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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

I am so thankful the Lord has brought us together and I am humbled to be your Transitional Pastor. I look forward to the next few months as we seek the Lord's leadership for today and His vision for our future. Join me in asking God to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

- Ask the Lord to add to His church and pray for boldness to share with the unchurched.
- Pray for clarity and direction for the leadership of the church.
- Pray that the ministry and support staff will continue to be united and effective as we do the work God has called us to do.
- Pray that God will bring Belle Aire to a greater sense of unity, purpose, and mission than we have ever known before.
- Let's also pray for a season of spiritual awakening and revival in Murfreesboro, our state, nation, and the world.



Adam Davis
Associate Pastor

Thank you for your continued prayers for Belle Aire, the leadership, and my family. I am blessed to be at a church where I know people are praying for me and the ministry here at Belle Aire.

The winter session of Equip classes are in full swing. Pray that these classes will help believers to mature

in their relationship with God and the Kingdom of God will expand here in Murfreesboro. Please pray for the teachers as they prepare to teach God's Word each week.

We will celebrate baptism on Feb. 25. Pray for those who will be baptized. Pray this will be a special day they will always remember. Pray that they will continue to grow in their relationship to God.

Continue to pray for our Interim Pastor, Steve Holt. Pray for him as he continues to transition into his new position, gets to know our church, and helps lead us forward.

Personal Requests

Continue to pray for us as a family. Homeschooling continues to be an ongoing prayer request. We have good days and some not-so-good days. Pray for wisdom and patience as Melanie does the bulk of the homeschooling with the children. Pray for Melanie and me as we want to be Godly parents. Pray that we would be proactive and not allow laziness to take hold in raising our children to love God, love family, and love others.



David Wight
Administrator

My plan to move forward with outsourcing our HR functions has been postponed until 2019. (I was not pleased with the responsiveness of the company I had selected.) Instead, I will be looking for a part-time financial secretary. Since this is such a critical position, I covet your prayers during the search and selection process. It would be nice to find someone who has previous experience in church finances and is familiar with our accounting software.

We continue to fall short of our budget goal, so pray for consistent and generous giving. After 3 offerings in 2018, our giving year-to-date is already \$18,000 under budget.

As always, pray for safety and security—both here on campus and wherever we meet as a church body.

Please pray for Nancy's dad (Arthur, 91 yrs old)—for safety when he is by himself and for his salvation.

David Wight



Kelly Jackson
Preschool Minister

Dear Watchman,

Thank you for your continued prayers for your preschool ministry. Pray for these families as they dedicate themselves to raising their children according to God's Word during our February 8 service:

Liam Luna, parents Derek and Allie Ervin; *Judah Gregory*, parents Jared and Julie; *Walker Henderson*, parents Wes and Heather; *Caleb Schooley*, parents Ben and Jill; *Leena Tedder*, parents Jay and Abby; and *Landry Travis*, parents Danny and Brooke.

A few of the VBS directors were able to attend a preview event and get started in VBS planning. We are excited about this year and ask you to be praying how God would have you serve. It truly takes our church body working together to make this week possible. Be praying now for the children who will attend June 11-15 and the families they represent.

The Backyard Preschool will have a special celebration on February 11, celebrating "Jesus Loves Me".

Thank you for your prayers for our family. We are looking forward to some family birthday celebrations this month and a few days with my family in Alabama.

Know that you and your family are being prayed for as well.

Kelly Jackson

Ministry Requests

- Pray for Jody Webster, JaCarey Hamer, Andrew Todd, Stephen Platea, and our newest team member, Garri George, as they serve God in this ministry.
- Pray for the volunteers that give their time and their talents to serve.
- Pray for Steve Holt and his family.
- Pray for the city of Murfreesboro, that many will come to know Jesus Christ.



Jason Taylor
Communications
Director

Personal Requests

- Christie's aunt, Ann Delaughter, passed away last month. Pray for comfort for the family.
- This month I start back at The Southern Baptist Seminary, so pray that I will be able to balance being a husband, father, and student.
- Pray that my family and I will put Christ first in everything we do.

Now to Him who is able to 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

Terry Chitwood
Senior Adult Coordinator



Greetings,

The first month of the year has flown by and February is near. It reminds me that time doesn't slow down for anyone and we all have so much to do in the Kingdom, that we don't have a moment to waste! That would be my first prayer request this month. I desire to make every moment count for His glory.

We had our first senior adult dinner on Friday night and we had a great crowd. Around 80 enjoyed a wonderful meal and joined with Gentry Wheat in worshipping the Lord through music. As I pray about our programs, dinners, and trips in the days to come, I need you, the church, to pray that the needs of our seniors will be met through senior adult ministry and that I, as leader, will be a blessing to my little flock. We have had several deaths in our ranks over the last few months and I need you to pray with me how to best minister to these families.

The music ministry is moving along very well. God is adding to our ranks weekly! As you pray, ask God to fill me with wisdom in song selection and that I will be more than a teacher of music, but a friend to my people. I know they trust me to make clear, God-led choices and I want to be faithful in that task!

Personally, if you would pray for my newest grandson. He is in the middle of a bout of RSV and for a 6-week-old that's pretty tough. His brother, my 3 ½-year-old, will have his tonsils out on February 8. He's had multiple bouts of strep over the last couple of months. Help me pray that this will clear up all these issues.

Thank you for standing in the gap for my ministry, my family, and myself!! God bless each of you!

Terry





Derek Ervin
Interim Children's Minister

Church Family,

It's hard to believe we are 1/12th of the way through 2018! Seriously, January has flown by and as it has gone on things have been getting busier in the Children's Ministry. Thank you for spending some of your time lifting up myself and this ministry to the Lord. I know that God has some big plans for us this month, and I am thankful for people like you who have committed to being a tool in His hand on our behalf!

Ministry Requests

- Pray for 24 Hours 4 Him happening on the 23rd and 24th. I am expecting around 100 children along with many adult and student volunteers! Our theme this year is BELIEVE; we will focus on learning how to think, act, and become more like Jesus.
- Pray for those adult and student volunteers to be ready to spend 24 hours here at the church with their group of children. Pray that God will provide all the peace, patience, wisdom, and grace they need for the weekend. Also, pray for our speaker, Ben Betzler, as he specifically prepares to bring the Word during our worship times.
- Pray for the children who are coming. Pray that the gospel will be the center of the all that we do during the weekend and that the children will come away from the weekend with a deeper understanding of what Jesus has done for them.
- Pray for our new Children's Ministry Assistant, Hannah Martin, as she gets acclimated into the role and begins to work both with the kids and behind the scenes.
- Pray for baptism happening this month on the 25th. Pray that those who are coming forward for baptism will hold on to the excitement of what God has done in their heart and of their new life with Christ.
- Finally, please pray for our week-to-week Investors. This time of year can be hard with sickness and rambunctiousness from being inside. Pray that they receive everything they need in their own life from the God who richly provides.

Personal Requests

- Please continue to pray for my family as we start the official adoption paperwork and process with Liam. We are expecting this final part of the process to be much quicker!
- Please pray for Allie and I as we prepare to lead our small groups for UNITE.
- It may seem small, but please pray that Allie and I can find time to celebrate Valentine's Day together.



Jared Gregory
Youth Minister

Ministry Requests

- First and foremost on the front of our minds is our big event called UNITE on Feb 9-11. We are almost at 150 students, plus an additional 60 or so college leaders and adult host homes, so it's a big weekend for us. We still have a lot of ground to cover in finding transportation for the groups and getting all these students fed at their host homes. Please pray that the rest of the details will fall into place as we wrap up our planning.
- Shortly after UNITE ends, we turn the majority of our attention to the Dominican Republic mission trip. That trip takes place March 23-31, and is always a wonderful experience for everyone involved.
- Please pray that amongst the business of these two events, plus the details of two summer mission trips that must be worked out, that we don't lose sight of the daily and weekly work of ministry. A lot of great things happen here every Sunday morning and Wednesday night, but if we get too focused on the big projects, we miss the daily opportunities.

Personal Requests

- We are still anxiously awaiting the night that Judah will sleep all the way through the night. He has come close a few times, but we're not quite there yet. Pray that comes soon.
- Please pray for my parents, Gerald and Pam, as they continue to deal with the loss of my grandmother and having to place my grandfather in a facility for dementia the week after my grandmother's passing. It all happened so fast and they just simply weren't prepared for all that goes with it.

God Bless,
Jared Gregory

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"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12 ESV"