

**Renate Reiner**

**Fall 2023**

Summer has been full of activities. In June I participated in a VBS in Pensacola, Florida as the Bible teacher for the 4-year-olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We were studying the life of Peter and the valuable lessons he learned from our Lord, then passed on to others. I also taught the younger children in a local church in July. That VBS concentrated on the armor of God, and we learned the purpose of each piece of armor in protecting the physical body and how it was a picture of how our hearts are protected with God's Word.

I was able to participate in BMM's annual Family Conference in Cleveland in July. It's always a time of spiritual refreshment and catching up with colleagues from Brazil and other fields. Four days of sweet fellowship and focusing on the Word of God can't be compared to any other experience.

The highlight of the summer, though, was a trip to Alaska in August. It was organized by the head of the missions committee and youth leaders of my church here in Winston-Salem. I have had a desire for a long time to experience a ministry trip from the perspective of the participant. That desire was fulfilled August 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

I was privileged to be a part of five teenagers and seven adults who embraced the four-hour time change, the long daylight hours and the hard work of organizing a food pantry for bush missionaries. We helped unload groceries after the daily trip to the local food pantry and store them in different areas for the missionaries to "shop" when they come to Fairbanks.

The men worked to build a mezzanine in the new warehouse building which will store all the food pantry items in the near future. This will put everything in one place and get it out of the basement of the family that supplies and distributes the goods. I arrived home sick and exhausted but gained a new perspective and appreciation for ministry.

*Full letters are available at the missionary table.*

**OUR COUNTRY AND WORLD AFFAIRS:** Remember to pray for our country and our government leaders. Pray that people's hearts would be turned to God, and that His Word would be taught in our churches. Remember also those who are suffering for their faith.

**MILITARY:** Remember to pray for God's guidance and safety for our military personnel: **David Casement, Brendun Deer, Aaron Good, Adam Good, Zack Hanson, Joshua P. Harold, Stephen Harold, Jarrod Harris, Justin Ivan, Zachary Ivan, Scott McKinney, Lia Staats, Liam Thisse, and Alex Wallace.**

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**EVANGEL**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# Evangel @ Prayer

**11/15/2023**

November 15, 2023

### **PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- **Jo Tuszynski** (Sandie Bates' sister) passed away last Sunday. The viewing will be at Martenson Funeral Home Ford Chapel in Rockwood on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The funeral will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for her family during this time.
- **Linda Michaels** has been taken back to U of M hospital after having symptoms following her heart surgery last week to repair her mitral valve prolapse. They are still working on pinpointing the reason for the irregular rhythm and palpitations and watching her hemoglobin levels. Please pray for wisdom for her care team.
- **Dee Aebersold** (Jean Lowrance's mother) had an ultrasound on her cyst that showed it was the same size or slightly larger, they will meet with the doctor December 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the results. She also had low platelets again at this week's blood check. Another transfusion may be recommended, pray as she decides whether to do this or not since it only temporarily raises her levels. Continue to pray as she makes decisions about her health.
- **Robert Bates** is doing better and will see the hematologist on November 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding his blood values. A health care team has started working with him and he has an upcoming Sleep Apnea home test this coming week. Continue to pray as he waits to hear from the hematologist regarding his blood values.
- **Marlene** (Debbie Musallam's mother) was taken to the hospital last week to start dialysis. So far, she is doing well and will be sent to rehab after her hospital stay. Please pray for wisdom for her doctors as she has several issues.
- **Dennis Wynn** is essentially homebound because of his physical needs. Please pray for wisdom as he and Betty receive assistance for his care.
- **Nicki Pappas** has been fighting an infection for the last month. She is currently on her 4<sup>th</sup> round of antibiotics. Please pray for healing in her body.
- **Krista Bonesteel** has started an oral immunotherapy pill and has had no major side effects so far. She will be on it for as long as it keeps the cancer from growing. She will have regular appointments with her oncologist going forward and a PET scan in December to check that everything is going well. Continue to pray for encouragement and strength.
- **Darrin Shelton** had a CT scan in September and a PET scan in October. Both showed an increase in size of the nodules on his lungs and some activity in his lymph nodes. Please pray for good results from the biopsy he will have soon.
- **Millie Nicholson** has 2 more weeks of treatments and procedures to go. Please pray that she will not have any side effects and that she will be able to continue to work.
- **Larry VanWashenova** needs prayer that he would come back to church and connect with the body of Christ.
- **Barb & Henry Thimmes** need prayer for strength, encouragement, and wisdom as they make daily caregiving decisions.
- Pray for strong marriages in our church – that our marriages would be an example of Christ's love to the world.

- Pray for our college age adults both home and away as they seek God's will in areas of finance, vocation, ministry, relationships, etc.
- Pray for our Senior Saints: **Joan Piccoli, Shirley Russell, Evelyn Schouster**
- Pray for our Young Adults: **Hunter Adams, Nathan Bell, Bethany Bonesteel**

### **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

Office Staff & Custodians

Small Groups & Seasonal Bible Studies

Rooted ABF – Joe Kiesznowski, Teacher

Abundant Life ABF – Gary McGuire, Teacher

Cinda Scully – Sunday School Superintendent

Nick Scully – Awana Commander

Chris Wallace – Deacon

Lee Widener – Deacon

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Communion immediately after our morning worship service. Please plan to fellowship with the church family as we reflect upon the love of Jesus.

#### **THANKSGIVING PIE & PRAISE**

Join us on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm as we come together to thank the Lord for His many provisions for us. Then stick around for some great pie and fellowship. Please bring your family's favorite pie to share! There will be no Wednesday evening activities.

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Shoe boxes are due THIS Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, before the morning service. Stop by the table set up by the fireplace to pick up a free shoebox and all the information you need. They will then be transported to a collection site. Make sure to include your form and donation for shipping! If you have questions, contact Debbie Mulcrone (313-671-6589).

### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

**11/18** – Karen Chavis, Rhonda Kiesznowski

**11/19** – Ali Kitler, Joe Miller      **11/20** – Barry Bradshaw

**11/18** – Jeff & Naya Norton      **11/20** – Mike & Bonnie Vargo

**11/21** – Gary & Elaine Haynes      **11/24** – Tyler & Chrissy Daniel