



PASTORAL PRAYER

Update

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

- Colossians 3:16-17, "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," - Please pray that our family would constantly find our strength for life and ministry in the power of the Spirit and the richness of our identity in Christ. Please pray that we would not grow weary, but rather find our strength to love and serve from the riches that Christ provides. Pray that we would abide daily in Christ.
- Please pray that God would give me wisdom to know how to give the congregation the word of God and truths of Christ that are faithful to Scripture, but also practical with where people are at and where they are struggling.

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

- Please pray that our marriage would reflect the beautiful mystery of Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5:22-33) and that we would be faithful in raising our kids "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).
- Please pray that the adults of Heritage would be eager to find ways to align our affections and ambitions to Christ with eternity in mind.

Mike and Amy Crump (Pastor of Church Communications)

- Pray for us using Psalm 1 as Amy and I seek to be like steadfast trees planted by Christ in this season of life. As our children transition out of the house and into adulthood we long to continue to bear fruit within our marriage and ministry together. We are praying for wisdom and discernment as we strive to walk in faith and obedience in 2026.
- Pray for continued impact via the resources that are being produced for our church. We have seen great response from our graphic sermon notes and the Focused on Christ podcast and pray that God would use those resources and others to magnify His name and equip the body of Heritage for love and good works.

Rob and Kay (Pastor of Global Ministries)

- Please pray for Kay and I's branches to bear God's fruit as described in Galatians 5:22-23 by the Holy Spirit and through abiding deeply in Jesus. We also covet prayers for daily discernment and wisdom (James 1:5) to navigate a number of complexities preparing, deploying, and supporting the many in partnership with Heritage around the world. Praise God He IS generous as we ask!
- We continue to ask 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)

- Prayers using 1 Peter 5:1-11 feels appropriate at this time as we talk about the Good Shepherd. That I would shepherd the flock the way God intends us to shepherd, to be an example of the chief Shepherd. That I would humble myself under God, bringing all of myself to the One who cares for me. That I would be spiritually vigilant each day, with expectant hope of one day being with my God who has called me unto Himself and is worthy of my praise.
- Pray that our teens continue to demonstrate a willingness to ask questions, to learn from God's people as they look unto God's Word together, and faithfully/rigorously discuss and apply His Word into their daily lives.

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 (2) and Eden (Newborn)

- Please pray Deuteronomy 6:1-9 over our family as we seek to lead our son Judah down paths of righteousness, especially as we welcome our new baby girl into our family!
- Please pray for the volunteers of our children's ministry to creatively create spaces of familiarity and consistency with the kids of Heritage.

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 2 Timothy 3:10-17, as we walk alongside our parents, children, and grandchildren.
- Pray as well for those we are discipling in our Discipleship Community, The Journey, and Jeff's early morning discipleship groups.
- Pray for Jeff as he longs 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 him for and in this task.
- Pray for all those in our sphere of ministry, that they would learn to love God's Word, love the nations, love Jesus, love His Church, be (and love) make followers, live (and love) the gospel life, and develop in spiritual formation of doctrine & ethics.

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 those around us, that, combined with knowledge and discernment, we can follow after that which is excellent rather than 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.