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a river of hope in a thirsty land



A Note of Thank You

From the Gibsons

Candies Creek,

We love our church family and thank God for 10 years with you! Thank you for loving on our family for a decade. What a privilege it has been for the Lord to allow us to serve Him here with you. May He be honored and glorified in every way. Thank you for all you did and for the gracious way you blessed us at the fellowships. Your kindness and encouragement mean so much. Thank you for praying for and loving us, but even more for trusting and serving our great God! May we always abide in Him, love one another, and bear much fruit in His name.

We love you,

Stan, Heather and family

LIVING *Sent*

Dear Child of the King developing A Praying Life,

There are a few things that I want to communicate with you as we begin 9/6. We need God. We need to be a people of prayer. It is foundational to what we do both as individuals and as a congregation.

This congregational study and practice is an intentional opportunity to help our people make progress in their life using prayer as we have emphasized reverence in 2026. So, let's slow down together, learn what it means to develop a praying life and put prayer into practice. It is most important that we hear from God. Each lesson will begin with The Scriptures which are inspired by God. We need His Word to make sense out of prayer.

A Praying Life by Paul Miller is a secondary resource that can help us identify with stories of struggle and encouragement which point us to a relationship with our Creator, hope in our Savior and dependency on our good Father. Finally, I strongly encourage you to Practice Prayer both in your group time and outside of your group time.

This study also overlaps and comes on the heels of a sermon series from the book of Nehemiah. Words that I will keep in front of us from that series are prayer, focus, work and togetherness.

Here is the description from the back cover of A Praying Life.

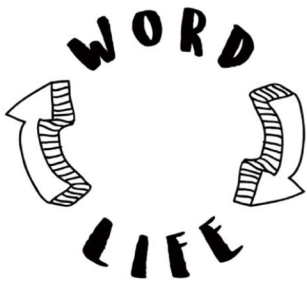
Prayer is simply you—a child of a good Father—making conversation with him a rhythm of your life.

For most of us, prayer is so hard that unless circumstances demand it, we simply do not pray. Prayerlessness is rooted in unbelief. Because of prayerlessness, our lives are often marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness, and spiritual lethargy.

If prayerlessness marks your life more often than not, A Praying Life is for you. Now with added chapters on prayers of lament and further guidance for using prayer cards. Paul Miller introduces us to prayer that regularly and consistently hopes, trusts, and expects God to act.

A praying life recognizes our dependence on God and brings every part of life into relationship with Him. A praying life recognizes our helplessness and neediness and turns to God as our Help when we are anxious. Thanks for going on this journey with us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Stan



Wednesday
@6:16pm
Life 122

Hello everyone!

I pray that we all have had a great start to the school year. I know that getting back into the Fall semester swing of things can feel both exhausting and like returning to our normal patterns, whether you are a student in school or a parent of a student. In either case, it is good for us to face our daily joys and sorrows with the same gospel truth in mind.

I have recently been considering the words of Paul in Galatians 6:9-10: "9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." In those joys and sorrows, it can become very easy to grow weary. I pray that all the families of Candies Creek lean on the power of Christ and do not become weary in doing good, for we know that our God is faithful and that our work in the Lord does pay off. As we seek to bring glory to God in all we do, we have a great promise that the Lord shall have total victory.

Our Life122 theme verse this year has been Revelation 21:3. This describes the day when all of God's covenant promises are fulfilled, and forever we, the Multitude (Rev 7:9-12) will be with God, with him as our God and we as his people. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for we trust in the good promise of God that this day shall come.

**Grace and peace,
Jed Cole**

Notable Dates

Notable Events: Connect Night @ Plank's - 9/6, College/YA Night @, Lookouts Game 9/13@12 pm, Geyman's - 9/20, Fields of Faith @ CHS - 9/23, Churchwide Fellowship Night @ Church- 9/27.



Candies Creek Kids

AWANA in September Faith that Works

September 2 Nerd Alert

September 9 AWANA

September 16 Super Hero Night

September 23 AWANA

What a great kick off to our AWANA year.

It's not too late to sign up and bring a friend along. Books and vests/t-shirts and bags go on sale in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday!

AWANA price list \$

All Books \$15

Cubbie and Sparks Vest \$15

TNT t-shirt \$10

Cubbie and Sparks Bags \$10

TNT sling bag \$18

cash or checks to Candies Creek Baptist (Awana in the memo line)

C4 Children's Church is off to a great start with one service. We have been studying BIG Questions Game Show and studying in Genesis and Exodus. C4 is a worship service with lots of movement and kid appropriate learning for K-4th graders.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR join us on Sunday evenings 6-7:5 pm. We are learning more than singing, we are learning the why and who of worship! psalms and songs and hymns and we usually end up on the playground for some fellowship. Prek-6th grades welcome.

Our preschool families are very involved and serving in various ministries at Candies Creek! Our preschool families don't just ATTEND at Candies Creek, they SERVE by pouring into others. Would you serve them by serving in the nursery on Sunday morning once every 7 weeks? See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns.

In the Know



WOW! Ladies Chunky Blanket Make-and-Take

When: Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 – 12:00

Where: Candies Creek Fellowship Hall

What to Bring: A snack to share, 6–9 Skeins of yarn, and a pair of scissors, depending on the size of the blanket you want to make.

(Watch for the Eternal Bliss yarn sale at Hobby Lobby)

Please sign up using the forms provided in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall or text Annette Tweet, 423-309-8623 or Traci Blackburn, 423-421-0618 by Sunday, October 18th

Led by Shannon McDonald

Patulul Guatemala Mission Trip Needs

Adult Multivitamins

Children's vitamins

Prenatal vitamins

NO GUMMIES

"One year until expiration"

New

Children's Clothing (kid's shorts and jersey type shirts, t-shirts)

Men's Clothing

Women's Clothing

Women's dresses must be modest

September Financial Update

Given in August

\$83,877.02

August Expenses

\$72,289.44

Year-to-date Giving

\$566,772.77

Year-to-date Expenses

\$630,159.36

Lottie Moon

\$5,273.79



WOW! Ladies Holiday Mix-Up

In November, are you TEAM

FALL/Thanksgiving or TEAM Christmas?

Let's have a little fun and MIX IT UP!

Bring a snack to share and a seasonal kitchen towel for a fun exchange game. Your towel can be in a bag and does not need a name.

Join us for a fun time in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 – 12:00

Reach out to Annette Tweed or Traci Blackburn with questions



The Candies Creek Choir will join the Waterville Baptist Choir to sing about God's love and redemption at a revival meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at Waterville Baptist Church. Please pray that many lives will be touched by this revival.



Shoebox Ministry

A team of 23 men and women joined together last Thursday and Friday to pack shoeboxes for 10–14 year old boys and girls. Their common goal was to fill boxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun activities.

Those shoebox gifts will be used by Gospel-trained nationals, somewhere, to share the love of Jesus Christ. In the past, Candies Creek boxes have gone to Africa, South America and the Ukraine. The group packed over 550 shoeboxes last week...those joined the 400 already packed for the 2–4 year olds. The last packing day of 2026 will be October 11th with the help of the C-4 children.

September 11th...Workday

September 25th...Workday

Monday Night Community Group

The Monday Night Group will resume meeting September 21. For more information, call Jean Dunn (423.650.7037).

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you're invited!

YOUNG MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES CLASS

LED BY TOM & RHONDA JOLLEY
AND HAYDEN & MACY MOORE

WHEN:
8:45am Every Sunday

WHERE:
Room 213 above the
fellowship hall



QUESTIONS? FEEL FREE TO MESSAGE US!
843-758-7725 // MACY MOORE



**Chattnooga
Lookouts
Game CCBC
Students
9/13-12 pm**



FIELDS OF FAITH

**MEET AT CHS
OR RIDE VANS
TO LEAVE
CCBC @ 5:15**

**TAILGATE 5:30
FREE PIZZA!
WORSHIP 6:30**

9/23/2026

RAIDER ARENA W/HEATH ESLINGER

WITHOUT CHRIST I AM NOTHING

*He is my refuge
He is my shield and stronghold*

Standing on the Promises

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved..."

Romans 10:9

Wow. What a promise! Praise the Lord, we have a firm foundation on which to stand: God's Holy Word. It overflows with promises unlike human promises that often falter and fail. The promises that we have at our fingertips when we read scripture, and in our spirits when we unite with the Lord in prayer, never falter, never fail. God's promises are unchanged by time, steadfast and true. They teach us to trust, strengthen our faith, and give us direction—pointing the way in which we should walk, as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps 119:105). Consider some of God's assurances that He sustains His people even through the most daunting challenges:

"Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalms 34:18

"The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired... He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary."

Isaiah 40:28-31

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

God's rich promises throughout scripture are sufficient to carry us through both the difficult and the mundane, calling us to study them, pray through them, and stand firm on them so that the light of the Gospel and the love of Jesus shines through us to the world.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

CCBC Prayer Ministry

Global Missions

Prayer Partnerships



B & J family in North Africa

They have arrived and are setting up their household, looking for an automobile, and getting settled in the capital city. Pray they can find the right home, in the right part of the city that will give them the best access to those they are seeking to reach. Please pray for them to get established quickly, for the Lord to provide many unexpected opportunities for relationships and gospel conversations resulting in faith among those to whom they have been sent. Pray that the word of the Lord will take off and spread rapidly among the lost (2 Thess 3:1).

Brown family

They are settled into the M house and are discovering how to continue to serve the work in South Asia while living in the US for a season caring for parents and in-laws. They ask us to pray "that we don't lose our saltiness. (Matthew 5:13) We appreciate this season in Tennessee but we don't want to grow comfortable or lose our passion for the nations while we live here." Pray also that the joy of family being near will enrich their hearts.

Howard family

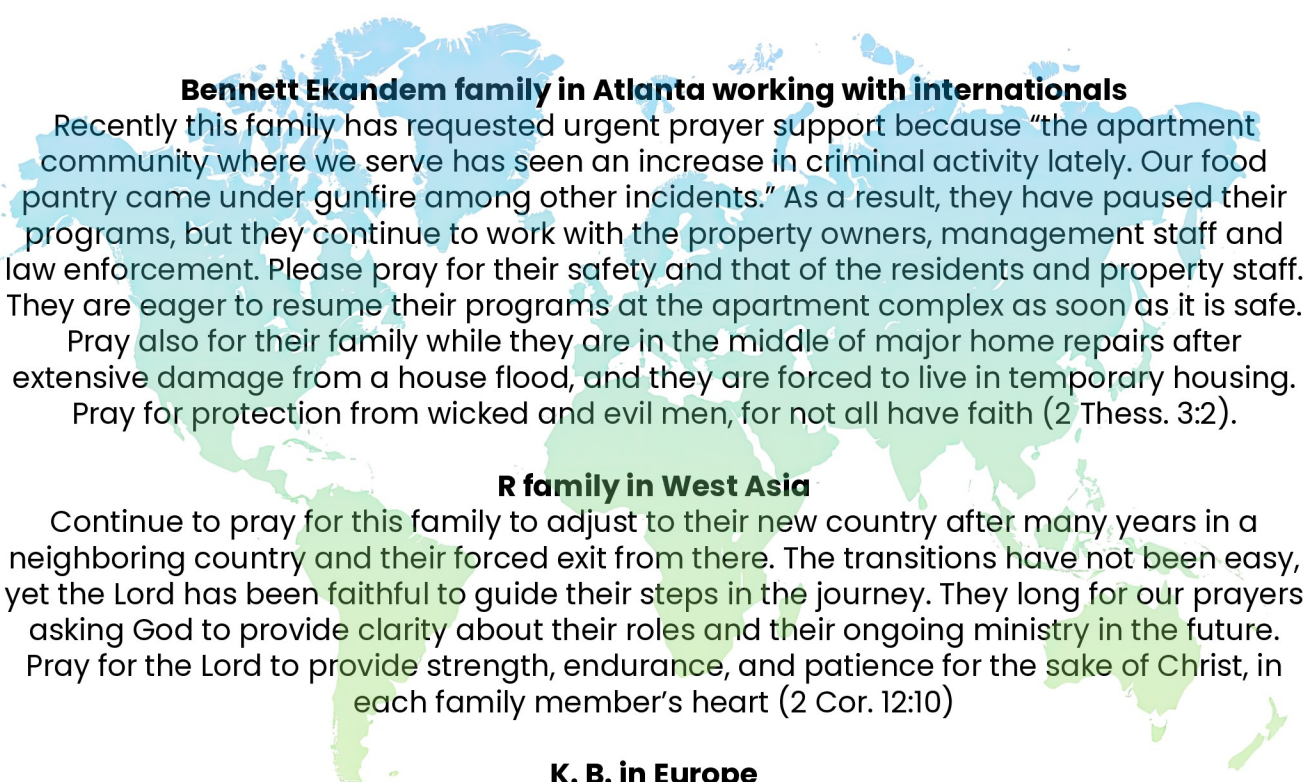
This family continue to serve the work in Southeast Asia while they provide care for their college-age daughter in Louisville, KY. Pray the doctors will correctly diagnose their daughter's condition and that the Lord will completely restore her health. Pray that their many years in Southeast Asia will now be translated to others in training, strategy, and coaching from a distance. They remain a vital part of the work in their country of ministry. Pray for many open doors for the gospel (Col. 4:2-4).

John & Katherine in D.R.

They are rejoicing that as of now, it looks like their support is completely funded. Pray with them regarding a church that's looking to get involved with their ministry. Pray with them over the communities Monte Largo and Margarita they are trying to engage with gospel ministry. Pray for discernment as they look to collaborate more closely with ministry partners. Pray the lost will turn from darkness to the light of Christ (Acts 26:18).

Miller family in D.R.

As they prepare for their role to change with their mission organization and move to full-time living in Cleveland, Tennessee while Eric takes on the global responsibility for Students International as the CFO, they are rejoicing that in "the past 15 years, we are humbled by the opportunity to have seen more than 7,000 participants serve with us in Jarabacoa. We know only a fraction of the stories, but we can only imagine the countless ways God has used these experiences to soften hearts, clarify callings, and impact lives for His kingdom." We will welcome them back to the US by continuing to pray for and support their ongoing ministry. Let's further rejoice with them that "Ezekiel David (son #4) officially joined the Miller crew on August 10th weighing in at 8 lbs. 8 oz." Praise God for new life and new beginnings (Isaiah 43:19)



Bennett Ekandem family in Atlanta working with internationals

Recently this family has requested urgent prayer support because “the apartment community where we serve has seen an increase in criminal activity lately. Our food pantry came under gunfire among other incidents.” As a result, they have paused their programs, but they continue to work with the property owners, management staff and law enforcement. Please pray for their safety and that of the residents and property staff. They are eager to resume their programs at the apartment complex as soon as it is safe.

Pray also for their family while they are in the middle of major home repairs after extensive damage from a house flood, and they are forced to live in temporary housing.

Pray for protection from wicked and evil men, for not all have faith (2 Thess. 3:2).

R family in West Asia

Continue to pray for this family to adjust to their new country after many years in a neighboring country and their forced exit from there. The transitions have not been easy, yet the Lord has been faithful to guide their steps in the journey. They long for our prayers asking God to provide clarity about their roles and their ongoing ministry in the future. Pray for the Lord to provide strength, endurance, and patience for the sake of Christ, in each family member's heart (2 Cor. 12:10)

K. B. in Europe

This young lady who grew up at Candies Creek has been serving overseas nearly 10 years. Recently she got engaged to another M and later this year she will be in the US getting prepared for their wedding. After their marriage they will return to the mission field in a new location. Rejoice with her in God's wonderful gift! (Psalm 37:4)

Local Outreach and Living Sent

We who live in East Tennessee are responsible for the lostness right here around us, just as those who serve in other countries are for their populations. Are you looking for opportunities daily to share Christ and have gospel conversations? Let's strive to be intentional with the people we encounter every day. We lost Local Outreach efforts at 445pm from the church every Wednesday. Shawn Williams is the leader; you will find him at the Fellowship Hall each week ready to lead the effort.

Point Honduras Dental Clinic, November 1-7, 2026

Please pray for our team heading back to Honduras in a couple of months to work in the dental clinic and to share the Good News of Jesus. If you have questions or interest in this short-term trip please contact Dr. Josh Olmstead or Erika Olmstead.

North American Mission Board says...

...that of the 386 million people in North America (US and Canada) it is estimated that 291 million of them are lost and facing an eternity separated from Christ. That's about 2 out of every 3 people around us don't know Jesus. Let's tell the story!

International Mission Board says...

...that more than 50% of the world's 8.3 billion people have little to no access to the gospel because they are part of an ethnic people group that is 2% or less Christian. Will you go? 160,101 people die daily apart from Christ and find themselves in a devil's hell. Pray that the unreached and the unengaged will welcome the messengers who arrive with the Good News of the gospel (Isaiah 52:7; Rom. 10:15).

Who Will Go?

Who Will Pray?



3rd David Braden
4th Eden Simko
5th Gibson Purser
6th Shane Coleman
7th Chuck Barkley, Ralph
Jones,
Mack Hall, Sonya
Ownbey
9th Stephanie Cooke,
Laura Dye
10th Karen Bryson,
Brendon Witte
12th Jean Dunn, Nathan
Land

14th Jim Booher, Angel Purser
15th Barry Purser1
16th Kevin Howard
18th Pete Coleman, Evan Rogers
19th Patty Celender, Eslie Gluckner,
Sierra Missinne
23rd Brandy Land, Alayna Tweed
24th Patti Gates, Owen Jolley
25th Rheagan Hall
27th Tiffany Creekmore
29th Hudson Burnette
30th Elaine Purser

Minute Clinic

Nehemiah 8:10

Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

This is such a powerful reminder that your strength doesn't have to come from having everything figured out. God's joy can sustain you even when circumstances feel difficult or uncertain.

September 2026



SUN 31 MON 1 TUE 2 WED 3 THU 4 FRI 5 SAT

Grandparents
Day @
CCA

6
NO
Adult/Children's
Choir
Connect Night
@the Planks

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8
Senior Adult
lunch
@Farmhouse
WOW! Book Club
5:30-7:30 pm

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Precept
Begins

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Precept
Begins

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12
Multi-
language
Outreach
10-12 pm

13

Deacon's
Meeting 4:30 pm

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CCA Family
Cook-Out
3:30 pm

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Lookouts Game
12pm

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College/YA
@the
Geyman's

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23
Fields of
Faith @CHS
5:30 pm

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Church Wide
Fellowship
after service

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Sunday

Community Groups 8:45 am
C4 11:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Children's & Adult Choir
6:00 pm

Wednesday

Outreach 4:45 pm (meet in StuB)
AWANA 6:00 pm
Precept 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Life 122 6:15 pm

Thursday

Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 am
Precept 8:50 am
Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm

Now is the Time: Unleashing the Next Generation

When no one else noticed, God did. When others considered David just a lowly shepherd, God delighted in a young man who loved to worship Him. While David tended sheep, he devoted himself to honor and praise His Lord. His heart for God was established before anyone knew his future.

When Samuel came to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king of Israel, David wasn't just last choice—he wasn't even on the radar. But God saw him (1 Samuel 16:3-13).

And when no one gave him a chance against the giant mocker of "the armies of the living God," young David saw God as his Deliverer. He warned Goliath, "I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied" (1 Samuel 17:45). David believed God, charged without fear, and took out the enemy.

A new generation is rising with renewed faith and confidence in God. God sees them—and He invites us to pray for their unleashing to take down the giants of their generation. Our next great awakening may just begin with them. Let's pray it is so!

1 God told Samuel that His choice for the next king of Israel was not based on size or physical attributes. Rather, He said, "People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Ask God to do a fresh work of faith, trust, and devotion in the hearts of the next generation (1 Samuel 16:7).

2 When Samuel rejected all of David's brothers, his father Jesse said, "There is still the youngest.... He is tending the sheep." Pray that as the Church we do not discount this next generation but rather invest in mentoring them to become Kingdom leaders (1 Samuel 16:11).

3 David was presented to Samuel as "glowing with health" with a "fine appearance and handsome features." He was fully prepared for his new calling! Ask God to strengthen and prepare a new generation to step into His Kingdom purposes (1 Samuel 16:12a).

4 God called David with a resounding affirmation: "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." Pray that young believers will feel called by God to serve Him with confidence and radical obedience (1 Samuel 16:12b).

5 David was incensed with Goliath's insults: "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" Pray that young people are filled with passion for the righteousness of God to be displayed to their generation and beyond (1 Samuel 17:26).

6 Young David consoled King Saul by saying, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Pray for this generation to rise up with belief that God can intervene in any hopeless situation. May their confidence inspire the Church with greater faith (1 Samuel 17:32).

7 David declared victory over Goliath because he believed God. "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's." Ask God to inspire this next generation to believe Him for the seemingly impossible as they advance His Kingdom (1 Samuel 17:47).

8 As Goliath moved in for the attack, "David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him" and took him out with a single stone. Pray that this generation runs to the battle with the confidence that God intends to revive their generation to win against the enemy of their souls (1 Samuel 17:48).

9 As an older generation, ask God for opportunity to "declare [His] power to the next generation, [His] mighty acts to all who are to come." Pray that you can encourage those who come behind you with assurances of God's power to revive and transform a generation (Psalm 71:18).

10 Pray that your children and grandchildren will know and walk in the truth of Christ because "a good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children." Pray that you leave a spiritual inheritance that touches generations to come (Proverbs 13:22).

11 After crossing the Jordan River, Joshua instructed the Israelites to make a stone memorial "to serve as a sign among you." When children asked in the future, "What do these stones mean?" they could declare God's faithfulness. Pray for ways to share your own stones of remembrance with the next generation (Joshua 4:6).

12 God's heart is that "one generation commends [His] works to another; they tell of [His] mighty acts." Pray for mentoring relationships among generations that allow for God's mighty power to be declared and believed (Psalm 145:4).

13 Paul tells Timothy that “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” Pray for the faith of one generation to be passed on to the next with even greater trust in Christ (2 Timothy 1:5).

14 It is God’s plan that “future generations will be told about the Lord.” Pray for a thirst for Jesus to rise up in the next generation with the desire to know God’s past faithfulness. May they lead the way in a new spiritual awakening in this nation (Psalm 22:30).

15 Pray for godly adults to mentor and disciple this next generation in God’s Word, believing that “all your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace” (Isaiah 54:13).

16 Pray that this next generation will seek out older adults to teach them of God’s faithfulness. May they embrace the instruction to “ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.” Pray for mentoring relationships that help disciple young people in the things of the Lord (Deuteronomy 32:7).

17 Pray that parents will have godly influence over their families and “teach their children so the next generation would know” God’s Word. Pray that parents win the battle over the education of their children in a secular society (Psalm 78:5-6).

18 God promises to pour out His Spirit on all people, with the promise that “your sons and daughters will prophesy” and “your young men will see visions.” Pray for a fresh filling of the Spirit for this generation, that they are unleashed with the power of the gospel on their campuses and beyond (Joel 2:28).

19 Before this next generation was born, God formed them in the womb, knew them, and set them apart for their unique destiny. Pray that they seek the Lord for His calling on their lives, and that God directs them to be fully missional and engaged in Kingdom advancement (Jeremiah 1:5).

20 The Lord instructed Jeremiah to “not say, ‘I am too young.’” Instead, He said, “You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.” Pray that instead of discounting their age, young people are passionate to share the love of Christ in every opportunity (Jeremiah 1:7).

21 Young King Josiah “did right in the eyes of the LORD ... not turning aside to the right or to the left.” Ask God to fill this generation with wisdom from the Spirit to reject ungodly ideologies and instead lead the way in obedience to God’s Word (2 Chronicles 34:1-2).

22 As a young king, Josiah “began to seek the God of his father David” and then “began to purge Judah and Jerusalem” of false idols. Pray that this next generation leads the way in the transformation of this nation. Pray for passionate worship and prayer to the one true God (2 Chronicles 34:3).

23 Pray that this next generation is not ashamed of the gospel—even in a hostile culture. Ask God to build their confidence that “it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

24 Pray that the “God of hope” fills this generation with all joy and peace as [they] trust in him, so that [they] may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” May they become voices of truth and healing (Romans 15:13).

25 Pray for the unleashing of this generation to “preach the word.” Ask God to show them how to “be prepared in season and out of season.” May they “correct, rebuke and encourage” their peers “with great patience and careful instruction” (2 Timothy 4:2).

26 Pray that this next generation is unleashed by the Spirit with passion for the gospel and love for the lost, so that they are “fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15).

27 Ask God to release this generation as a powerful beacon of hope to the lost, that their “light may shine before others, that they might see [their] good deeds and glorify [their] Father in heaven.” Pray for the love of Christ to flow through them with unstoppable passion (Matthew 5:16).

28 Pray that God’s glory is known “in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” Pray for this next generation to declare the mighty power of God to save and redeem now and in years to come (Ephesians 3:21).

29 David had confidence because “the LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” Pray that this generation runs to the battles of today without fear, knowing that God will give them victory in Christ (1 Samuel 17:37).

30 David continued to grow in stature as a leader and commander of troops, and “in everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.” Pray that this generation continues to grow and mature in their faith and trust in God, knowing that He has set forth a destiny before them to advance His Kingdom (1 Samuel 18:13-14).