

WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

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Prayer That Reached Heaven

God's people should pray to Him in every situation, and as they adjust their hearts to Him in obedience, repentance and worship.

When Hezekiah became King in Jerusalem he restored true worship to the LORD. Idolatry had been so prevalent under his father, King Ahaz, that he had *"shut the doors of the LORD's temple and set up altars at every street corner in Jerusalem."* (2 Chronicles 28:24b) Hezekiah followed the example of his forefather, David, and did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. In his first month as King, *"he opened the doors of the temple of the LORD and repaired them."* (29:3b) He charged the Priests and the Levites to consecrate themselves and the temple of the LORD which took 16 days to complete. He gathered the city officials and involved them along with the priests and Levites in sacrifices and musical worship as they were being dedicated to the LORD, *"So they sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshipped."* (29:30b)

Hezekiah called all of Israel and Judah to celebrate the Passover even though it was not the regular time to celebrate the Passover. All had not been prepared or consecrated to celebrate at the appropriate time. It would take time for all the details of *"what was written"* (30:18b) to be fulfilled, but Hezekiah prayed that God would accept the worship from their hearts. *"But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, 'May the Lord, who is good, pardon everyone who sets his heart on seeking God – the LORD, the God of his fathers – even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary. And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.'"* (30:18b-10)

Charles Spurgeon said, *"Prayer is never out of season.... Prayer gains audience with Heaven.... In every condition... God will welcome your prayer and answer it from His holy place. Nor is praying ever futile. True prayer is evermore true power."* (Spurgeon on Prayer – How to Converse with God)

If your heart has shifted away from God or grown stagnant or calloused, you can pray. Sometimes people's lives become entangled with the world or sinful patterns, and they find it difficult to unscramble their circumstances or to shift back to God. Remember that prayer is never out of season and that prayer gains audience with God in heaven. God will hear the prayer from your heart. In Hezekiah's day, *"The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling place."* (2 Chronicles 30:27) As believers in Christ, *"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."* (Hebrews 4:16) Begin with prayer and trust the LORD to hear and answer.

Greg Murphy – Member Care Pastor



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Dr. Edgar Aponte
Sr. Pastor

Beloved Church Family,

As we continue to move towards the vision that we believe God is calling us into as a church. I want to encourage you to pray. Please pray that He would guide our every step. Pray that we would be grounded in love and led in prayer. Ask the Lord to help us abound more and more in love for one another, that we might be shaped into a compelling community for His glory. As I reflected on this, I was reminded of a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

“The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community.”

Brothers and sisters, let us pray that we would be a people who are slow to be offended and quick to forgive. Pray that we would not be bound by our own ministry preferences and instead be driven by a deep and burning desire to please God. That our hearts would be formed by the Spirit. To love the lost and to proclaim the Gospel with grace and boldness. Pray that He will use us as His instruments to see the whole earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

1. Pray that there will be a revival in our love for one another and strong passion to impact the nations. I envision a local body marked by radical generosity, evangelistic zeal, and risk-taking action to see more lives transformed, marriages restored, faithful pastors being raised, churches planted, missionaries sent to the nations, and thousands of souls saved.
2. Pray 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.
3. 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.
4. Please pray that your life will adorn the Gospel. That your testimony will draw people to Jesus, including your family and friends. And pray the same for me and our church.
5. Please pray for me to have personal rest with my family.

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.
4. Colton: Please pray that our 5 year old grandson will accept Jesus early and find his identity in Jesus and Jesus alone.

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 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.
6. Please pray for God's favor and progress with Planting Churches.
7. Please pray for God's favor with some Church remodeling projects we are working on.
8. Please pray for God's favor on the due diligence process we are conducting with Palm Avenue Baptist Church and for that Church to be replanted and revitalized.
9. 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.
10. Please pray God will send His people to fill the open positions we have.

Member Care & Engagement

Adam Cunningham

Member Care & Engagement Pastor

Personal:

1. Please pray that amidst the busyness of life, our family would remain committed to prioritizing family worship, and that distractions and chaos would be kept at bay.
2. Lift up Stephanie in prayer as she juggles the responsibilities of motherhood, being a wife, and supporting a vital ministry.
3. Pray for me as a father—that I would love, care for, and support my family well, even in the midst of life's many demands.
4. Please remember our dear friends who have recently been diagnosed with cancer. These two women, both in the same family, were such a blessing to us during Stephanie's cancer journey. Pray that we can now be a source of comfort and care for them during their time of need.

Ministry:

1. Please pray for our Member Care Department as we seek to serve and support families with wisdom, compassion, and grace.
2. Praise God that He has answered our prayers and pray for Dr. Rachel Garcia as she assumes the role of Director of Special Needs on May 31.
3. Ask the Lord to stir the hearts of inactive members to reconnect with a church family that is ready to walk with them as they take their next step with Jesus.
4. Pray for open doors and willing hearts to engage with people we don't yet know, so we can encourage and uplift them.

Greg Murphy

Member Care Pastor

Personal:

1. Thank you for praying for healing for my broken heal. As was the case last month, I am still in physical therapy, but my walking is steadily improving. 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 has 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. They are 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 June 22, 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 volunteers and counselors in the baptism and invitation counseling ministries and especially let's give thanks to God for those being saved and baptized each week. Pray for their understanding, spiritual growth, protection from the enemy, fellowship in the body, faithfulness and perseverance by the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Please pray for the Cancer Support Group that began in September and that will continue to meet each month except for June and July. 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.
5. Please pray as we continually have new participants in all our groups and hear powerful testimonies of God working in their lives.
6. Please pray for these Support Groups which are listed at idlewild.org/support-groups/ – 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 began new men's and women's 12 step groups April 24 which will last close to a year. Please pray for the facilitators who will serve in upcoming groups as well.
7. 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.
8. 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.
 9. Please Pray for Linda Sienkiewicz, who is the Senior Ministry Assistant in Member Care and for Jinnie Stephenson who assists in Member Care ministries as well.

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. Cylia (daughter) graduates high school and will have two college orientations in June. Pray for Cylia and for us as we prepare to launch her into this next chapter.

Ministry:

1. Pray for our first "Explore" meeting on the second Sunday night of June for those in our church who are exploring and discerning a call to vocational ministry. Pray that people will be bold and take a step of faith to ask what God might be calling them to do.

2. Pray for the Bible translation partnership with Wycliffe in Central Asia. Pray for the translators' safety and for advances in the translation process.
3. Pray for many teams (especially our student teams) who are going to serve this month. Pray these trips will be catalytic for living missional lives and even leading some to full-time missionary service.
4. Pray for the replant of Palm Avenue Baptist church. There are many details to be worked out logistically and ministerially during this time of due diligence and transition. Pray for the testimony of the saints in this strategic location in Tampa to be carried on for decades to come.

Eloy Rodríguez
Campus Pastor, Hispanic Church

Personal:

1. Sammy and Moriah new Pastoral Position
2. Moriah's pregnancy
3. Gabriel's health, walk with God, and new job opportunity
4. Joel and Daniel's salvation

Ministry:

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

Jeff Griffin
Campus Pastor, Sulphur 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. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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 prepares our peoples' hearts 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. Please pray for me as I travel to Mississippi from June 6 through the 9th to join other family members as we celebrate my mom's 90th Birthday.
2. When I return from my trip, I will begin to prepare for my June 16th knee replacement surgery. Please pray for the surgery to go well and for a quick and complete recovery.
3. 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.
4. On July 3rd, Idlewild will host the July Patriotic Night complete with food trucks, bounce houses, and fireworks. I look forward to engaging with the community that evening. Please pray for friends and neighbors to join us in a wonderful night of fellowship and fireworks.
5. 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. Pray for Daniel to 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. 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. 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 that Matt comes to Christ soon. Matt continues to do well with his barbershop, "Redbeards." Matt is making plans to open his own brick and mortar barbershop later this year. 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. Continue to pray for God's perfect will to be manifested in their lives now and the future.
5. Bonnie will have immunotherapy infusion (Keytruda) #33 and 34 this month. The treatments end this month or the first of July. She was given the word that she is in remission – She has completely responded to the treatments! Amen! Pray that these treatments have trained her T-cells to attack the endometrial cancer cells. Should they return. The kidney they have been concerned about is functioning normally (amen), but ureter repair surgery will be needed. 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. Except for our mission trip this month, we are on hiatus until August. 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 this month (June 19-27). 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 we retool for the fall. 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. Pray for July 12 as we make a presence at the big Homeschool conference in Trinity to promote the Centre. We are also making some major changes administratively (the way we handle finances and register students, database adjustments, calendar issues, etc.), so there is much to do to

be ready. Pray for the changes to be implemented smoothly and received graciously. 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, 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 Christlikeness 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 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-10), Kara (husband Jordan; daughters, Ellison-10, Kate-9, & Emery-5), Caleb and Kaylin
3. For the summer schedule for my kids, grandkids and their families – good family memories made
4. For my brother that he would respond to the Lord and love Him.

Ministry:

1. For Worship Quest Planning (begins in August) – pray for God's perfect plan, and for leaders – the need is great!
2. For Camp Agape on Wednesdays during the summer – for Mercedes Tutich (the Elementary Coordinator) - for leaders, classes, and schedules - that we would reach many for the Lord.
3. For the planning, preparing and registration for our Grades 2-5 SummerSing Worship Arts Camp (July 14-18) – for leaders, classes, and schedules - that the Lord would be glorified, and kids and families drawn closer to Him
4. For Tiny Tots planning (registration opening August 1) – to bring the right leaders to facilitate the classes

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 family 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, and that our family members would respond in faith.
3. Pray for continued opportunities for gospel conversation with neighbors!

Ministry:

1. Pray that the Lord has used our Vision Series to excite and encourage our church family.
2. We have many large projects that will be of great benefit to our church family in the days ahead. Pray for our work to be done decently and in order.
3. Pray that our team honors the Lord in our work ethic, and in our pursuit to serve our ministries well.
4. 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. As I'm writing this, Kim and I are headed to Austin, TX for a getaway to celebrate our 43rd anniversary. So thankful God has given us these wonderful years together.
2. Our oldest grandson, Leeland, just graduated from 8th grade. Time has flown by so fast! We're thankful for all of our grandchildren and children. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to always point them to Jesus.
3. Speaking of grandchildren, last month 2 of our granddaughters got baptized and this month another granddaughter will be getting baptized. There is nothing sweeter than watching them grow in their faith.

Ministry:

1. In the month of July, we will shift to one service at 10am. This is only for July and the schedule will revert back to our current schedule in August. This means that our Sunday Morning Groups will be either meeting from 8:45 to 9:45 or 11:30 to 12:30. July typically sees many of our members traveling and we feel it will be a sweet time to all worship together as one church

family. Please pray that everything will go smoothly.

2. Our Senior Adult cruise was absolutely fantastic! Thank you for your prayers. We had 41 people and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Pastor Patrick and I taught through the book of James, well, actually it was more of a “fly-over,” but we made it through the entire book!
3. It is hard to believe, but our staff is hard at work on our Ministry Plan for 2026. We would be grateful for your prayers as we carefully and prayerfully consider God’s direction for next year.
4. I would be grateful for your prayers for our JOY Luncheon on June 19th. The focus will be on Legacy Grandparenting. We have some very special music as Tom Davenport shares some beautiful accordion numbers.
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. Pray for my Father-in-law’s health, as he was recently hospitalized and they are still figuring out what is going on.
3. Pray for some of our extended family and friends as we have gospel conversations. Brooke, Nick, 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 planning process for 2026 that is beginning this month, as we seek God’s wisdom for new initiatives in Men’s ministry
3. Pray that God would continue to raise up disciple-makers who are active in leading others to the Lord and helping them grow.

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 continue to 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: Family time together. Son attending church and small group in NJ.
2. Mom safe while we are away.
3. Thirty minute per day walk scheduled and done
4. Family Member-right job and realization of God's goodness, favor of God impossible to miss, overcome depression, attentive to His Spirit
5. 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
6. Scott-discipleship time
7. Opportunities to befriend neighbors
8. Time management through family visits and very full ministry schedule, protect health

Ministry:

1. Praise: Women in Apologetics Conference set in 2026
2. 14 more leaders for Heartfelt homes, 3-5 new host homes
3. Healing of numerous marriages within the church, protection of children, families love one another
4. Children safe on campus
5. Details and secure right speakers for Women's Conference 2026
6. Surrogate grandparents for one abuse care family (long overdue-provision prayer)
7. Unity among Bible Study teachers, less silo groups and more time in prayer together for leaders
8. Growth, spiritually and physically, of Amazing Collection groups
9. New leaders and groups for Thursday morning and night; Springs campus group as an option for all; Thursday morning groups to gain attendees
10. Heartfelt, Silver Linings, Sewing Little Seeds, Discipleship help attendees grow in His grace
11. Hope for one in midst of court proceedings, God's will and just resolutions. Protection of family. Wisdom from God. Clarity.
12. Coordinators for the event and Bible Study ministries.
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. (potentially 8 for June training)

Next Gen

Patrick Newbill
Next Gen Pastor

Personal:

1. This is the busiest time of year for me. Please pray that I am both wise with my time and intentional both in preparation and in mental down time.
2. Pray for me as we have begun to talk to some engineers regarding our home and what to do with our basement water issues. We just don't know what to do at this point. (Repeat...ongoing process)
3. Pray for continued joy and wisdom as we traverse the path of caring for my special needs adult sister.

Ministry:

1. Please pray that God would, already, be moving in the hearts of kids to prepare them to hear the word at VBS. Pray that God would overwhelm me with the messages so that they come across clearly.
2. Pray that God would lead each step as we pray thru and plan out the July time shifts.
3. Pray for God to direct our steps as we institute new ECAP safety policies with kids and student ministries. I'm asking that He reveal anything that might be missed that needs to be addressed.

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. Please pray for me in my schooling. The Summer and Fall Semesters will be a busy time of ministry that will be interesting to try to fit school around.
2. Please pray for Rachel as she is now back at work. Pray grace and strength for her as she navigates this next season with the boys.
3. Please pray for Samuel, there have been so many changes in his life this year, and mom and I want to make sure we are encouraging him well even though we are busy.
4. Please pray for Daniel as he grows, that he would come to a saving knowledge of the Holy One early in his life.
5. Pray for the Brondyke's as a whole as we navigate the always strange season of Summer in Student Ministry.

Ministry:

1. Pray for our team as we prepare for Camp. We are praying for God to grow this ministry effort, and for the gospel to go forth powerfully, both so new believers can come to know him but also so that our leaders and students might be transformed.
2. Pray for the Lord to send us laborers as we recruit for the Fall's ministry needs. (Matthew 9:38)
3. Pray for the Atlanta Missions trip. Pray the Lord will prepare us for the divine appointments He has in store.
4. Pray for the Student Ministry Team that God will continue to build us to meet the needs of the students He sends our way.
5. Pray for evangelism opportunities for our students, both on the calendar and as they are going. Pray the Lord would grow our student ministry from students that are far from God coming to Him through the witness of our current students.

Debbie Rairigh **Director, Elementary**

Personal:

1. Please pray for me and all the decisions I need to make in the next month about possibly buying the house next to my sister.
2. Please pray for time, as I have a lot of work things and personal things going on in my life.

3. That I will glorify God in all I do in this busy season, and others will see Jesus in me.

Ministry:

1. Please pray for VBS:
 - That kids will come to know the Lord.
 - For all the details that go into pulling off a large event.
 - For Patrick and KC Newbill who will be teaching large group.
 - For all the volunteers and for us to find about 15 more adults and 22 more students.
 - For the enemy to stay away from the staff leading up to and the week of VBS.
2. Please pray for next few months that are very busy and that the Lord will be glorified in all we do.

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 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)