

## Church Prayer List

Prayer is a vital ministry in the life of our church and a key way that we love and support the fellow members of our community. The primary way that we do this is through our Prayer Chain Ministry, facilitated by Carol Esther Belz. Every week she collects requests and organizes them into a prayer list that is put out on Sunday. To submit prayer requests, or to receive the weekly list, please contact Carol at ceb392@mac.com or 828-231-1816.

The prayer chain usually reflects the most pressing needs of that week, so to complement that ministry we have published here in *The Saltshaker* more long-term requests amongst our membership. The items on this list are less detailed and less urgent, but still need prayer. Please set aside this single sheet to put on your fridge or in your Bible as a reminder to pray for our family. If you have an item to add to this list in the future, contact Lannae Graham at the church office: erpchq@gmail.com or 828-253-6578.

### ILLNESS

Joel Belz  
 Norm Bomer  
 Wes Clapp  
 Bonnie Cook  
 Paul & Elizabeth Councilman  
 Anna Dillingham  
 Terry Elniff  
 Linda Eubanks  
 Ellie Gentilini  
 Phyllis Lemley  
 Mike Littlejohn  
 Nancy Markhoff  
 Pat Martin  
 Dave Murray  
 Jack Padgett  
 Mike Quinn  
 Alida VanWeelden  
 T. J. Wallace

### HOMEBOUND

Linda Cheek  
 Ken and Tanya Jackson  
 Bill Porter

### MILITARY

Ben Voigt

### LIVING QUARTERS

Elnathan Barnett

### COVENANT REFORMED MINISTRIES

We depend on the Spirit's power to gather and grow disciples by embracing the Ordinary Means of Grace in our worship, nurture, and witness.

Pray for our WORSHIP - specifically for our services to glorify the triune God with reverence and awe through heart-felt repentance and rejoicing in our great salvation.

Pray for our NURTURE - specifically for the spiritual care and oversight of every member of the church, that they would find comfort in Christ.

Pray for our WITNESS - specifically for humble boldness to step through the doors of evangelism that God has opened for us, that we would be a loving witness to our neighbors, as well as our North Asheville community and the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

### LOCAL MINISTRIES/AGENCIES

Asheville Christian Academy  
 Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry  
 Black Mountain Home for Children  
 Canterbury Classical School  
 Intervarsity Christian Fellowship—Andrea Kaiser, UNC Asheville  
 Life Advocates  
 Mountain Area Pregnancy Center  
 New City Christian School  
 Reformed University Ministry:

- Appalachian State University
- Andrew Shank—Western Carolina University
- Kate Anderson—Intern Western Carolina University

Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy

Western Carolina Rescue Mission

### GLOBAL MISSIONARIES

Ellen Barnett—Mexico  
 Scott Brinkerhoff—South Sudan  
 Michael & Billie Coleman—Puritan Project, Brazil  
 Ron Elkin—AMMI (Ministry to Jews)  
 Marc Hoyle—Bible Centered Ministries  
 Jake & Melissa Hunt—Czech Republic  
 Heidi Meiners—Hungary  
 John & Elizabeth Sexton—Medical Missions  
 Roger & Dianne Smalling—Latin America  
 David & Robin White—Mission to the World Administration

## Session Minute

News and notes from the last few months of Session meetings:

**Parking Lot:** Tom Voigt reports, “You may have noticed that the fill dirt at the rear of the site is almost up to the top of the new manhole installed early on. That means that as soon as the rear and near side retaining walls are complete and the water retention system to collect runoff is installed in the large hole in front, the finish grade will be brought out to Edgewood Dr. Following the finish grade completion comes gravel, emergency phone lines, power for lighting, lighting, paving, striping, and landscaping. The Lord has graciously granted good construction weather thus far, and if that continues we expect to complete the finish grade by the end of November. Everything else can be completed within the next 4-5 weeks (with the exception of the landscaping, which will have to wait until Spring), again, assuming the weather holds. We have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.”

**Session Devotionals:** We begin every meeting with a brief devotional and prayer. In my (Pastor Sean) first two years or so at the church we looked at most of the passages in the Bible on the topic of shepherd leadership so that we might grow to embrace the true nature of our calling. Over the past 18 months have considered the character qualifications for an elder, found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. By studying these character traits we encouraged one another to continue to grow up in Christ and spurred one another on in developing godly character. This fall we concluded those passages and have begun to look at Ephesians 6:10-20. In this passage Paul lays out the spiritual warfare in which every Christian is engaged, and then instructs us on the necessary armor of God to stand against the evil one. While at times our Session meetings feel like nothing more than reviewing minutes and budgets, and praying for the sick and hurting, we realize that to spiritually lead the flock of God is certainly to engage in spiritual warfare, and without the proper armor we are bound to fail.

**New Member Interviews:** We met for two called meetings to interview Emma Tate and Maddy West for communicant membership, and Barry and Elizabeth West to transfer their membership (along with the rest of their children: Zeb, Nolan, and Molly). These meetings are always a joy to hear about how God has been at work in the lives of his children, and the interviews take on a special joy and seriousness when we hear our covenant children make their public confessions of faith.

**Various Ministry Items:** We reviewed and approved a request to put on a Christmas Pageant; we made plans for a leadership training class to be taught in the new year for anyone who might sense a call to serve the church or is interested in basic leadership principles from the Scriptures; we discussed and recommended various budget items to the deacons; and we thanked and commended the deacons for their excellent handling of the parking situation.

## Ministry Highlight

### WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church has a number of ministries that may be unfamiliar to you, or perhaps have fallen off of your regular prayer list. Each of our ministries is related to our philosophy of ministry commitment to worship, nurture, and witness. For that reason, in each edition of *The Saltshaker*, we will focus on a ministry of CRPC, explain how it is related to our philosophy of ministry, and how you can get involved.

In this edition of the Saltshaker, we are focusing on the **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**. This study is led by Bonnie Golden on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall at CRPC. Its main purposes are to grow in the knowledge of God's Word, to apply the previous sermon personally, and to pray for the concerns of each attendee. This study carries out its purpose by meeting in a small group, listening to the sermon, reviewing the main points of the sermon on a handout, and then discussing the sermon with questions provided by the pastor and/or attendees. By doing this, it reviews the worship of the Church, and encourages the nurture of the Church. It is hard to over-stress the importance of meditating on, or re-considering, the things you hear in a sermon. James Ussher once wrote that meditating on a sermon simply for one hour “is worth more than a thousand sermons”. James Ball wrote that “without meditation, truths are devoured, not digested.” In this sense, this Bible study seeks to be a time to reflect on Sunday’s worship, and make the points delivered in the sermon an active part of the nurturing growth of our members.

Another aspect of our philosophy of ministry is a commitment to witness, or outreach, through the ordinary means of grace. People sometimes wonder if it is a feasible idea to witness through bible study or sermon study, or if witness ministry ought to be done in a more “seeker” friendly way. But this study has served as an outreach to visitors, and the discussion about the sermon and passage has developed close relationships between a variety of Christian women.

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, consider attending! If you cannot attend, then perhaps add it to your prayer list, and join in the work of ministry by praying for these women.