# Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church (Week of 12/21/2025)

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**

- Stacy Carter remains hospitalized in Atlanta after suffering a hemorrhagic aneurysm November 4. Keep Stacy in your deepest prayers for recovery. Also remember her sons, Nico and Chris as well as her mother Virginia Carter and her Uncle Tom.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Don Davis, who, after a setback, is now settling in to a rehabilitation location. Prayers also for Donna during this time.
- Allie Duberstein had surgery on Friday, December 19, to repair a torn ACL. Prayers for rapid healing.
- Anita York continues to recover from recent surgery (not knee replacement as previously stated). Prayers for rapid healing and reduction of pain.
- Melanie Broadrick will have a complete reverse shoulder replacement on December 26.
- Julia McDermott will have a total knee replacement on January 5.
- High school seniors awaiting acceptance into post-secondary education—those among our OPC family and many others who are friends and extended family members near and far.
- and continuing to heal! Prayers of gratitude for successful surgery and healing.
- Tina Huff 's back surgery originally scheduled has been delayed.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
  - \*Prayers for Doug and Sandy Denney. Doug's cousin Jack died recently.
  - \*We pray for Becky Robins Galvin and her family over the death of her Aunt Nan.
- Prayers for the safety of all against variants of Covid, flu, and other viral infections.
- 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:
  - \*Bill Nelson and his father, Homer Nelson
  - \*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:

\*Don and Donna Davis

\*Herb Meyer

\*Marianne Izzo

\*Lynne Detrick

\*De Rodgers

\*William Barrow

\*Hal Hodgson

\*Tony Hollifield

\*Jesse Nelson

\*Janice Johnson

• Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions (often life-changing):

\*Carl Rapp \*Julie Frey

\*Kellie Fielding \*Shirley Thomas

• Prayers for Brett Atchley and others who are in harm's way globally. Brett has been deployed overseas for a few months. He is in the Georgia Air National Guard serving as member of the Critical Care Air Transport Team. Prayers for his safety, for comfort as he is separated from his family, and for those under his care. Also remember Susan

and the family as they wait for his return. If you'd like to send cards/letters, using a regular 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp, can be sent to:

Brett Atchley. (*For security reasons, do not include rank*) 379 EAES OPC 1201 Box 03, APO, AE 09309-9003.

#### Friends & Family

- Becky McCasky's nephew and wife, Cameron and Amber Aakre, are suffering the loss of their baby girl at 22 weeks gestation. Prayers for comfort that passes all understanding.
- Local seamstress, Hagi—friend to Melanie Broadrick and many others at OPC—asks for prayers for her husband, Rais, as he is on a waiting list for a kidney transplant. Prayers to Rais that a donor match is found very soon.
- Debbie Boyles' cousin, Shirley continues to recover from recent kidney surgery, and her husband, Barry, who has received good news from a recent PET scan—no cancer in his right lung! Prayers for continued treatments and the fluid behind his lung.
- Please pray for Mike McCaskey, Pat McCaskey's brother, 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.
- We have several requests for prayers for friends who have recently had organ transplants. Prayers for healing and for endurance on the long road to recovery.
  \*Marc and Becky Galvin' friend Rodney Stroud who received a heart transplant.
  \*Frank and Melanie Broadrick's friend, Alan Davis, also recently received a double lung transplant. Prayers also for his wife, Priscilla, as she cares for him.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength and endurance for:
  - \*Connie Vill, friend of Chelley Young, fighting MEITL, an aggressive lymphoid cancer.
  - \*Margie Rodriguez, friend of Chelley Young
  - \*Bill Caputi is receiving treatment for throat cancer. Prayers for strength as he struggles with this disease and treatment.
  - \*Baby Lila and parents. Lila recently had a successful surgery, hopefully the last for several years.
  - \*Claire Hood, Kohler's longtime friend's granddaughter, being treated for leukemia. Claire is responding to treatment and gaining strength.
  - \*Emma Cate, Joel Frey's relation, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
  - \*Pat McCaskey's extended family are experiencing serious medical issues.
  - \*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

• Prayers for the victims of mass shootings, political violence and school shootings (53 incidents through September 2025 on elementary-college campuses).

- Continued prayers for all communities around the country suffering from the catastrophic effects of weather. Especially this week, continue to hold Augusta, GA in your prayers, as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene last year.
- 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 hopelessness, wisdom 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.