

PAUSE TO PRAY

JUNE 1, 2016

JERUSALEM - This Sunday, June 5, is “Jerusalem Day,” commemorating the reunification of the city in 1967. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, that the Redemption and Shalom of Christ the Messiah be revealed and celebrated within its jurisdiction.

Pray for the **ministry, personal spiritual growth and godly relationships of these missionaries**. Ask God to provide all financial, spiritual and prayer resources to maximize their impact for Jesus’ sake.

David & Carmen Gunderson (Arrive Ministries, Somali Refugees)

Beth Hanna (Camino Global, Mexico)

Ben and Sarah Johnson (Immigrant Hope, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Alyce Johnson (Proclaim! International)

Select one of our **special-interest missionaries** for prayer and intercession. Pray, also, for the **person seated next to you** on Sunday.

Praise the Lord for **Jodie J’s** completion of 38 years of service in District 200 schools. Her final day of responsibility was today.

Pray for those of our fellowship whose health does not allow them to attend services at Evangel: **Mike H, Geraldine M, Eleanor L, Lois S**. Remember each of these who are “precious in the sight of the Lord.”

Pray for **Michael W and Lauren F**, whose June 4 wedding is to be held at Evangel. Intercede for their union to begin well and on the solid Christian basis they desire.

Pray for **Bonnie H** as she travels to Minnesota for her granddaughter’s high school graduation and for **Stu and Jodie J** as they travel to Washington state for their granddaughter’s graduation from high school. Give thanks for the milestones each of these families has reached and for safety in the travels for these special events.

Praise the Lord for **Daniel K’s** graduation from Carthage College in Wisconsin. He is departing next week for a school-related trip to Central America to complete a class requirement. Intercede for his safety and enrichment and for future plans the Lord has for him.

Pray for the following circumstances related from **Ed and Mary Fox**: Mary’s eye pressure had not lessened as of last week. Again, it is a kind of miracle that her eye would experience such high pressure for so long without the optic nerve sustaining major damage. Her doctors do not understand how it can be. We will keep monitoring it, but the situation is cause for significant stress in our lives, hindering our ability to live and work efficiently. The pressure is not going down yet, in spite of the surgery and continued use of all medication allowed. We have hope, though, and keep praying for the sight in Mary’s right eye to be saved.

Pray for wisdom for **Ed Fox**, whose mother, Carol, is in a retirement center whose level of care has proven disappointing. Ask the Lord to provide grace in this difficult situation. Give thanks that Ed’s daughter Carolyn is able to visit regularly (each reside in Florida) and is able to assist somewhat, as she is a nurse.

Continue to pray for our **Succession Planning** process as we seek the Lord’s purposes for our church. Be thankful for the opportunities that are presented to us and for the healthy dialogue that has taken place in our “Open Forums.” Intercede for our Feasibility Team (Stu Johnson, Larry and Alethea Funck, Pastor Dave) as they interact with a similar group from College Church.

Pray for the **Wheaton congregation** giving prayerful consideration for their plans as it might relate to a possible interest in our property. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom in this matter as well.

Pray for our **Backyard Bible Club** outreach “Daytime Detectives” June 13-17, where participants will discover answers to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Intercede for our neighborhood literature distribution (June 4), the volunteer training session (June 6), the college interns to grow in their ability to lead other Backyard Clubs throughout the summer, the adult staff from College Church who will oversee teaching and for the children who will be attending and hopefully being drawn to become followers of Jesus.

Pray for the biennial meeting of **Converge Worldwide and Bethel University**, to be held June 29-July 1 in Littleton, Colorado. Intercede for the presentation of a fresh vision for mission to be presented by President Scott Ridout, the Board of Overseers and other Converge leaders. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen Bethel University in its mission of preparing leaders for the future.

Members & Friends: Dave and Joyce P, Robert P, Helen R

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Troy and Heather Cady**, PlayFull, Chicago.

On May 14, I (Troy) had the opportunity to lead a nine-hour training event for the children’s ministry team at Hope Community Church in Detroit. Lesley Koehn is the children’s ministry staff member at Hope, and she attended a one-hour introduction to Worshipful Play I conducted at a pre-conference event in January for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Training participants were provided an abundance of practical resources. The training was designed to equip participants in an approach to children’s ministry that combines methods and stories from Godly Play, PlayFull Faith and Young Children & Worship (YCW). Many people appreciate the philosophy of Godly Play and YCW, but they do not want to feel pinned down to using just one method. So, PlayFull is carving out a niche to equip ministries so they can effectively implement a hybrid of these methods. We call our hybrid approach “Worshipful Play,” and we believe it will help many, many leaders.

Also in early May, we hosted a PlayDate at Garfield Park Conservatory where our PlayMakers PlayGroup learned about play and its connection with God, nature, relationships and spiritual growth. PlayMaker Megan France (Bill and Debby’s daughter) led the session.

If you have a prayer concern you would like to put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Gloria Neal at home or at the church office.

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