

Dear Church Family,

In anticipation of the week ahead, **please join us in praying** for the needs of our church, our community, and our country.

— Please join us in praying for Vital Church Ministries as they conduct interviews with several members of our church family. We are trusting God will grant us wisdom as we hear from you and seek to serve this congregation well.

— We thank God for our teachers and administrators as they seek to reopen schools and deliver meaningful instruction during this time of COVID. Please pray for wisdom, unity, and health as varying approaches are implemented in the lead up to September.

— Let's continue to pray for students as they are preparing to start school in a very unique and perhaps unfamiliar format. May God grant them peace, community, and purpose as they embark on their year of learning.

— We thank God for teaching interpreters who communicate to our deaf students. They are faithful to manage the unusual difficulties of communicating through Zoom sessions in 2-D as opposed to 3-D in the usual class setting of person to person sessions. The stress and pressure this for all involved; teachers, interpreters and students with all the other school changes in this Covid-19 environment makes their jobs nearly impossible. Please pray that compassion, kindness, patience and love will overcome the stresses and pressures of an already difficult job made even more difficult during this time of online teaching

— Please pray for our upcoming High School Summer Blast Retreat, August 27-30. We are specifically asking God to make Himself known to our students as they set aside this time to gather, study, worship, reflect, and commit themselves to living out their true identity for His glory and the good of their generation.

We invite you to pray with us every Wednesday at 9:00am and every Thursday at 7:00pm. Our staff and elders pray specifically during these times and we invite you to join us from wherever you are. You can also join us in praying for the needs of Westwood by going to westwoodbaptist.com, scrolling to the bottom of the page, and clicking "pray". Thank you for your continued faithfulness in serving one another in love, lifting each other up in prayer, and staying connected to our Westwood community.

Blessings,

Your Elder Council