



PASTORAL PRAYER

Update

Nathan and Jessica Smith (Senior Pastor) Caden (16), Lydia (14), Jason (12)

- Please pray that we would be filled with the richness of Ephesians 3 in our ministry and personal lives: "that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
- Please pray that Heritage would be united in heart and vision, doctrine and mission even as we are involved in and embark upon a number of new initiatives and opportunities as a church. There are a lot of things happening, but there is also some change, and change can bring insecurity and division. Praying that we would all be grounded as a church in an Ephesians 3 joy of knowing, beholding, and enjoying Jesus Christ even as Heritage continues to grow and move forward.

Kent and Tara Gregory (Executive Pastor)

- Please pray that in our marriage God would "give [us] the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of [our] hearts enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope to which he has called [us]" (Eph. 1:17-18) as we spend time with our parents and adult children as empty-nesters.
- Please pray that all of us in the body at Heritage would continue to grow in what it means to allow our roles as ambassadors of Christ to shape how we spend our time, what desires we pursue, and what plans we make.

Dave and Megan Ashburn (Pastor of Adult Ministries) Micah (10), Jane (7), Ava (5)

- Please pray that in our marriage and parenting we would "be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col. 1:9-10)
- Please pray that those who are in the communities and ministries of Heritage would deepen their commitment to their own spiritual growth as well as look for ways to invest in the spiritual growth of those around them.

Mike and Amy Crump (Pastor of Church Communications)

- Pray for Amy and I in accordance with Ephesians 5:15-21, that as we transition into a new season of life as empty nesters we'll be wise in the use of our time and prioritize that which would glorify God and build up His church.
- Pray for the communications team as we strive to assist in uniting the church in mission and help connect people to events and communities that will help them to delight more in Jesus and provide avenues of service and sacrifice for the sake of Christ's church.

Rob and Kay (Pastor of Global Ministries)

- Please pray for Kay and me to grow in the qualities described in Romans 12, especially verses 9-13, as we walk alongside those preparing to be sent, those already serving, and the many who faithfully surround and support those preparing, deployed, and have returned.
- We long for even more to be equipped and active in all the good God has prepared in advance for His people to walk in! Please pray that we as Jesus' Church will love Him more and equally value all roles in accomplishing His mission.

Nathan and Ashley Fox (Pastor of Student Ministries) Landon (6) and Colton (4)

- Please pray for Ashley and I in accordance with Ephesians 5:1-2, that we will as a couple behold Christ's example of love for us and actively choose to love as He does, whether in our marriage, our parenting our boys, or in our ministry with teens and leaders. And that God would be pleased in our self-sacrifice in this way, and that our joy will amplify in living like Jesus.
- Please pray for our teens, as we open the Word of God here and teach from it, that the Spirit would stir in them a personal desire to be self-feeders, followers who delight to explore His Word for themselves that they may know and love Him more.

Kevin and Suzanne Haglund (Pastor of Worship Ministries)

- Please pray that in our new season of being empty nesters, Suzanne and I would embody the truths of Psalm 1, specifically verse 3: "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."
- Please pray that the volunteers involved in the Worship Ministry would live the gospel life on mission together so it will overflow into genuine worship as we lead the congregation in Christ-centered worship each week.

Joshua and Kelsey Hankins (Pastor of Children's Ministries) Judah (1) and baby girl on the way!

- Please pray for our family as we prepare to welcome baby number two and build family rhythms that will nurture a love for Christ in our home.
- Please pray for the children of our church to grow in their understanding of what it means to be a part of the family of God as they experience the love of God's family each Sunday and Wednesday.

Jeff and Ruth Ann Scott (Pastor of Biblical and Theological Resourcing)

- Pray for Ruth Ann and I to continue to model the Gospel Life as articulated in Romans 8, as we walk alongside our parents, children, and grandchildren as well as those we are discipling in our Discipleship Community, small groups (Jeff's early morning discipleship groups), and those in theological development via the Pathway to the Nations and others.
- We long to be deeply invested in identifying, equipping, and launching future leaders, GOERS, and lay elders into leadership at Heritage and the Global Church. Pray God would continue to equip and energize us for this task.

Allen & Robin Waldrep (Pastor of Connections)

- Please pray for us as Paul prayed for those in Philippi (Philippians 1:3-9) that our love may abound more and more for God, each other, and for those around us, and that, combined with knowledge and discernment, we can follow after that which is excellent versus that which is only good. This will be especially helpful as we intentionally begin to plan what "retirement" life will look like.
- Please pray that the Connections Ministry will do well in providing accountability and celebrating movement as our people move forward in becoming fully engaged followers of Jesus Christ as they live the gospel life while they are here at Heritage.