

SPEP 24 Hours of Prayer, September 1, 2022

Thank you for joining us in prayer as we lift up all our concerns about our church family before our Father.

- Pray for students of all ages who are heading to school
- Pray for a new Children's Ministry Director.
- Pray that the Children's Ministry leaders are supported, encouraged, and successful in their endeavors to find at least 11 volunteers to begin ministries this fall.
- Pray for growth group leaders to be excited and encouraged as we begin a new ministry year.
- Pray for the people among us who are ill or dealing with long term illness – that they would have confidence in God's loving care.
- Pray for our teaching and ruling elders as they meet together on September 13th to deal with the business of the life of the churches in our presbytery.
- Pray for the upcoming Installation Service for Mike Stephan on September 18th.

We will be listing some ministries of SPEP each month with the goal of praying through ALL ministries twice each year. Please pray as you feel led. During September, we will be focusing on those remaining ministries that will be starting up with the school year.

Pioneer Girls	<i>(A ministry to girls 4 years – 6th grade)</i>
Sunday School	<i>(A ministry to children, youth, and adults)</i>
Nursery	<i>(A ministry supporting parents of young children during the service/Discipleship Hour)</i>
College Ministry	<i>(A ministry for our college-aged young adults)</i>
Adult Growth Groups	<i>(A ministry that includes many small groups and Bible studies)</i>

Again, we want to pray for our missionaries. If you are interested in receiving regular requests from our missionaries, contact missions@spepchurch.org and ask to be added to the Missions Prayer group.

Name	Mission/Location	Name	Mission/Location
Greg & Sandy Baker	InterVarsity / Univ of DE	David & Elaine Lloyd	Cru / Austin, TX
Trip & Joy Beans	RUF / UMBC	Dan & Janet McBride	MTW
Ginger Boyd	Wycliffe / Cameroon	Mark & Marti Mylin	GEM / France
Roberta Brown	MTW / Japan	Sam Plowman	SIM / Charlotte, NC
Russ & Debbie Chasteen	GEM / CA	Jeremy & Steph Seep	OneCollective/ The Oasis, Austria
Lewis & Elsbeth Codington	MTW / Asia	Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW
Craig & Ree Coulbourne	MTW / Japan	Kevin & Tanya VanHorne	InterVarsity, IFES / US
Michael Goodlin	RUF / Lehigh Univ.	Andy & Najmah Wilkison	Cru / FL
Karen Hansen	OneCollective / IL	Bert & Nancy Williams	MTW / Uganda
Ben & Doris Hyde	Cadence / Ft Hood, TX	Steve & Rita Williams	MTW / New Zealand
Stephen & Melanie Kaiss	Youth for Christ, MD	Miseker Wingate	Youth for Christ, MD

Also remember John & Ree Burroughs serving in Austria at the Oasis until mid-October.

24-HOUR PRAYER FOCUS

Our eight categories¹ for focused prayer are:

1. PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS TO BE SAVED. Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Savior. Pray that every person in the world will be able to hear the Gospel and the Word of God in their native language. (Matthew 9:37-38; 24:14; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18)

2. PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING. Pray that Jesus will revive the Church and awaken our nation to the greatness and supremacy of Jesus. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on America and forgive our sin and heal our land. Pray that millions of Americans will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent of their sins, and turn to God with all their hearts. (2 Chron. 7:14; Daniel 9:18-19; Psa. 85:6; Hab. 3:2; Acts 2:37-41)

3. PRAY FOR UNITY WITHIN CHRIST'S CHURCH. Pray that all walls of division will come down so that Christians will love each other, pray together, and serve each other. (John 17:20-23; Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:3-6)

4. PRAY FOR FAMILIES. Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every marriage and family. (Genesis 2:24; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 127:3-5; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 6:1-4)

5. PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION. Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and that God will use the church to extend the love of Christ to all peoples. (Romans 10:12-13, Galatians 3:28, Acts 10:28, Acts 10:34-35, John 7:24, 1 John 2:9, James 2:9, Revelation 7:9)

6. PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE, BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION. Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for abortion to come to an end. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8-9)

7. PRAY FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS. Pray that God will give them wisdom to make wise decisions and to govern with integrity, justice, and mercy. (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8)

8. PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING. Pray that God will extend His mercy and provision to the suffering. Pray for healing from sickness and injury, protection for those in danger, and provision for the needy. Pray for the suffering to know God's sustaining grace and presence. Pray for specific crises affecting the community (i.e. pandemics, natural disasters, victims of abuse/neglect/violence, etc). (Jer. 33:6, Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 62:5-8, Jer. 17:14, Ps. 91:14-15, Ps. 23, John 14:27, Phil 4:13,19, Rev. 21:4)

¹ The first seven categories of prayer, descriptions, and Scripture references were derived, in part, from America Prays (Prayer-Focus-5.5-x-8.5.docx, <https://www.americaprays.org/resources/>, PDF download, accessed on 7/14/2020).