

PAUSE TO PRAY

APRIL 5, 2017

REVELATION OF CHRIST - Pray that all who have been stirred to consider the life and claims of Jesus as Messiah during Lent and Holy Week receive revelation that Jesus Christ was truly born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified and died, was raised from the dead and that He ascended and is reigning as King, now and forever!

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.

Eric & Janet Johnson (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Mexico)

Bob and Debbie Long (Next Generation Initiative, Philippines)

John & Elaine Mehn (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Japan)

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

Pray for those of our church family who are recovering at home from injuries or surgery, including **Ken L and Al S**.

Ask the Lord to bring healing to **Audrey E** to allow her to resume attending services. Pray for the medical team as they consider possible paths for treatment and for her to sense the Lord's peace and provision.

Continue to remember **Nona S** as she recovers at Johnson Health Center from her recent hospitalization.

Praise the Lord for the swift sale of **Norene Z's** mother's property in Florida. This was a wonderful answer to an urgent prayer. Norene should be able to return to Illinois much sooner than anticipated.

Troy Cady, one of our special-interest missionaries and founder of the outreach ministry "PlayFull," is working on a prayer book tentatively titled *Playful Prayer*. Ask the Lord to guide him as he works to its conclusion and to use the book to encourage and bless others.

As **Pastor Dave** gives away much of his library, many of those works may find themselves in the hands of church leaders overseas. Pray that the Lord would use these volumes to encourage faithful and fruitful teaching and preaching.

Pray for **Dr. Dwight Perry** as he comes to speak on April 23 on the theme of racial reconciliation.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in our **Backyard Bible Club** neighborhood outreach during the week of July 24-28. Ask the Lord for a good response both in available volunteers and in spiritual impact in the community.

Intercede for tomorrow's **Succession Team Meeting** as planning begins for the next, and possibly final, months of Evangel's ministry. Pray for the logistical, legal, formal and scheduling issues yet to be resolved. Ask the Lord for a spirit of joy, gratitude and appreciation as our congregation makes this transition.

Our **Negotiations Team** is searching for an effective home administratively for the proposed "legacy" fund. We would need to secure a place for funds to be deposited and disbursements to be made. Pray for this search to be settled in the near future.

Pray for the vision-casting dinners our **Converge MidAmerica** staff will be hosting in Michigan and Illinois this month and in early May. Ask the Lord to bless these events and achieve their mission and fundraising goals.

Members & Friends: Anna Mae H, Steve and Bobbi J, Stu and Jodie J

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Eric and Janet Johnson**, Converge Worldwide, Mexico.

Your prayers and words of encouragement lift our hearts! Thank you for your love and care for us. Even though it is a long distance, it is felt every day!

The first week after last week's treatment went amazingly well . . . an answer to many prayers! Eric was very tired, but as the days passed, he had longer times with more energy, for which we are very grateful. He was able to eat, even though he doesn't have much of an appetite. We are continuing to work on ways to help him gain weight in a healthy way!

[Details of his treatment have been removed from the web version of Pause to Pray]

We continue to receive much practical help from our local church family here and are so grateful for each of you who brings us to the Father so faithfully. We are confident of the Father's love and know He is walking with us in every moment.

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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