

Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church
(Week of 08/02/2026)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. Philippians 4:6

Congregation

- It's that time of year—classrooms are ready, teachers and other school leaders are ready, students are ready, and today everyone's bags and backpacks will be ready, too, following our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! Prayers of joy, hope, success, and safety as this new school year begins over the coming days!
- Herb Meyer had a heart stint inserted week before last and is feeling well. Prayers of gratitude for the successful procedure and for the continued remission of cancer.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
 - *Prayers of comfort for Bill and Julie Nelson and family. Bill's father, Dr. Homer Nelson passed away June 13th at the age of 92 from cancer. A Celebration of his life was held June 17th in Macon.
- Prayers for those parenting teenagers and young adults who are experiencing difficulties.
- Prayers for aging parents and other family members who are struggling with health issues and/or end-of-life care and for those who care for them:
 - *Catherine Chastain and her mother, June Seay
 - *Sherry Sawyer and her father, Edward Jones
- Prayers for those undergoing procedures, awaiting diagnosis, and/or receiving medical care; for those facing life's challenges; for those healing or dealing with difficult medical issues:

*Phyllis Meyer	*Marianne Izzo
*Don and Donna Davis	*Jesse Nelson
*Bo and Joyce Chance	*Julie Frey
*Dan Sawyer	*William Barrow
*Anita York	*Herb Meyer
*Julia McDermott	
- Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions and/or life-changing situations:

*Clarence Rawlings	*Julie Frey	*Joyce Holt
*Kellie Fielding	*Shirley Thomas	*Carl Rapp
*Lynn Detrick	*Stacy Carter	

Friends & Family

- Alan Moore's mother, Betty, was in a serious car accident in early July in which she was a passenger. As a result, she has multiple broken bones. She has been moved from hospital care to rehab. Prayers for Betty, her husband, Kenny, and for Alan and his sister who worry and care from afar.
- Frank Broadrick's brother, Mike, recently received the devastating diagnosis of ALS. Frank describes his brother as always upbeat and courageous. Hold Mike and his wife in your deepest prayers as they begin this difficult journey.
- Kelly Fielding asks for prayers for her dear friend, Olive Roberts, who has MS. In addition to having this serious health problem, Olive's partner recently died and she

now has to find a new place to live. Please pray for the way to be made clear for Olive's housing situation.

- Ross Brown asks for prayers for serenity for a dear friend's son, Cort, who is suffering from severe PTSD.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that the radiation treatment Laurie Bunn's brother received has been effective. Please pray for continued good health!
- Patti Scott asks for prayers for her adult autistic son who desperately needs employment that will allow for accommodations for his disability. Prayers also for her mother who is 94 and dealing with precarious health issues.
- Please pray for Mike Lena, Pat McCaskey's brother-in-law, who has been struggling with cancer for several years. May his pain be lessened and a comfort and peace that passes all understanding be his in the coming time.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength and endurance for:
*Connie Vill, Claire Hood, Emma Cate, Pat McCaskey's extended family and for those whose names we hold in our hearts.

Community & City

- Prayers for everyone in our communities, our first responders and healthcare providers who are always "on duty" while answering their call to serve others.
- Those who suffer from addictions, depression, and other mental illnesses and those who care for them.

State, Nation, & World

- Please pray for relief from wildfires that are raging through North America.
- Prayers for the country of Venezuela continuing their struggle to survive the 2 recent devastating earthquakes.
- Urgent prayers for the healing and containment of contagious infectious diseases including Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo and East Africa. As Paul writes, we are many parts but all one body in Christ.
- Deep prayers for God's intervening grace as combat continues in the Middle East. Prayers for the leaders of our country and all the countries who are making critical life and death decisions daily. We pray for the recent framework deal that will bring combat to an end. We continue to pray for those who stand in harm's way, those who suffer and grieve. We pray for the children. We pray for all who are responding to the devastation in their communities and countries including the churches of the Presbyterian Synod of Syria-Lebanon and all the other Christian churches in this cradle of Christianity.
- We pray for God's grace with continued prayers for peace, justice, reconciliation, and restoration in our country. Holy God may hope overcome hopelessness, wisdom overcome fear and kindness overwhelm hate.