



Wednesday Evening Worship

March 18, 2020

Opening Scripture Reading

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Psalm 66:1-4

Opening Prayer

Pray or have someone in your home lead in prayer to begin your time of worship.

Hymn of Praise

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuLIKzeWsac>

You may sing along with the music or simply meditate upon the lyrics.

Bible Study

“The Hand of the Almighty” – Isaiah 14:26-27

You may stream the teaching in either audio or video format from the church website.

Discussion Questions

1. What things about your current circumstances are causing you the most anxiety?
2. What imagery from this passage gives you the most comfort?
3. How should the truths conveyed in this passage encourage you in the coming days?

Prayer

Have a time of prayer that focuses on the truths that we have considered this evening.

- Give thanks to the Lord for the specific things that He has encouraged you with from His Word (truth, imagery, etc.)
- Confess where you have been anxious about or discontent with your current circumstances
- Pray these truths for you and your loved ones as well as for those in our church body here at Riverwood.

Using the prayer sheet on the pages that follow, have a time of prayer focused on the specific needs of the church body as well as for our missionaries.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Thomas Gardner:** Thomas' aunt, Jane Niles, passed away this week. Pray comfort and peace for her daughters (Melissa & Mary Beth) and for Thomas' parents, T.Y. & Bonnie.
- **Coronavirus:** Pray for wisdom for the leadership and protection for the body, especially for our elderly.
- **Matt Musser:** Pray for Matt's health. He fainted Sunday morning and had to be taken to the hospital, but he is home now and following doctor's instructions.
- **Paul Epperson:** Pray for Paul and the Forge team as they shift away from the planned live events in the next few months and toward online programming. Their goal is to continue to minister to young adults and college students.
- **Lynda O'Neal:** Her scheduled to have left cataract surgery has been postponed, pray for her as she awaits the opportunity to complete the procedure.
- **Jack Curtis:** Mary Crutchfield's son-in-law, Jack, is having surgery on his spine March 24.
- **Expectant Mothers:** Pray for Abbi Oakley and Aunna Hill.
- **The Hill Family:** Pray for the Hills and for their continued search for a home to buy.
- **Semantha Grogan:** Pray for Sem as she continues treatments for kidney stones.
- **Doris High:** Continue to pray for Lynda O'Neal's sister Doris who broke her wrist. "Her doctor said she can take off the brace for a short time during the day and start driving. She will practice driving up and down on our street with no traffic!"
- **JP Walters:** JP's heart cath went well and the doctor believes he will not need another intervention for a long time!
- **Ethel Carter:** Some of you may remember Ethel who drove her grandson Prince to AWANA for many years. She asked for prayer for her various health issues, including her immobility. Also pray for Prince who is on a donor list waiting for a kidney transplant, and for Prince's grandfather who's had multiple strokes and suffers from Alzheimer's.
- **Dorothy Turbeville:** Aunna's grandmother was diagnosed with an aggressive type of breast cancer and is anticipating a year's worth of chemo treatments.
- **Mickey Lee:** Continue to pray for Mickey as they address his many health needs.
- **Mary Crutchfield:** Continues to deal with a series of health issues and appreciates your prayers.
- **Laurice Simmons:** (1) Pray for the Richardson Family: Candacé, Ken, Kevin & Aubriana. (2) Pray for my sick friends: Rosaland Simmons, Cliff Bowen, Tami Brown, & Dr. Steven Brown. (3) Pray for Lisa King and for unspoken requests. (4) Pray for me: safety driving for Uber, Uber rating, my health, & my finances."
- **Ken Swarts:** Pray for Ken with his diagnosis of congestive heart failure, and for his wife, Nancy.

MISSIONARIES

Jasper and Carolyn Bacon with In His Steps Ministries in Canton, MS

- Praise God for his faithfulness over the last 25 years. Praise God for youth who receive Christ.
- Pray for start-up ministries to girls at the Hinds County Detention Center, Little League sports camp for Saw Mill youth, and Bible Study for men in Saw Mill.
- Pray for families affected by the flooding here and across the country.
- Pray for God's sustaining grace on the families of Mike Tanner and Jerry Clark.
- Pray for God's wisdom and resources on the development of IHS campground.

Rick and Jonell Barth in Byram, MS

- Praise the Lord for opportunities for Rick to teach and for the women's Bible study where Jonell has opportunity to teach from time to time.
- Praise God for the marriage and dating classes we taught in October!
- Praise for all of our time spent with kids and grandkids!!
- Pray for Rick as he teaches a "small group" Sunday nights and prepares to teach the adult Sunday School class.
- Pray for the Lord to lead Jonell in ministering to women, possibly a younger women's ministry.
- We have a heart for ministering to married couples! Pray for God's leading there.
- Pray for our daughter Emily and Matt as they travel to supporting churches and look to the Lord for direction.
- Pray for our daughter Heather in her challenging job as coordinator in neo-natal research and mom to two daughters!

Mike & Jane Bonner and Aaron & Brittany Bonner at FOA

- Pray for the staff to have discernment as we deal with each individual's challenges
- Pray for the men who carry baggage of a broken life from the choices they've made, that they may face their problems head on through the knowledge of God's Holy Word.

Emily Bonner teaching at Numonohi Christian Academy in PNG

- Please pray for the need for teachers at NCA for the 2020-2021 school year. We always have a need for teachers, but we're actually looking at having to possibly close our doors to partner missions and local businesses for grades 1-10 next year if we do not get more staff. In order for someone to be able to go through all the paperwork to get here on time for the next school year, we need to hear from them by the end of March.
- Pray for teachers (church planters, translators, etc.) for bush locations.
- Pray for PNG citizen teachers for towns and remote areas.

Bill and Barbara Boggess with Equipping Leaders, Int'l in St. Augustine, FL

- Pray for Barbara's continued blistering on her hands and feet from the chemo.
- Bill is on his trip, having just left Senegal and now in the Democratic Republic of Congo with colleague, Francois, to teach Bible Study Methods to African pastors. Pray for safety in Goma.
- Praise the Lord for stamina, safety and for good meetings so far.
- Pray for the African pastors to learn much and that they faithfully transmit the truth to other pastors in the outlying areas.

Bill and Darla Ebert with the Hilltop in the Philippines

- They are dealing with many of the same issues in Manila that we are facing here in the U.S. as a result of coronavirus.
- Bill was able to broadcast his sermon from this past Sunday online, and it was a blessing to many of their former students who are living abroad. Give thanks to the Lord for this unique opportunity and pray for Him to bless it.

Cornelius and Angelique Gray with Christar in Paris, France

- Pray for Cornelius's traveling around, visiting his son Joshua, speaking at a missions conference in Texas, and visiting supporters along the way. He will return to France at the end of February. Pray for Angelique and the kids in France.
- Pray for Joshua in school in Virginia, and for Gabby in school in Germany, as they are away from the family.
- Pray for progress in establishing relationships with Muslims in the community.
- This stage of strategic planning and partnering with established missionaries is going well. Pray as they seek to start a Bible study in their home.
- Boldness for Angelique as she meets weekly with a Muslim woman and communicates the Gospel to her.
- Pray for effective ideas on reaching the newest Muslim immigrants.

Botho and Gisela Heinz with World Reach in Germany

- Travel plans are being made for Botho to be in Pakistan in June. Pray for God's will to be shown in this situation as it is not yet apparent that he will be able to travel.
- Pray for the ministry of TSS during this period of upheaval around the world. We do not know when we will be able to begin traveling for ministry once again or to which countries we will be able to go.

Nathan and Regina Johnson with Operation Manhood in McComb, MS

- Nathan is under treatment for H. pylori bacteria in his stomach and is challenged by his Parkinson's disease. Please pray for Nathan and Regina as they address these health issues.

Chad and Janeene Mankins with Ethnos360 in PNG

- Pray for Chad as he travels back to PNG this week to deliver 100 more of the solar-powered listening devices with evangelistic Bible lessons recordings stored on them. Pray for not only the distribution, but the diligence to listen and that faith would follow!
- Pray for the continued language check on the book of John during this trip, and for the booklets of the already-finished books of Romans to Revelation to be distributed!
- Zeke will have surgery sometime this summer to repair a heart valve.
- Praise for healing of Zeke's fractured foot!
- Continue to pray for the Tobo believers.

Matt and Emily Musser on furlough from Papua, Indonesia

- Praise God for needs met! Emily and Matt both were provided with new laptops.
- Praise God that through the suffering, God is with us!
- Praise Him for the anonymous gift of a rental van for our trip to Chicago at Christmas!!
- Pray that God would enable us to not cling to the hurt but yield our brokenness to the One who was broken for us.
- Praise God that the Schafers were able to rebuild and move back into the Kora valley a few weeks ago.
- Pray for the Schafers and Palmers as they translate and teach through Acts and Ephesians.
- Pray for the Kora believers as they experience persecution for their faith; for continued growth and protection.
- Pray for safety, stamina and wisdom for the Schafers and Palmers as they persevere there.

Willard and Esther Muwalo in Blantyre, Malawi

- Pray for the 20 church planters as they are currently under training, and for the 20 sites identified (11 in Mozambique and 9 in Malawi) to be planted in April.
- Pray for good health and wisdom for the teachers.
- Pray for Evangelistic meetings at Blantyre February 21-23.
- Pray for political stability following the recent 2018 elections that were annulled, causing tension. "May God take us through this as we will be voting again may God give us a good leader."
- Pray as we elect new church elders this month.
- Pray for the health of their family.

Jared and Anna Olander with Africa Inland Missions in Nairobi, Kenya

- Malindi and Collins are home from the hospital and well! Praise the Lord for all His provisions during their illness.
- Pray for Malindi who just found out she is still too young to have her corrective procedure this year, and as she continues to experience discomfort from the pressure of her sternum.
- Please pray for us as we pursue relationships in a deeper way this year. Jared has opportunities to disciple students at school, Anna is helping in the office.

Buddy and Kathy Rogers in Germany

- Praise the Lord for 3 new adopted grandchildren this year!
- Pray for plans to expand both their church and schools.
- Looking ahead to 2020, you can pray for an upcoming trip to Israel, and evangelistic event in April and a large pastor's conference in June, as well as seminars and workshops throughout the year.

Harold Sprayberry with Bad News, Great News Clubs in Jackson, MS

- Praise the Lord for the 30 children who indicated they trusted Jesus as their Savior!
- Pray for those who are already taking their Christian lives seriously by sitting still and paying more attention to Bible stories and lessons.
- Pray for provision for materials, car expenses, candy and better visual aids for ministry.

Mark and Estella Trostle with Wycliffe in PNG

- Praise God for safe trips to Singapore and the Philippines
- Praise God for Estella's brother Rudy's faith in Jesus. He is now with the Lord.
- Praise for 30 years of service with Wycliffe!

Scott and Ellie Williams with FamilyLife in Little Rock, AR

- Pray for relief from a fatiguing week and a half round of chemo that Scott just underwent.
- Pray for endurance for the trial that they are entrusted with these days. Scott wears electrodes on his head, and a battery backpack 24/7, has lost 32 pounds, and has wrapped up a season of support raising for his ministry.
- As Scott returns to writing for FamilyLife and Ellie to editing, pray for them to be a source of encouragement and testimony of God's faithfulness to their own family and to others.
- Pray for provision to meet the coming medical bills.

Pray For Our Missionaries:

1. **Mike & Jane Bonner and Aaron & Brittany** Bonner with FOA in Pocahontas, MS
2. **T.J. and Kathy Sipes** with AWANA in MS
3. **Kelly and Dallion Rehm** with The Center for Global Connections, SWBU, Bolivar, MO
4. **Gateway Rescue Mission** in Jackson
5. **James and Angela Joransen** with Child Evangelism, I.C.O. in N.E. Georgia/Iceland
6. **Donn and Fran Kenyon** in Wylie, TX. Retired from Church planting/pastoring in Mason, MI
7. **Scott & Ellie Williams** with Family Life, Little Rock, AR
8. **Matt and Emily Musser** with New Tribes Mission in Papua, Indonesia
9. **Chad and Janeene Mankins** with New Tribes Mission in PNG
10. **Jared and Anna Olander** with Africa Inland Missions in Nairobi, Kenya
11. **Harold Sprayberry** with BAD NEWS...GREAT NEWS CLUBS in Jackson
12. **Bill & Barbara Boggess** with Equipping Leaders Int'l, Inc.
13. **Nathan & Regina Johnson** with Operation Manhood in McComb, MS
14. **Jasper & Carolyn Bacon** with In His Steps Ministries, Canton, MS
15. **Cornelius & Angelique Gray** with Christar in Massy, France
16. **Rick & Jonell Barth** in Byram, MS, retired from teaching at Ethnos 360 Bible Institute, WI
17. **Emily Bonner** with Ethnos 360, teaching highschool in Papua New Guinea
18. **Mark and Estella Trostle** with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea

Pray For Bible Schools/Seminaries:

1. Ukrainian Baptist Seminary, Borislav, Ukraine – **Slavik Pyzh**, director
2. Fourth Baptist Church and Camp, Chernivtsy, Ukraine – Pastor **Vasili Vasilov**
3. Baptist Bible School, Tyumen, Russia (Siberia) – **Alexander Boitchenko**
4. Baptist Bible School/Church, Yalta, Ukraine (Crimea) – Pastor **Benjamin Yukhimets**
5. Independent Bible training/evangelism, Blantyre, Malawi – Pastor **Willard Muwalo**
6. The Center for Biblical Studies (the "Hilltop"), Antipolo City, Philippines – **Bill and Darla Ebert** with Filipino leaders: **Dr. Lubaton, Pastor Laganza and Pastor Willie Cruz**
7. Thuringia Bible College, Germany – **Botho Heinz**
8. Giessen School of Theology and Rhineland School of Theology, Germany – **Buddy Rogers**