

**Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church**  
**(Week of 08/17/2025)**

*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**

- William Barrow has made remarkable progress this week after surgery to remove several blood clots last weekend. He has been released to St. Mary's Rehab to continue the healing process. Prayers of thanksgiving and praise for William and Kelly, and please continue to hold them in prayer as there is still a long way to go. They will celebrate their 40th anniversary this weekend with their children Kaitlyn and Spencer and their families.
- Don Davis had bladder surgery on Tuesday which proved to be more complicated than hoped for. As of Tuesday, the plan was to remain in the hospital through the week and then be released home to continue to heal. Prayers of thanksgiving and continued healing.
- Prayers for Ben Little, Kathy and Tom's son. During what was supposed to be a joyous family celebration of Ben's 40th birthday in the Bahamas, Ben suffered (and still suffers from) a very serious and complex case of kidney stones. Prayers for quick resolution to this and for Nikki as she cares for him in the coming days.
- Continue to hold Herb Meyer in your deep prayers. He continues on a course of chemotherapy. Also, keep Phyllis in prayer she cares for him and also deals with her own health challenges.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
- Prayers for the safety of all against variants of Covid, flu, and other viral infections.
- Prayers for everyone parenting teenagers and for teens 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:
  - \*Joel Frey and his father, Lloyd Frey
  - \*Bill Nelson and his father, Homer Nelson
  - \*Gisela Hodgson and her mother, Ilse Hodgson
  - \*Catherine Chastain and her mother, June Seay
- 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:
  - \*Ross Brown
  - \*Herb Meyer
  - \*Patti Scott
  - \*Don and Donna Davis
  - \*Tony Hollifield
  - \*Lynne Detrick
  - \*Jesse Nelson
  - \*De Rodgers
- Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions (often life-changing):
  - \*Carl Rapp
  - \*Julie Frey
  - \*Kellie Fielding

### **Friends & Family**

- Joel Frey's dad, Lloyd, is suffering from a variety of challenges related to Parkinsons, dementia, irregular heart rhythm, and more, and is currently hospitalized to receive necessary care. Prayers of healing and improvement for Lloyd, as well as prayers of support to Joel, Julie, and the entire Frey family.
- John & Holly Gregg's backdoor neighbor and friend, and friend of OPC as well, Wanda Frayer, is being treated for stage 4 breast cancer that has spread to the liver. She is asking for strength and wisdom for the road ahead.
- Bill Nelson's dad, Homer, is suffering from the early stages of Parkinsons while also enduring the effects of multiple falls with minor injuries. Prayers of strength, healing, patience, and endurance for Homer, and prayers of support to Bill, Julie, and family as they provide care.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength and endurance for:
  - \*Gary Whitehead, brother-in-law of Sandy Denney.
  - \*Claire Hood, Kohler's longtime friend's granddaughter, being treated for leukemia.
  - \*Emma Cate, Joel Frey's relation, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
  - \*Pat McCaskey's extended family are experiencing serious medical issues.
  - \*Judith Jacobson, sister-in-law of Marshall Jacobson, battling advanced colon cancer.
  - \*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**

- Deep prayers for the volatile situations around the world, for the leaders of our country and all the countries who are making critical decisions daily. We pray for God's grace.
- Prayers for peace, justice, reconciliation and restoration in our country. May hope overcome fear and kindness overwhelm hate.
- For all those suffering the devastation of wars or armed conflict in the Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, and elsewhere. Especially we pray for the churches of the Presbyterian Synod of Syria-Lebanon and all the other Christian churches in this cradle of Christianity.
- Continued prayers for all communities around the country suffering from the catastrophic effects of flooding, mostly recently in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area.