



WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

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Prayer and Godly Thinking

Praying is essential to godly, scriptural thinking as the Holy Spirit illumines and seasons hearts and minds in interpreting and applying God's truth. The Word of God is also critical for clarity in thinking for focused and faithful prayer. As Peter in his first epistle encouraged believers in Asia Minor who faced ever intensifying persecution under Nero's leadership, he turned their attention to their great salvation in Christ Jesus and to like-mindedness with Him of which prayer is integral.

Peter instructed, *"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."* (1 Peter 4:7) The second coming of Christ was the motivation given, and Peter wrote that a certain mind set prepares for praying and for a richer communication with God. *"... clear minded"* means to be in a right mind or to be under control including emotions and passions. *"Self-controlled"* is to be spiritually observant, watchful, or alert.

Paul shared in Philippians 4:6-7 that various forms of prayer pave a path for peace to guard (garrison) hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Peter showed that thinking and cultivating biblically in the truth, makes a way for effective prayer. All work together and are empowered by the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, it is seen that the Spirit of God reveals the thoughts of God by the Word of God to the people of God so that as they renew the mind, it is *"the mind of Christ."* (vs. 16b). Jude exhorts to *"...build yourselves up in the most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."* (vs. 20)

Believers are encouraged earlier in the letter to protect themselves from the influence of the enemy and godlessness in the surrounding culture. In this verse, biblical thinking nurtures fruitful prayer lives with the Savior Jesus, and together they generate holy lives that are consistent with the holy identity and position given by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Greg Murphy – Pastor, Member Care



Idlewild
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Office of the Pastor

Dr. Edgar Aponte
Sr. Pastor

Beloved Church Family,

As we have seen in the book of Acts, from the day of Pentecost, there has not been one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in prayer. I want to encourage you to pray. As you think about your life, pray. And as you think about your family, pray. As you think about all that God has put on your plate, pray. Warren Wiersbe, observing the pattern of the early church in Acts and the history of the church, stated: "Prayer is both the thermometer and the thermostat of the local church, for the spiritual temperature" either goes up or down, depending on how God's people pray." Brothers and sisters, may we become desperate for the Lord, for His presence, to seek Him in prayer, and as you pray, please pray:

1. Pray for a great harvest of souls this Easter season. Pray that you will invite many, and that the Lord will save many.
2. Pray for boldness in our witness, and for evangelistic passion to overwhelm our church family. And you yourself, pray for your lost friends and neighbors.
3. A book published within the last years shows that "we are currently experiencing the largest and fastest religious shift in the history of our country, with forty million people who used to attend church at least once a month now going less than once a year." In our city, there are thousands of people who have stopped attending church since the Covid Pandemic in 2020, and most of them still profess faith in Jesus. Pray that those people will return to church, observing the biblical command of "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)
4. Please pray for the holiness of the church. As Paul writes to the Ephesians, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints."
5. For our pastors, our staff, deacons, and small group leaders. Pray that we will be faithful, and for endurance. Pray for our marriages, and that we will be blameless before the Lord.

Brian McDougall
Executive Pastor

Personal:

1. Diana: Please continue to pray for Diana as she continues to search for relief from her back issues.
2. Brian: Please also pray that I will allocate some time for fitness. Thanks for your continued prayers.
3. Brian: Please pray that I will continue to grow to be more like Jesus.

Ministry:

1. Please pray that all Idlewild members would joyfully have 1,000s of gospel conversations with those that are far from God.
2. Please continue to pray for an effective Abuse Care Ministry. Please pray we will effectively and efficiently implement the ECAP (Evangelical Council for Abuse Protection) system.
3. Please pray for the Idlewild Disciple Making initiatives that we are currently implementing. Pray these plans will be fruitful in saving the lost and equipping the saved.
4. Please pray for the many folks that are coming to faith in Jesus at Idlewild right now. Please pray that they would be diligent about pursuing God's Disciple Making path for their lives and that we can be helpful in that process.
5. Please pray that we will be diligent to find God's person to be our Financial Controller.
6. Please pray for the onboarding and assimilation of new staff members to be highly effective. Pray they and their families will quickly engage in and feel a part of the team.
7. Please pray, as we roll out the refreshed vision of the Church, that members will embrace it and engage in it.
8. Please pray for God's favor and progress with Planting Churches.
9. Please pray for God's favor with some Church remodeling projects we are working on.
10. Please pray for God's will to be done for the Pastoral Search Committees of Campus Pastor Idlewild at the Springs and another Worship Pastor to be added to Pastor Ron's team.
11. Please pray God will send His people to fill the open positions we have.
12. Please pray that many will attend Easter services and many will say a "forever yes" to Jesus.

Member Care & Engagement

Adam Cunningham

Member Care & Engagement Pastor

Personal:

1. Please pray for our family to have opportunities to share Jesus with those around us.
2. Pray for some ministry friends of ours that seem to be in a holding pattern. Please pray that the Lord would make the next steps for their family very clear.
3. Please pray that Stephanie and I would be an encouragement to our daughters in their walk with the Lord. Pray that we would model the gospel in all that we do.
4. Please continue to pray for my parents as they get adjusted to their new home in Pinellas. Pray that they would find a great church soon where they can begin growing with a local church.
5. Please pray for God's grace and favor in Stephanie's work.

Ministry:

1. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the next person that He desires to lead the Special Needs Ministry.
2. Please begin praying for our Easter Services that the Lord would save many souls.
3. Pray that the Lord would continue to foster a culture of service in our church.
4. Please pray that more students would join the Budapest Mission team, and that the Lord would grow these students in their passion to share the gospel with the nations.

Greg Murphy

Member Care Pastor

Personal:

1. Thank you for praying for healing for my broken heal. I am walking slowly in shoes now with less pain and will begin therapy soon. Thank you church and prayer warriors for your encouragements.
2. Please pray for Lynn and me to go deeper in the Word and prayer and with the mind of Christ as led by the Holy Spirit. Pray that we will be in tune and aware where God is working in and around us and in the body of Christ and to continue joining Him in His activity.
3. Please pray for our grandchildren Joshua and Elliana to receive salvation at a young age and learning and growing in maturity for all. Caroline prayed and trusted Jesus for salvation. Please continue to pray for her as she is very young. They continue responding strongly and inquisitively to the Word of God. They are all continuing in homeschooling. Thank you for your prayers

for their learning, family life, as well as spiritual and physical growth. By April they will be 7, 5 and 3.

4. Please pray for Robert and Rebecca (daughter) in marriage, as parents, in ministry, and spiritual growth, and for each to lead others to encounter Christ. Please pray for them and our daughter, Isabella, to grow in wisdom, knowledge, understanding, discernment and discretion as in Proverbs which is so needed in the current American and global culture. Pray for them to be led by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God and to walk daily in the Holy Spirit. Pray for Isabella's future for marriage and family one day and for her pursuits in life, education and career.
5. Thank you for continuing to pray for my mom, Sarah Murphy. She is 89 years old. Please pray for her to encounter the Holy Spirit's presence each day and to maintain a sharp mind and to be able to be in fellowship with the body of Christ, even in her condition. Please pray for her to be physically comfortable in her care facility. Pray for the Lord to fill each day with His goodness and His presence. Pray for her to be blessed by additional family times around the holidays. Please pray for her continued awareness and communication.

Ministry:

1. Please pray for and plan to participate in the 4th Sunday evening Prayer services at 6:00 each month. Our next gathering is April 27, 2025.
2. Pray for the church to be acquainted with and to move toward consistent, faithful lifestyles of prayer and to be assisted by Idlewild's Lifestyle prayer ministries. (idlewild.org/prayer) Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move in people's hearts to pray in all situations by His own prompting.
3. Please pray for the Cancer Support Group that began in September and that will continue to meet each month. Please pray for the facilitators and pray for God to lead cancer patients/survivors to the group and for their encouragement, healing and fellowship with others on similar journeys.
4. Please pray as we continually have new participants in all our groups and hear powerful testimonies of God working in their lives.
5. Please pray for these Support Groups which are listed at idlewild.org/supportgroups. – Divorce Care, Grief Share, Depression Support, i-Work (jobs) online, iCare (Care givers of those with dementia), and Life Sisters (for wives facing particular challenges) and our Cancer Support Group – Each group serves and cares for those with particular needs. Pray for the facilitators. We are currently looking to begin new 12 step groups soon, and a new men's open co-dependency group. Please pray for the facilitators who will serve in upcoming groups as well.
6. Pray for me regarding oversight and leadership responsibilities for the Recovery and Support group ministries at Idlewild. Pray that those who are hurting will be guided to participate, and to know the Lord's healing. Pray for more people to be encouraged in their hurts, habits and hang-ups.
7. Pray for those seeking healing, direction and comfort through Biblical Counseling. Pray for Bill McKnight who ministers to people with these needs and for Pastors who also counsel.
8. Please Pray for Linda Sienkiewicz, who is the Senior Ministry Assistant in

Member Care and for Jinnie Stephenson who assists in the Recovery Support ministry, Biblical Counseling ministry, and other Member Care ministries.

Tammy Sills
Special Needs Assistant

Ministry:

1. Pray for me, as I lead several areas of the Special Needs Ministry. Pray for focus, provision of needs, and creativity. Pray for additional help to come alongside us as this ministry flourishes.
2. Pray for our families whose children have significant health needs. Pray for rest and strength, especially for single moms. Pray for them in the isolation they often experience.
3. Pray for the non-speaking students participating in Spelling to Communicate, that this will be a door to full communication for them. Pray for the families who are gaining new levels of relationship with their kids. Pray for timely expansion of this program as the needs are great.
4. Pray for the Deaf Ministry. Tampa Bay has one of the largest populations of Deaf in the country. Pray that we will be diligent and effective in reaching out with the Gospel and with opportunities that are relevant to them. Pray for Janelle Barnes and her team of interpreters here and at The Springs. We have growing opportunities for more ASL interpreters/interpreters in training.
5. Pray for Intricately Woven, a support group for parents/caregivers, that will provide encouragement and helpful resources for families.

Missions

Dr. Kevin Baggett
Global Missions Pastor

Personal:

1. Praise the Lord that Cylia (senior) was accepted into the Winshape College Program at Berry College. We're thankful for how God is confirming His will as Cylia seeks Him.
2. Praise the Lord that although we had a contract on our house fall through in March, we have another contract and are set to close on May 1.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen the relationships in our family.
4. Pray for everyone in our family to find and develop meaningful friendships in Tampa.

Ministry:

1. Pray for God to call "workers" (those called to pastoral and missional leadership) from our church family to serve in His harvest fields in Tampa and the world.
2. Pray for a vision trip to Central Asia/Middle East to meet new potential

partners.

3. Pray the Lord would open doors in His timing to plant two new churches in the Tampa area.

Eloy Rodríguez

Campus Pastor, Hispanic Church

Personal:

1. Sammy and Moriah very important ministry decision
2. Moriah's pregnancy
3. Gabriel's walk with God
4. Joel and Daniel salvation
5. Esther's and Mike financial decisions

Ministry:

1. Our seminary Biblical institute growth
2. Our Discipleship institute continuation
3. Easter week program
4. Hispanic church plant at the Springs
5. Our new counseling ministry classes "Guard you Heart"

Jeff Griffin

Campus Pastor, Sulpher Springs Campus

Personal:

1. My mom Annie Jean Griffin - currently trying to regain her strength after aggressive radiation treatment. Doing better but still a long road ahead.
2. Pray for Sheryl as she cares for her father. He is currently dealing with some form of memory loss. He'll be staying with us until God says otherwise. Pray that we're able to care for him well and he gets the proper treatment for his ailing mind.

Ministry:

1. Springs Campus: pray for our upcoming Vet Clinic on April 5th. That God go before us and prepares the hearts and minds of visitors to hear and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for the volunteers as they serve. Many will be caring for the communities' dogs and cats. Pray God gives them the wisdom to administer properly.
2. Pray for our Adopt A Block ministry. That God provides laborers for the harvest. We walk our community and knock on doors with the Gospel and prayer every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. We would love to be able to send out at least 10 teams of 6 volunteers to share the love of Christ. Pray for open doors and ready hearts to hear the gospel.
3. Continued prayers for our Spanish Bible Fellowship class. Please pray for our campus as we seek to reach our Spanish community. Pray for Spanish families to be a part of this class. Pray for Spanish volunteers to minister to

the Spanish community in the Springs.

4. Pray for our Good Friday and Easter Services for a move of God to send souls far from God to hear the Gospel and are saved.
5. Pray for our campus Search Committee. Pray for direction and Spirit filled hearts as they go through the search process. Pray God sends the man He sees fit and prepare our peoples heart to receive him.

Worship

Ron Upton
Worship Pastor

Personal:

1. I want to thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of my family; Please pray for my wife, Miska; my son, Ethan; my son, Nathan; and for my daughter, Marét and her husband Zach, and my three granddaughters.
2. Please join me in prayer for the early salvation of my three granddaughters, Everest, Lyla, and Eden.

Ministry:

1. From April 22 through May 2, I will assist in leading our choir on a Mission Trip to Spain and Portugal. We will sing in cathedrals and share God's love through our music ministry. Please pray for safety and God's anointing on the entire group while we're away.
2. This month is a great time to join the choir. No auditions are required, just a heart to serve the Lord in the music ministry. We have two rehearsals each week and ask choir members to attend just one of those. The choir is a special family who love to sing and have a desire to prompt the congregation to worship each Sunday morning. Please join me in prayer that more people would want to make the choir part of their ministry here at Idlewild.
3. Please pray for wisdom for me as I seek to prompt a multicultural, multi-generational body of believers to worship the Lord Jesus Christ in unity, spirit, and truth.

Steve Kirby
Instrumental Music Pastor

Personal

1. His family – Bonnie, Daniel (Elizabeth, Aden, Aspen and Jackson), Joel (Veronica, Ryleigh and Raegan) and Erin (Matt).
2. Pray for Daniel and Elizabeth. The mortgage business is slow. Pray that the industry picks up so Daniel can close more loans and refinances. Elizabeth is now the assistant lead chiropractor in charge of scheduling at the clinic where she works. It's a long drive to and from work each day, but she is thankful for the work. Daniel is preparing his house for new renters (of his house in Land 'O Lakes). Pray for a godly person or family to move in soon.

Not having someone in the house would be a huge drain on their fragile finances. Continue to pray for wisdom, sound minds and God's grace as they follow His plan for their lives.

3. Pray for Joel and Veronica as they lean on Him and make Him a priority in all things. Pray that he can balance home life, church, and work. Joel is traveling a lot for work and he's not happy being away from home for long spans of time. Pray that the heavy travel will subside. Veronica is enjoying her new venture as a vacation planner. She is now able to work from home in her full-time position in the Polk County School System (which she loves). Continue to pray that Joel and Veronica will be the parents to Ryleigh and Raegan that God has called them to be.
4. Pray for Erin and Matt. Matt is still a long way from the Lord. But God continues to show Himself faithful. Pray with Matt comes to Christ soon. Matt continues to do well with his barbershop, "Redbeards." Matt is considering opening up his own brick and mortar barbershop next year. However, there have been hints that Matt may want to move out west. Pray God's will for Matt. Erin still has an occasional migraine, but her wheat and gluten (add oat to the list) allergies are a bigger issue. They just moved to St. Pete to be closer to both their work places. Continue to pray for God's perfect will to be manifested in their lives now and the future.
5. Bonnie will have immunotherapy infusions (Keytruda) #30 and 31 this month. She is getting close to wrapping up her 24 months of treatment, with treatments ending in June. Pray that these treatments will train her T-cells to attack the endometrial cancer cells. All scans and tests show that the cancerous lymph node continues to shrink. They are still concerned about her left kidney. Even with all this, she continues doing the things she loves - singing in the choir and on the praise team. We are blessed. God continues to show us favor. And God is very good (all the time)! Thank you for praying!

Ministry:

1. The Worship Orchestra as we are always looking for additional instrumentalists to join with us. We are always in need of string players (violin, viola, cello), but all other instruments are welcome. We are praying for God to open doors for us as we travel to minister in Western Cuba Nov. 4-11 (Havana, Guanajay, Matanzas).
2. Worship Co., our student worship and arts ministry, including the Worship Co. Orchestra, as we pray for godly student leadership with a thirst for God's Word. As we kick off the rest of the school year, we are still in need of woodwinds and upper brass players (in particular). Of course, every instrumentalist is welcome. Pray that we can capture young musicians to train and to become better worshippers and worship leaders. Pray for our summer mission trip to Aix-en-Provence June 19-27. This is an expensive trip, so pray for finances for the students. Pray for Jacky and Natalie Barbier, our missionaries to southern France, and that we will be an encouragement to them and help to enhance their presence in the area while we are there.
3. The Centre for Music, Worship and the Arts as the spring term is humming along. The Centre is always in need of qualified instructors, specifically violin, piano and especially guitar. Pray that God continues to supply the teachers

according to our need. We continue to plan our homeschool string program (to complement our homeschool band program) to begin in August. There is much to do to be ready. Pray that this is God's timing and for many students to join with us.

David Zunz

Student Worship Pastor

Personal:

1. For my wife Janell, as she cares for both of our children and sends them off to school each day
2. For our 9 year-old daughter Adele and our 7 year-old son Ezra, for health and safety
3. For our children to grow in Christ-likeness and faith in the Lord
4. For the future husband of our daughter and future wife of our son, that they would be pure, Christ-like spouses for our children.

Ministry:

1. For God to give me wisdom in several areas of discipline: Spiritual, personal health, work, finances and family.
2. For wisdom and direction in our worship ministry.
3. For the planning and preparation for our France mission trip with Student Worship.

Sheila Goskie

Children's Worship Director

Personal:

1. For my husband Tom – for him to continue to love and serve the Lord
2. For my children and their families – that they would love, serve and grow closer to the Lord: Kristin (husband Sean; son, Joel-9), Kara (husband Jordan; daughters, Ellison-10, Kate-8, & Emery-5), Caleb and Kaylin.
3. For the school year for my grandkids and their families – for them to be a light, to love and serve others well.
4. For my brother that he would respond to the Lord and love Him.

Ministry:

1. For Worship Quest to “reach and impact lives of children and family & for WQ leaders to faithfully share His love with the children each Wednesday.
2. For the session of Tiny Tots that continues in February & ends the first week of April – that these little ones would come to know the Lord early and their families would grow closer to Him.
3. For the planning and preparation for the spring presentations for all age groups. That the children would learn the spiritual lessons and be prepared to share them with the congregation in May.

Sun., May 4 – 6:30 – Grades 2-5 present “The Kingdom Connection”

Wed., April 30 – 6:30 - Preschool & Prek do a mini-musical “This I Know”

Wed., May 7 – K/1st Grade present “The BIG Bible Idea Group”

4. For the planning of Camp Agape for the summer and SummerSing Worship Arts Camp (July 14-18) – for leaders, classes, and that we would reach many for the Lord.

Creative Ministries

Andrew Evans
Creative Pastor

Personal:

1. Pray for Claire and I as we continue to plan our wedding. We want the Lord to be honored in the process and on our day of celebration!
2. We will have many families members present at our wedding that do not have a relationship with the Lord. We are asking that the gospel be incredibly clear and on display at our wedding!
3. Pray for continued opportunities for gospel conversation with neighbors!

Ministry:

1. We have many large projects in the works that we believe will be of great benefit to our church family. Pray for our work to be done decently and in order.
2. Pray that our team honors the Lord in our work ethic, and in our pursuit to serve our ministries well.
3. We have a couple of open positions. Pray for the Lord to provide the right person at the right time.

Family Ministries

Wade Griffin
Equipping & Disciple Making Pastor

Personal:

1. We love Spring! This is such a wonderful season of renewal and life. Thank you for your prayers for Kim and me and our family.
2. It has been a particular joy for us to teach a Young Married class at 8am each week. We would appreciate your praying for these 20 and 30 somethings in our class which is known as Called 2 One.
3. Kim and I look for opportunities to spend with our grandchildren as often as possible. We would appreciate your prayers for us as we seek to support their parents and point them to Jesus.
4. We would also appreciate your prayers as we seek to keep our own marriage fresh and vibrant. We are in the midst of dating through countries of the

world. In March it was “F” month, so we had a wonderful dinner at a French restaurant in Safety Harbor. Such fun! April is “G”, so we are thinking German, Greek or Guatemalan food. Let us know your recommendation.

Ministry:

1. As I am writing this, we are finalizing plans for a Men’s Breakfast on 3/29/25. Pastor Brendon, Joseph Pittano and I covet your prayers for this event, but more importantly, that men will continue to grow strong as Godly leaders in their communities, their families and their church.
2. There seems to be a rise in marital challenges. We would appreciate your prayers as several of our staff are actively engaged with a number of couples and individuals.
3. We have 40 registered for our Senior Adult cruise, May 5 – 10 on Royal Caribbean, out of the Port of Tampa, but there is room for more! Please pray that this would be a sweet and rich time of fellowship, encouragement and fun!
4. I would be grateful for your prayers as we plan the programs for the JOY Luncheons and Activities in 2025. After meeting with our Sr. Adult Teachers, we are thrilled to welcome a group of new members to the Sr. Adult Leadership Team (SALT) that faithfully provides guidance to our Sr. Adult Ministry. We are also working on an improved plan to minister to members who are homebound or struggling in some way. Lastly, we are revamping the monthly newsletter to ensure it is effective, encouraging and helpful.
5. Significant progress has been made to frame what Disciple Making looks like here in the present day. We covet your prayers as this work is finalized and shared with the church in coming months.

Brendon Schlappi Disciple Making Pastor

Personal

1. Pray for our foster son and his mother, that they would be reunified soon.
2. Continue to pray for my general health, that I would continue to work to get off my blood pressure medication
3. Pray for some of our extended family and friends as we have gospel conversations. Brooke, Justin and Laura

Ministry

1. Pray for our Men’s Ministry Summer Bible Studies, that God would send us more leaders and we would continue to connect new men.
2. Pray for our next round of Institute classes. Please pray for the Apologetics group that I will be co-leading.
3. Pray for the launch of our disciple-making material after Easter this year, and wisdom for what to prioritize next.

Tommy Campbell
Young Adult Pastor

Personal:

1. That I would remain clean and close to God, abiding in Jesus each day.
2. That I would walk closely with the Lord and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's voice in leading the ministry and shepherding our people.
3. That my wife Natalia and I would continue to grow closer to Jesus and each other in our marriage.
4. That God would give me a greater burden for the lost and help me to proclaim the gospel boldly and faithfully.
5. That God would provide me with the focus, time, and energy to succeed in my doctoral work

Ministry:

1. That God would give our young adults a renewed passion for reaching their friends with the gospel
2. That God would continue to raise up leaders within the Young Adults Ministry to help shepherd our people.
3. That God would convict any unsaved individuals involved our ministry of their need to follow Jesus, and bring them to faith in Him.
4. That God would increase the spiritual momentum and engagement in our ministry as we seek to reach more young adults.

Jodie Montgomery
Director, Women's Ministry

Personal:

1. Praise: Gorgeous weather!
2. Thirty minute per day walk scheduled and done
3. Family Member-right job and realization of God's goodness, favor of God impossible to miss, overcome depression, attentive to His Spirit
4. Favor and wisdom for Scott in leading many at his work, good time management, God's favor on some large design/build jobs, right work-load, good transition for another new hire
5. Scott-discipleship time
6. Opportunities to befriend neighbors
7. Time management through family visits and very full ministry schedule, protect health
8. Grandson safety and learning at pre-K; good church family for all our family

Ministry:

1. Praise for an attorney who is helping with abuse care team
2. Healing of numerous marriages within the church
3. Children safe on campus
4. Details and secure speaker for Women's Conference 2026
5. Surrogate grandparents for one abuse care family (long overdue-provision

- prayer)
6. Unity among Bible Study teachers, less silo groups and more time in prayer together for leaders
 7. Growth, spiritually and physically, of Amazing Collection groups
 8. New leaders and groups for Thursday morning and night; Springs campus group as an option for all; Thursday morning groups to gain attendees
 9. Heartfelt, Silver Linings, Sewing Little Seeds, Discipleship help attendees grow in His grace
 10. 12 more leaders for Heartfelt homes, 3-5 new host homes
 11. Hope for one in midst of court proceedings, God's will and just resolutions. Protection of families. Wisdom from God. Clarity.
 12. Coordinators for the event and Bible Study ministries; wisdom re. a prayer group for women wanting to pray for their families
 13. IBC Women Team meet and creative in casting vision for group
 14. 6 more abuse care team members; training time set; Spanish church have enough care team members

Next Gen

Patrick Newbill **Next Gen Pastor**

Personal:

1. Pray that God would clearly direct daily pathways so that I would have meaningful time with Him, family, time with staff, counselees, and friends.

Ministry:

1. Please pray for the KidMin team as we are in full 'gear up' VBS mode while at the same time, managing week to week scheduling.
2. Please pray that God would already be moving in the circumstances and hearts of kids to receive Him at VBS this year.
3. Please pray that God would impress on IBC peoples to be part of the 700+ VBS volunteer team and to go ahead and register.
4. Please pray that God would help myself and my wife, K.C., to internalize the lessons in such a way that they simply flow out of us naturally.
5. Please pray for the skit crew to quickly memorize lines, easily pull together supplies and illustrate the daily messages clearly for kids.

Zack Jernigan **Students Lead Pastor**

Personal:

1. Personal holiness: I want to walk closely with Jesus and reflect him in my speech and behavior.
2. Genet's & my marriage: That we'd love one another and respect one another well, modeling a godly relationship in front of our boys and our community.

3. Our boys: Please pray that God would lead our Maverick (3) and Theo (1) to know Him and love Him with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Ministry:

For our students:

1. That they'd be a compelling community, demonstrating a love and care for one another that others see and want to be a part of.
2. That they'd have a purity of heart and mind. That "sexual immorality would not be named among them", that they'd not be held back or sidelined by sin, and that God would use them as pure and holy vessels.

For the lost:

1. That God would open doors of opportunity for us to share the gospel, that we'd have the boldness to share it liberally, and that God would soften the hearts of those who hear it.

Josiah Brondyke

Middle School Pastor

Personal:

1. Praise - Daniel is here safely and is doing well! Thank you for praying for my family!
2. Pray for me, particularly for endurance, wisdom, and help from the Lord in navigating my family responsibility, ministry, and ongoing seminary coursework.
3. Pray for Rachel as she gets used to our new routines during the remainder of her maternity leave.
4. Pray for Samuel. He is proving an awesome big brother but needs to prove himself an awesome student as he gets caught up on schoolwork.
5. Pray for Daniel. Pray for sleep training and all the other newborn items, but please begin to pray for Daniel that he would come to a personal relationship with Jesus from a young age.

Ministry:

1. Pray for our Wednesday Night series on the names of God that through it students would understand all the more how wonderful our God is!
2. Pray for us as we prepare for our upcoming mission trip. I will be heading the student mission trip to Atlanta. Pray the Lord will bring the right students to join us in this endeavor.
3. Pray for us as we prepare for camp. Pray that God would use it in a way that would bring an eternal impact!
4. Pray for us as we prepare for next year's student ministry team. We are already recruiting leaders for the '25-'26 school year. Pray that the Lord would thrust harvesters into his harvest field!
5. Pray for our students to grow a burden for the lost in their community and that we would see our student ministry grow through unchurched students coming to know Jesus as their personal savior.

Debbie Rairigh
Director, Elementary

Personal:

1. Please pray as I make decisions to possibly move.
2. Please pray for my 22-year-old son, who is adopted, for his relationship with his biological mother who he just met.

Ministry:

1. Please pray as we write the VBS lessons and the skits.
2. Please pray for all the VBS decisions that are being made.
3. Please pray for all of the changes for our ECAP Certification.
4. Please pray for the Easter services coming up and all that we need to do in children's ministry.
5. Please pray as we share the Action Bible - "10 days of Easter" with families leading up to Easter.

Administration

Bart Cape
Executive Director Administration

Personal

1. Please continue to pray that 2025 will be a year of blessing on our family as we have many amazing milestones and events that will take place this year.
2. That our marriage will display the grace and goodness of God. We rejoice for all that He has done and continues to do in our marriage.
3. For our kiddos, as they are all starting new learning opportunities and activities and that they would enjoy them all.
4. For our family as we navigate the grief journey following a very hard season.
5. That I will seek the Lord in all things and be an example of our Heavenly Father in our home and lives.

Ministry

1. Pray for the many impactful events that are planned for 2025, may we do everything to glorify God!
2. For help for our event team setting up for events, we're praying God will provide strong part-time help for primarily weekends and some evenings.
3. Pray for our food services team that they are able to keep up with the growing needs of our church and ministries.
4. Pray for our service teams and all ministries for the Spring and Easter season and for the Lord to provide many opportunities for life change through our amazing Church.

Ken Smith
Director, HR, Legal, and Safety

Personal

1. Pray for our grandchildren and all students and their teachers that they all can make up lost classroom and study time
2. Pray for me that I can continue to establish deeper relationships with neighbors we got to know better as we worked together in our neighborhood clearing debris and sharing generators and fuel.
3. Health for Jeanne and myself so that we can serve our church and family.

Ministry

1. Pray for our new committee members for Personnel, Finance, Missions, and Committee on Committees.

NOTES

WATCHMAN

NEWSLETTER



You can receive the online version of the Watchman by going to www.idlewild.org/prayer and click on the link “Subscribe to OurLatest Updates” to receive an email with prayer requests from our Pastors and Leaders

Praylude

Join Pastor Greg Murphy for a time of heart preparation, worship-based prayer, and intercession each Wednesday evening 5:30-6:15 in the Prayer Room beside the Fireside Room. Prayer can lead us to powerfully encounter God in relationship, worship and ministry. Let’s Seek God’s face together!

Lifestyle Prayer Ministries

www.idlewild.org/prayer



Watchman on the wall pray for an hour each week for pastors, leaders and ministries. Monthly prayer requests are available at idlewild.org/prayer or by mail and email. You can also commit and sign up on the wall for a standing weekly prayer time, and there is a place to submit or pray for requests



Praylude is a weekly worship based and intercessory prayer meeting at Idlewild in the prayer room from 5:30-6:15 before the Wednesday evening service. Come join in prayer as we read a passage of scripture and then pray together as the Holy Spirit leads us.



Prayer Triangles is to commit to pray in a group of three people for 15 minutes or more each week. You and 2 others can pray by zoom, facetime, in person or however you choose. Watch for texts or emails with fresh prayer requests.



Family Prayer Altar encourages families to designate a special weekly time and location for family prayer. Families move fast these days and may not have family prayer. Why not start with one night each week when everything stops to read scripture and pray?



Bless Every Home links you to an online ministry that gives you the resources to pray for your neighbors by name and to minister to them. You can receive an email daily or as often as you choose to pray for five neighbors on that day. You can register anytime at blesseveryhome.com and begin to pray. (There is also a link at idlewild.org/prayer)