild and that he will have no serious health issues. And, of course, remember to pray for Arthur's salvation.

David Wight



Kelly Jackson
Preschool Minister

Dear Watchman,

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for the start of the new Bible study year and the investors we still need to minister to our preschoolers on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We look forward to a great year. Pray for our weekday preschool teachers as they prepare to start at the end of the month.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in laboring in prayer,

Kelly Jackson



Terry Chitwood
Senior Adult Coordinator

Good Morning Belle Aire,

Summer is almost over but the dog days are still upon us. Blessed are those who are able to stay cool!!

We are preparing to enter into **Fresh Encounters** as a church and I for one am ready to feel the breeze of God's Holy Spirit upon my life!! It is not by chance that we are entering into a season of self examination and renewal, both as individuals and as a church. The move of the Spirit will depend on our submission to and following God's will for our lives. Pray for Donita and I that we will be revived in these days as well as our church. God has a plan and a purpose for Belle Aire! He's not finished with us yet!

The senior adults had a thoughtful time of reflection and planning this month as we seek to be exactly where God wants our senior ministry to go. Pray that I will be the spiritual leader of our "little flock" in the coming days.

My family is well and the baby is recovering nicely from his surgery. Thank you for lifting us up in these days!!

Terry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers for this ministry. Here are some ways you can pray for this ministry during the month of August:

We are currently working on gathering our teachers for our Youth Bible Study Groups (Sunday Mornings) and our small groups (Sunday Nights). Several have stepped down from teaching and we need to find replacements. We also need some families to open up their homes for small groups to meet.

We are working hard in planning out the 2018 fall and early winter of 2019 schedule. All these details need to be completed before our Youth Parent Day scheduled for August 12. There are lots of moving parts and unknowns that we are trying to work through at this time.

Our Back to School Bash is also in its planning stage and we are excited about this fun night on August 8. Pray that this event goes well. Pray that students will be bold and invite others to come to this fun night. Pray for Adam, Casey, and Emily as we work out these final details.



Derek Ervin

Interim Children's Minister

Hello Watchmen,

Summer is over! In some moments you may hear me say "finally over" and in others you may hear "already over," but the reality is that we have entered the back to school season. It has been an amazing summer in the children's ministry! I am so thankful for the blessing of a great VBS, Centrikid camp, new families joining the children's ministry, and new names written in the book of life! We serve an awesome God! As you pray this month, please ask God to continue to work through the teaching of His Word in the children's ministry. Thank you for your prayers!

Ministry Requests

Pray for the new and returning investors in the children's ministry. I am so thankful for those who are committing to serve the Lord through investing in the lives of children! Ask God to make Himself known and draw children to Him through the regular activities in the ministry (Kid's Worship, Bible study, Bible Drill, Choir, Wed night small groups).

Pray for the kids and teachers as they start school. Pray for patience and self-control for everyone as they adjust to the changes that comes with a new school year.

Pray for the Hope Center ministry. Every year brings a new group of children to the Hope Center, and all of them (just like all of us) need the gospel. Ask for God to work through that ministry and the people involved so that families will be changed by the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Personal Requests

Allie and I are re-opening our home for new foster placements after taking the summer off. We have used this time to try and draw closer as a family and prepare ourselves for whatever lies ahead. Please pray for God to increase our faith in Him.

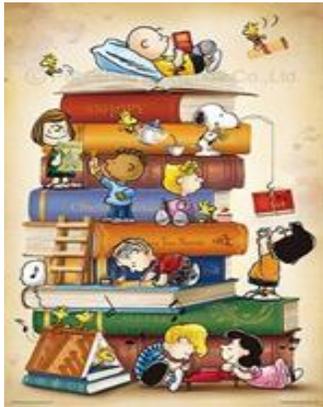
Our anniversary is this month (5 years). We are just thankful for all that God has done and are praying for many more years together! Also, thank you for those of you who prayed for Liam's potty training. Progress is being made!

Derek Ervin

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

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