



COVECHURCH NEWSLETTER



Week of 12/23/2024

Words of Encouragement

“Often times, particularly during tough times, we struggle with the thoughts that people do not understand what we are going through. I cannot count how many times I have heard people say, “But you don’t understand what I am going through!” The good thing for us who are Christians is that we don’t necessarily have to understand or identify with what each person is going through in order to help or to be consoled. Why? Because Jesus does. This is so good, so rich and so life changing!! In God’s infinite wisdom and design he has organized things to exalt his Son. Within this context we have Christ’s sympathy and compassion exalted. There is nothing that anyone has gone through, are currently going through, or will go through that Jesus cannot relate to, sympathize with or encourage his children in. Jesus is so gloriously and marvelously sufficient!”

-Erik Raymond

Calendar

- Tuesday: 3:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service at the church
- Sunday: 9:45 AM - Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship Service

Pray for the Unreached

Yao People in Zambia

Population: 5,700 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 1.0%

Pray that Yao people in Zambia will put their full trust in the God of the Bible rather than in the spirit world and charms. Pray for Yao believers in other countries to take the gospel to the Yao people in Zambia. Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement to emerge among Yao communities in Africa.

Prayer Requests

- Meghan Larose - Please pray for a friend of mine who may have to have several toes amputated due to a bone infection. This would put him in a wheelchair. Please pray that some other alternatives will work and this will be a last resort. Please pray for healing.
- Chet Peterson - Please pray for my uncle, Ray, as he goes to upcoming neurologist, cardiologist, and pulmonologist appointments to get to the bottom of a recent car accident he was involved in.
- Brenna Peterson - Please pray for my friend Mary Katherine’s baby who is showing signs of trisomy 18, which is severe developmental condition where most babies do not survive past birth or infancy. Please pray for her and her husband, Ricky, as they continue with the pregnancy. Praise the Lord though that even in the sadness, Mary Katherine has immense peace in her Lord and Savior.
- UPDATE: Praise the Lord! Brad passed his licensing exam. Please continue to pray for endurance and perseverance as he begins working at Blue Ridge Health. Also, please pray for him as he gathers and submits all that is required for his licensure.
- UPDATE: Breanna had a follow-up with the PA in the cardiologist’s office and she believes that Breanna’s POTS could be back. She said to tentatively treat it with lifestyle changes and to keep the electrophysiologist appointment in January. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for Metta Bauman’s father. He continues to be in Hospice care.
- Breanna Peterson - Please pray for my friend’s husband, Justin Wong, who was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma. Thankfully it is not in his lymph nodes. Please pray for him and his family, he is married with three young children.

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Scripture Reading

Consider reading Matthew 1-2 in preparation for this week’s sermon.