



The Watchman

Prayer Guide

MAY 2019

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

It is hard to believe it, but May is here! I continue to be grateful to God for all the blessings that he has brought my way through my Belle Aire family. You are such a source of joy in my life. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouraging words, faithful support, and sacrificial service.

As you pray this month, please continue to lift up our Pastor Search Committee as they enter into a labor-intensive period of identifying potential candidates for our next pastor. Also, remember all our bible study teachers, age group workers, security and greeter ministries, and our wonderful staff members. Ask the Father to bless all the work of our church.

On a personal note, my family and I remain greatly blessed by the Lord. As a new grandfather, I am humbled and amazed by the growth and development of our Olive—what a blessing! I would ask you to pray that the Lord would keep me focused on the work He has for me both here at Belle Aire and my role at the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. I always need to remain grounded in His Word as well. Please pray that this last chapter of my ministry at Belle Aire will be the most fruitful and effective of all.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



Adam Davis
Associate Pastor

Prayer Warriors,

As always, you have been faithful in lifting me up in prayer. I cannot thank you enough for all the intercessional prayers you have prayed for me! Thank you!!!

The spring session of EQUIP classes will end this month, specifically May 22. Pray that God will bless the teaching that is taking place and that our students would grow in their faith. I am hearing a lot of great things from these classes. With the end of the Spring Session upon us, some of you are beginning to think towards the summer. As of now, we will be very limited in the classes we offer during the summer due to the inconsistency of meeting opportunities. Believe it or not, but the Fall Semester is already being worked on. Please pray for me as I plan these classes so we can start off strong when the new school year begins.

Please pray for our Bible Study Group teachers that teach so faithfully on Sunday mornings. These people work very hard in preparation each week. Pray that these teachers will have godly wisdom, clarity, energy, and focus in their time of preparation and actual teaching time.

I will be hosting a New Members Class on Sunday, May 19. Pray for me as I prepare for this class. Pray for those that are seeking to join our church family in membership. Pray that God would match their hearts with ours.

Personal Requests

As some of you might be aware, Belle Aire is being very gracious towards me and my family in granting us a one-month sabbatical (May 29-June 26). I am excited about taking some time away to be with my family and recharge before our new pastor arrives. Please pray for us in our travels and endeavors during this time. Pray for me as I have a lot to do this month in preparation for my absence.

Adam

Good Morning Church Family!

Wow, the beautiful weather is here and I've enjoyed it immensely! As we leave April behind and forge into May, I'm reminded how often we hurry past Easter and on to the next big day, and I feel convicted about forgetting that every day is Resurrection Day! As we pray this month, let's remember to celebrate Jesus' resurrection every day! He is alive! That's worth celebrating!



Terry Chitwood
Senior Adult Coordinator

We will soon begin to scatter as summer takes us here and there, and I desire that we all direct our prayers toward asking God to daily remind us to be faithful. I want the summer to be no different in my life than any other time of the year. I want to remain on point and faithful to my church as much as humanly possible. Join me in that prayer this month!

Our high school Seniors are getting ready to embark on a new journey as they graduate in a couple of weeks. Let's covenant together to lift them up as they start a new chapter in their lives! My family is well and we praise God for our health! Pray that I will be the Godly leader of my family, even as I lead here at Belle Aire!

I love you, my church family. May God bless you daily as we serve Him in His kingdom's work!

Terry



Kelly Jackson
Preschool Director

Dear Watchman,

As we work on preparing for VBS we are still in need of close to 30 Bible Study leaders. Please pray about how God would have you open His word to the kids in our community during this week. If you are only available a couple of days we could still use your help. Please be in prayer for each child we will be ministering to during that week, for the families they represent, and for hearts to be receptive to hearing and responding to the Gospel.

Three of our preschool families will stand before the church on May 12 to dedicate themselves as parents to raising their children according to God's word. We are busy wrapping up a great weekday preschool year. Thank you for faithfully praying this year for this ministry to our community. Plans for the fall are already in the works and many of our classes are already full! Thank you for your faithfulness to pray on behalf of our preschool ministry.

Kelly

David Wight
Administrator



Dear Watchman,

Please pray for the following:

- 1) Fruitful gospel and/or discipleship contacts with my neighbors. Now that Spring is here, they should be out in their yards where it is a bit easier to visit them. We've had some casual conversations, but I really don't know the spiritual condition of three neighbors and I'm not up-to-date on what's happening in the lives of most of them.
- 2) Safety when we gather together for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. Recent news reports remind us that the enemy is active and it is only God's grace that protects us.
- 3) Patty McClatchey, Alyson Busch, and I are still trying to learn the new payroll and HR system from ADP. Pray that we will become much more comfortable with the process and our decision to outsource these tasks.
- 4) Increased giving to the General Fund. As of 4/21 we have a \$79,614 budget shortfall.
- 5) My oldest daughter Laura is getting married May 4th. Please pray for the newlyweds. May they glorify God much more as a couple than they possibly could as individuals.
- 6) Continue to lift up Nancy as she grieves over the death of her father and deals with chronic pain issues.

Thanks!

David

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Derek Ervin
Children's Minister

Watchmen,

May is traditionally a transitional month for everyone around the children's ministry. School events and spring sports are wrapping up, as well as our ministry activities that happen during the school year like Bible Drill and Children's Choir. All the while, summer plans are kicking into gear! VBS sign ups are live and the word is getting out for our new children's day camp! Plus, families are getting ready to adjust to their summer schedules.

All of this makes May busy (it seems that busy is the new norm). So, as always, I thank you for your prayers. I truly believe God uses your prayers of intercession for the children's ministry to provide blessing over the work He does. Here is how you can pray this month!

Ministry Requests

- Pray for all the kids signing up for VBS. Our theme this year focuses on the life of Christ, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to plant seeds in kids' minds that they are in need of a savior because of their sin, and that Savior is Jesus! Ask God to soften hearts in preparation for VBS week.
- We still need about 30 teachers to step up and serve. Pray for God to change the hearts of people who can serve but are holding back for whatever reason.
- Pray for day camp to be successful as well. I believe that this can be used by God to jumpstart a missional mindset in kids as they start school in the fall. Pray that God uses this camp to do just that.
- We currently have an On Ramp class happening with a few boys in the ministry. Pray for God to speak to them through this class and show them what it means to have a saving faith in Jesus.
- Our Children's Choir will have a worship night on May 19. Pray for these kids to enjoy this time of worship and to store in their hearts the songs they are learning.
- Pray for God to bring families in our community to Him. There are going to be opportunities as we go through this month and the summer months to talk to parents about Jesus and invite them to church. Pray that we will be bold in these situations and that God will bring people to Him as we share the gospel.

Personal Requests

- Pray for Allie and I as we parent. It seems like there's something new everyday, and it can be easy to get disheartened at certain behaviors as they come. Pray for patience and wisdom in how we love and discipline.
- Pray for Bethany to continue to improve in her English and her decision-making, and for Liam as he learns to manage his emotions.
- I will be leaving for a trip to Honduras for a few days from June 1-4. Pray for a good trip for the team I am going with and for God to work during those few days, but also pray for my family while I am gone.

Derek

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



God is continuing to bless our youth ministry despite being without a full-time youth minister. Our students are resilient and we have...by far...the best youth workers/parents I have ever been part of in my ministry. God is very good!

May 5 will be our Senior Recognition Sunday. I am excited for our Seniors as they will be experiencing a major milestone in their life. Please pray that these students are honored well. I would encourage you to swing by the theater to see their displays after the service. Be sure to encourage them! Our youth band and choir will be leading the church body in worship that morning and I (Adam) will be preaching from 2 Timothy 3. Pray that God would show up in a powerful way!

I am excited to announce that Ben Betzler will be coming on full-time this summer (starts May 6) as our Youth Summer Intern to assist me in ministering to our students. This could not come at a better time. If you have not heard yet, I will be taking a month sabbatical from May 29-June 26. During my absence, Ben will be leading our students with the assistance of some parents. I know he will do a great job. Please be praying for him as he steps into this role.

Our summer is fully planned for our students. Now, we are working hard on all the details for those planned activities. Pray for us in the planning of those details! We are also working on activities for the 2019-2020 school year. Prayers cannot be requested enough!

Alpha Omega

This ministry needs our prayers...not because it's falling apart, but because I believe God can do a mighty work! If you have not heard, our college ministry is moving forward with our new/old name: AO (Alpha Omega). God did some great things in this ministry in previous years, but I believe he is ready to do more. Here are some specific ways you can pray:

1. We are working hard on finalizing print materials and planning details for the fall semester. Please pray for us to complete these in the confined timeframe we are working with.
2. Pray for our leadership team. We will be replacing one person due to time constraints as well as adding 1-2 more people. Pray these students will be excited about our ministry and encourage others to be a part of it.
3. We will begin working Customs (freshman summer visits to MTSU) on May 16, 23, and 29. This will be a great way to connect with students prior to coming to MTSU in the Fall.
4. We will begin a new college worship on Wednesday nights in the fall. Please pray for all those details (setup, looks, band, etc.)
5. Pray for our We-Haul planning. We ask that you pray for this massive endeavor and that we are able to connect students with our ministry as a result of our efforts.

Adam