



MARCH 2019

# *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 grateful for my Belle Aire family!

Donna and I are humbled by your love, encouragement, and continuing prayer support. We have felt those prayers over the last several months as I have served as your Transitional Pastor. February was a busy month with the arrival of our first grandchild, Olive May, on February 10. She is truly a gift from God and we are so happy to have her in our lives. Pray for Andrew and Sarah as they continue learn the "new normal" of parenthood. Pray for our family that we grow even closer to the Lord and each other.

I certainly desire your prayers as I seek God's direction for my leadership of Belle Aire at this critical time. Pray that God would give me wisdom and clarity as I work with the Transition Team, the staff, and other church leaders. Ask the Father to use me in a powerful way in these last few months before your new pastor arrives.

Finally, continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee. They are working hard, seeking the Lord, and gathering information. After March 15, they will begin the process of going through resumes and identifying the candidates that best match the needs of our fellowship. Ultimately, they are seeking to be introduced to the man God has chosen to be your next pastor.

*Pastor Steve*



**Adam Davis**  
Associate Pastor

As always, thank you for your consistent prayers. I am beyond thankful for your intercession. Well, now it is March. Here are some things you can be praying for this month.

The winter session of EQUIP classes will end this month. Pray that God will bless the teaching that is taking place and that our students would grow in their faith. With the end of Winter Semester, that means it's time to get the Spring Semester of EQUIP classes planned out. Pray for me as I am currently putting together those slate of classes. Pray God would provide the teachers we need to teach.

Please continue to pray for our Transition Team as well as our newly established Pastor Search Committee. Pray that both teams would seek the Lord's will and that they will make wise decisions.

### **Personal Requests**

We have had several rounds of sickness in our home (flu, sinus infection, allergies, etc.) Pray we will all get to feeling better quickly. Also, we are currently shopping for a "new to us" car, since mine has died. Pray that we will have wisdom in selecting the best car for our family. I will also be leading a College Leadership Retreat on March 15-17. Pray for safety, good discussion, and a time of fellowship for our college leadership team.

*Adam*





**Terry Chitwood**  
Senior Adult Coordinator



Can you believe it's March? We are one sixth of the way through the year! Wow!

As you pray this month, please lift up our Senior Adult ministry. We hope that more of our seniors will join the activities we are planning for the coming year. I want to be faithful and encouraging, while at the same time offering activities that are meaningful.

On March 15 and 16, our church will be one of the sponsors of UNITE weekend. We have guest speakers and a guest worship leader for three sessions. On Friday night, we will have Dr. Harris Malcom as our speaker. He is a ministry consultant with the Georgia Baptist Convention and was in the movie FIREPROOF. Also speaking is Dr. Charles Carter who served as president of the International Mission Board and as senior pastor at Shades Mountain Baptist in Birmingham.

These services are related to senior adults, but not exclusive to seniors. I believe our whole church would benefit! A flyer will be in Sunday's worship guide.

The choir is preparing music for the Easter season and will sing three songs on Easter Sunday. Pray for our preparation.

My family is well and we are blessed every day! Keep on praying. We need it! Love you all!

*Terry*



*Please pray for  
David and Nancy as they  
celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary in South Africa!*



**David Wight**  
Administrator



**Kelly Jackson**  
Preschool Director

Dear Watchman,

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for your preschool ministry. The month of March is a busy one as we make preparations for VBS, registration opening for the fall for Weekday Preschool, and preparations for celebrating Easter in April.

Many of our families will be traveling for Spring Break at the end of this month. Pray for their safety and great family time. Pray for our Investors who serve so faithfully week in and week out. Pray they will be encouraged in their faithful service to teach preschoolers the Word of God and minister to the families in our church. We are so blessed with many committed Investors who prepare and teach with enthusiasm.

Praying you all have a blessed month of March as we continue to seek the will of God in the work each day brings,

*Kelly*



**Derek Ervin**  
Children's Minister

Dear Watchman,

What a February! We have been praying for God to be faithful and grant powerful weekends for both the kids and the youth, and He definitely came through! UNITE weekend was an amazing weekend of worship and community, both within our church family and in the community at large. It's always great to see so many students worship the Lord, and see the Spirit bring some of the students from death to life.

24 (or as we have been calling it 21.5) Hours For Him was also a wonderful weekend. One moment in particular that was powerful happened on Saturday morning. We were singing "What a Beautiful Name It Is" and it was the loudest I have heard these kids sing. Again, it was just great to see the Spirit move in their hearts. Now that we are moving into March, things are slowing down, but these are opportunities to prepare for ministry to come. Thank you for your continued prayers!

### **Ministry Requests**

- Pray for the seeds of 24 Hours for Him to grow and for hearts to be changed.
- Pray that we don't forget that the Spirit still moves in the normalcy of family and church life. God doesn't need big events to do big things.
- Pray for my planning and preparing. That I will have a clarity that only God can provide through his Word, and faith when things aren't clear.
- Pray for the different times of struggle happening within some of the families in the ministry. Pray for an ever-increasing trust in the goodness of Jesus

### **Personal Requests**

- For some good, quality family time this month as we have missed that in recent weeks.
- Patience and wisdom as Allie and I parent our kids and as I try to lead our family in a way that brings glory to God.

Thank you for your prayers!

*Derek*

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



Thank you so much for your prayers during February. I truly believe they made a difference. I believe the enemy was working hard to minimize the work of the Lord during UNITE weekend, but your prayers stood in the gap. We had students make decisions to follow Christ and others grow closer to God. I am very excited at what God is doing in our student ministry.

Please continue to pray for us this month. We just started a 4-week series on Wednesday nights called, "The Journey." We are looking at the highs and lows of David's life in 1 Samuel and applying the insights gained for our journey today. Pray our students will have open hearts and minds for the Word of God to do its work.

Our youth band and youth choir will be leading the church body in worship on Sunday, March 17. Pray for them as they prepare each week to help lead us in worship. Pray that we as a church body will come that morning with hearts anticipating to meet with the Lord.

We will be taking some students to the Youth Evangelism Conference on March 15-16. Pray that students will learn how to share their faith and be motivated to follow through with action. Pray for safety as they travel back and forth from Murfreesboro to Nashville during those 2 days.

*Adam*

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