



belle aire
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Watchman

Prayer Guide

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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

November was another "action-packed" month for the Holt family. I was on the road quite a bit with work and Donna stayed busy with her job and helping our boys. Jordan continues to heal from his fall. He is now in physical therapy but is able to stay at his house. Ethan and his fiancée, Kristin, are staying busy planning this month's wedding. That means lots of activity and wedding planning around our house. Finally, Andrew and his wife Sarah continue to prepare for the arrival of our granddaughter in February. So, as you pray for me and the rest of my family, please ask the Father for:

- Life/Work balance for me. I need to stay focused on the Lord and be sensitive to His leadership in all areas of my life. I am hoping for a little bit of down time this month, so pray that I will use it wisely.
- Donna is very busy with work, holiday planning, wedding planning, and getting ready for our granddaughter's arrival in February. Pray that she will be able to manage all the demands placed on her.
- Pray for Jordan's continued healing. He should be able to use his arm in a few weeks.
- Ask the Lord to be with Ethan and Kristin as they start their lives as a married couple.
- Pray for Sarah and our granddaughter's health as we get ready to welcome her arrival.

Thank you for all the prayers and encouragement over the last year. I appreciate my Belle Aire family more than you know.

Pastor Steve



Adam Davis
Associate Pastor

As we enter the last month of 2018, I want to thank you for all your prayers and support for me and my family. We are deeply humbled and encouraged to know that you have been faithful in lifting us up in prayer. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. Here are some ways you can pray during the month of December.

Pray for me as I put together the EQUIP classes that will begin in January. Pray that God will provide the teachers and will make the studies needed for our church clearly evident. Pray for our current EQUIP classes as they come to an end. Pray they finish strongly!

Our church has a lot of spinning plates right now and each one is important and vital. Therefore, we need your prayers. Our Transition Team continues to work hard towards the Mission, Values, and Vision for BABC. The Deacons are putting forth a Pastor Search Committee that we will vote on as a church body on Dec. 16. We will have a Church Family Gathering on Sunday night, Dec. 2, to hear from the Transition Team. We will have a business meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19, to vote on our 2019 Church Budget and approve those that have been nominated to serve on our standing committees. We also have our Christmas Eve service with the Lord's Supper at 4:00.

Personal Requests

Just like many of you, December can be a blur with all the special engagements, shopping, and family events. Pray that we would stay focused on what's important. Pray that homeschool and Isaiah's schooling at Lascassas would continue to improve. Pray for Melanie and me as we try to live out the gospel in our home.

Adam

Watchman,

David Wight
Administrator



This month, I will be working with the ADP implementation team to prepare for the transition to their payroll and HR services. Pray for a smooth transition.

Pray for Nancy's dad (Arthur). He is trying to recover from a severe stroke. At age 92 with dementia, that will be a major challenge. Pray for Nancy. There is some second-guessing as to what could have been done to prevent the stroke. She will also be in Costa Rica for two weeks this month. It will be hard for her to be away from her dad. Pray for Arthur's salvation.

David



Kelly Jackson
Preschool Director

Dear Watchman,

As we enter this Christmas season, please pray for our families as they seek to help their children focus on the true meaning of our celebrations this season, the birth of our Savior!

We will have our Happy Birthday Jesus celebration on Sunday morning, December 16. We have our Weekday Preschool Christmas program on Tuesday, December 18. We will have close to 400 people here to see and hear our weekday preschoolers sing about our Savior, Jesus. Pray for hearts to be open to the Good News!

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer,

Kelly



Terry Chitwood
Senior Adult Coordinator

Greetings to you all,

I pray that the days have been good to you all this last month. Can you believe that Christmas is very, very close?

As we pray this month, our greatest prayer need is for our pastor search and the committee that will be tasked to do the research and prayerful consideration for God' s man at Belle Aire. The greatest joy I have right now is that God already knows and even now is preparing the heart of our next pastor. But God expects us to all do our part by praying, earnestly, for His will.

A new year means countless new opportunities to reach our community for Christ! May we be faithful!

On a personal note, we will be moving the end of January to a different house. We will still be leasing but pray for us to find the right home. Seriously, I'm too old for all this moving stuff! Rent is ridiculous here in Murfreesboro. Please lift us up!

I thank God for you all, my brothers and sisters here at Belle Aire!! We love you very much!

Terry



Derek Ervin
Children's Minister



Dear Watchman,

Thank you for your constant prayer on behalf of my family and the children's ministry. It's really easy to forget that there are people out there constantly lifting us up before the Lord, but this newsletter is another reminder that there are more people than I realize running this race with us. It reminds me of when God met Elijah on the mountain and reminded him that he is not alone in his "jealousy for the Lord" and there are many others who he has not seen who are faithfully standing with God. Thank you for your faithfulness! I am looking forward to a great December.

Ministry Requests

- Pray for a great month of advent for all of the families. This is such a special time of year as we remember the love of God made known through the coming of Jesus, God the Son. Pray that the kids grasp the importance of celebrating the coming of the Savior.
- We will have a Hope Center Christmas party on December 8. Pray that we have a good time celebrating the Christmas season with the kids and their families.
- The kids will be singing a song with the adult choir on Sunday Dec. 9. Pray that they will enjoy leading the congregation in worship and will themselves worship as they learn their song.
- We will also have a Kids Serve day on December 9. Pray that the kids will continue to see the value in serving others and will see opportunities to love the people around them.
- Pray for the 2019 planning that we are doing as a staff. This is an important time for not just the kids' ministry, but all the ministries as we look to the Lord for vision.

Personal Requests

- Allie and I have recently had the opportunity to foster a sweet 4-year-old girl. Pray for us as we continue to adjust to having two kids and as we help her learn English (Spanish is her native language).
- Pray for Allie as she is currently recovering from being sick.

Thank you for your prayers! Merry Christmas!

Derek

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