

# PAUSE TO PRAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

“**SEE YOU AT THE POLE**” – Next Wednesday morning again will see two million or more public school students gather in early morning prayer rallies. Offer thanksgiving for the courage and faith demonstrated by these students, many of whom are often ridiculed. Pray that all appointed to participate receive grace, anointing to overcome fear and wisdom as they gather. Let us join these young public school Christians in united prayer for America. ([www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com))

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 & Synnøve Mitchell (TEAM, Special Assignment)

Paul & Joanie van Gorkom (GoServ Global)

Gil and Norene Zinke (Training Leaders International)

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

Continue to remember **Bonnie H** as she grieves the loss of her husband, Mike. Ask the Lord to bring His comfort and grace to her in these days of sorrow and adjustment.

Continue to pray for **Doug F** as he determines the Lord’s leading for his next employment. Ask the Lord to provide wisdom and opportunities for the Fogwells to consider.

Pray for **Bill and Donna W’s granddaughter Gwen**, who has been hospitalized recently with a potential heart difficulty. Ask the Lord to bring comfort to her family and wisdom to the medical team for an accurate diagnosis and helpful treatment.

Pray for Pastor Dave’s niece **Kathryn S**, who is expecting her third child this winter. She was hospitalized on Tuesday due to a seizure. Intercede for her recovery and safety for her baby. Her husband, Chance, is a doctoral student at Dallas Seminary.

Praise the Lord for the birth of **Sadie Marie G**, born to Anna G (Jim and Audrey E’s granddaughter) on September 11. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Ask the Lord to bless her early days with health and her family with joy.

Pray for impending marriages of two of the children of Evangel members: **Hannah F** (to Evan on November 12) and **Joe W** (to Mary on November 19). Ask the Lord to bless their plans and their marriages.

Pray for **Dr. David Lauber** as he continues his series “The Patience of Jesus” in our L.I.F.@E. Time sessions this Sunday and next.

Intercede for two important congregational gatherings in October. On October 9, we will hold a **Concert of Prayer** during our L.I.F.@E. Time hour. On October 16, we will hold an **Open Forum** to inform and detail the proposals currently

before us regarding our Succession Plans. Ask the Lord to inspire us to seek His will with earnestness in these meetings.

Our **Coffeebreak Ministry** resumed their fall ministry on Tuesday with more than 20 women in attendance. Pray for the women who participate, the staff who lead and plan and the guest speakers and special features that provide instruction and inspiration.

Members & Friends: Greg & Susan M, Jim & Gloria N, John & Stephanie M

## MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **John and Elaine Mehn**, Converge Worldwide, Japan.

The Japanese are the second-largest unreached people group on the planet. Japan, a country of 127 million, has less than one-half of 1% Christian believers.

To work with the Church Planting Institute (CPI) for over 20 years has been a great blessing in envisioning, training, equipping and renewing missionaries and Japanese for church planting. For over 20 years, there has been a growing burden for a CPI-like ministry – for Japanese, led by Japanese, in Japanese. As we have been sharing on Home Assignment, it happened our last term in Japan. In 2014, 65 leaders gathered for the first Church Multiplication Vision Festa. Last year, that number swelled to 180. John has had the privilege to work with some of the key leaders, many who are dreaming about 50,000 churches in Japan, the same number of convenience stores. These leaders have established a key project on church planting for the Congress on Evangelism.

This month, there will be a key meeting in Japan to consider the unfinished task of bringing the gospel to every Japanese. Every seven years, there is a national meeting of leaders to consider the challenges and opportunities in Japan. They are anticipating 2,000 Japanese leaders gathering together for worship, prayer, training and discussion. John will be flying back to Japan to take part in the Church Multiplication Project Team, where he is a member.

Pray for the Japan Congress on Evangelism Tuesday (9/27) through Friday (9/30). Pray that God would ignite new vision, transform many leaders toward evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Pray that the vision to plant a new wave of churches would grow as a result of this key meeting.

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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