Week 1: Spiritual Needs of the Church

Sanctification

Ephesians 1:15-21: [15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might[20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 3:14-21: [14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] 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, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:8-11: [8] For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. [9] And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, [10] so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, [11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9-12: [9] And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10] 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;[11] being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Unity and Love

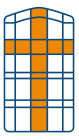
1 Corinthians 1:10: "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Ephesians 4:31-32: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Church Discipline

James 5:16: "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another."



Galatians 6:1-2: "If anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted."

Sound Doctrine and Teaching

2 Timothy 4:3-4: ""For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths."
2 Timothy 2:16: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
1 Timothy 4:12-16: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching…Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."

Sunday Service

Hebrew 12:28-29: "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."
Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
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Ministries: Awana, youth group, women's/men's group, prayer meeting, Sunday school, discipleship, and evangelism

Matthew 9:38: "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
1 Corinthians 4:1-2: "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."
1 Corinthians 15:58: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
Romans 12:8: "the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

Sister Churches

Roberts Road, Emmanuel, Oak Lawn, Westchester, Cicero, Christian Fellowship Church, Brainard Avenue Baptist Church, Cornerstone Community Church, LaGrange Bible Church, Iglesia Mision de Jesus, Iglesia Bautista Betel, La Casa Del Alfarero, Castillo Del Rey, Iglesia del Nazareno Roca Fuerte, etc.

Prayer Meeting Week 2: Missionaries

Bible Related Ministries | Midwest, US | Bible Related Ministries biblerelatedministries.org
- Pray for a new director of BRM.
- Pray for the health of pastor Tom VanHoose who has pneumonia.

Bruce and Lee Ann Nichols | Bahia, Salvador | Brazil Gospel Fellowship bgfmission.com
- Pray for their trip to Ceará where they minister at two family conferences.
- Pray for their plan to invite Tiago Sousa to pastor with them in their church.
- Kaique who Bruce is evangelizing.

Chris and Mari Sanner | Western Sahara, Africa | CMML cmml.us
- Pray for Christians to join them in their work, especially as they get older and their health continues to deteriorate. Pray also for interns to come and serve with them.
- Pray for spiritual growth and fruit in the children's sports program.
- Pray for the English school classes.
- Pray for Hazel who is joining them – for her transition to life in the refugee camps and for opportunities for her to build relationships that will open doors for the gospel.

Jeff and Stephanie Awe | Michigan, US | God's Helping Hands www.ghhinc.org
- Pray for the upcoming season programs and new script and stage updates.
- Pray for Jeff and his wife Stephanie in their recent marriage.
- Pray for a new van the team needs for pulling the equipment trailer and also maintenance on the bus.

IFCA International ifca.org
- Pray for the IFCA Annual Convention this summer and the youth conference.
- Pray for more members to join the IFCA and for their support to increase.

Henry and Linda Vosburgh | Midwest, US | Midwest Church Extension ifcamce.org
- Pray for their support of our church and our "graduation" that is planned for the end of 2026.
- Pray for Henry as he will be doing a 14 week series on the gospel at a church in Bonfield, IL starting Wednesday May 27.

Carey and Sharon Owen | Seville, Spain | Paraclete Mission Group paraclete.net
- Pray for Carey and family as they deal with the loss of his mother.
- Pray for Sharon's knee implants that were defective and causing her leg bones to dissolve. Pray for her recovery from a successful surgery.

- Pray for those who don't know the Lord to see how God provides for us and to consider trusting the Lord for their own needs.
- Pray for her neighbor Eleanor whose mother has been hospitalized – that her and her family would seek the Lord.
- Pray for a former neighbor who said she is growing in her belief that the Bible is true – Connie, Frank, and her daughter Mary.

Paul and Janis Alencar | Northeast Brazil | Tent Makers tentmakersbiblemission.org

- Pray for a new opportunity they have to plant a church in a new area.
- Pray for them to find someone to pastor their current church.

Emanuel and Kauzy Lara | Quebec, Canada | UIM uim.org

- Pray for their financial support. They are at 50% of their support budget.
- Pray for Emanuel's opportunity to serve as a chaplain for the Atikamekw community.
- Please pray that God will guide us as we look for a place to hold our services. We lack an authorized indoor space in Manawan to hold services. Currently, all our activities take place at home and outdoors.
- Please pray for the summer Bible camp in Manawan.
- Robert Echaquan and his wife Anna Flamand, Francine Petiquey, and Pierre Flamand, for their health and spiritual strength. They regularly face social pressure because of their faith.
- The Atikamekw families are asking for prayers due to excessive deforestation in their territories.
- Pray for the Salvation among the Atikamekw families.
- Pray for people struggling with addiction, depression, and grief.
- Pray for ongoing opportunities for evangelism and discipleship.
- Pray for the Atikamekw couple who are receiving marriage counseling.
- Pray for the Health and strength of our family and ministry team.

Daniel and Michelle Jezowski | Papua New Guinea | JAARS jaars.org/jezowski

- Pray that they will continue to build a solid foundation for their marriage.
- Pray that the supply chain for some important parts for the aircraft will be expedited.
- Pray for Michelle to have wisdom and discernment to know which of the many opportunities to take on in Staff Care.
- Pray for God's provision for those affected by Cyclone Maila.

Slavic Gospel Association | Russia | sga.org

- Pray for the churches in the Slavic region.

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Prayer Meeting Week 3: Evangelism

Salvation of the lost (Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1)

- Pray for the salvation of family, friends, and neighbors: "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." (Romans 10:1)

Church Growth (1 Cor. 14:16, 24-25)

- Pray for the Lord to add to our number: "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47
- Pray for the salvation of our visitors: "But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you." (1 Cor. 14:24-25)
- Our visitors: Allyce, Rubi, Annabelle, Ariana, Leo, Paula (husband Juan and son Alex), Marilyn and her children Paula and Anthony, Daniela.

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Tim. 4:5)

- Pray that we fulfill the great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Open Doors

- Pray for open doors for the gospel: "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison." (Col. 4:2-3)

Love

- Pray for a heart for the lost: "I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh." (Romans 9:1-3)

Boldness (Col. 4:3-4; Acts 4:23-31)

- Pray that we would have boldness to proclaim Christ: "And pray for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel" (Eph. 6:19)

Urgency

- Pray for urgency in evangelism: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20)
- "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for." Charles Spurgeon

Fear of the Lord

- Pray that we would fear the Lord: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others." (2 Cor. 5:10-11)

Clarity and Preparation

- Pray that we would preach the gospel clearly and accurately: "Pray…that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." (Col. 4:2-4)
- Pray that we would be prepared to share our faith: "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

Gospel Adornment (Matt. 5:16; Titus 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)

- Pray that we would adorn the gospel with holy living: "Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior." Titus 2:9-10
- "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

- “Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.” (1 Pet. 3:1-2)
- "If the Word does not dwell with power in us, it will not pass with power from us." – John Owen
- “Remember you are God’s sword—His instrument—I trust a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.” – Robert Murray M’Cheyne

Revival (2 Kings 22-23; Acts 17:26-27; 1 Tim. 2:1-4)

- Pray for revival in our church, Summit, and the Chicagoland area: “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” (Ephesians 3:20)
- "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God". - William Carey, the "Father of "

Prayer Meeting Week 4: Physical Needs of the Church

Finances and resources

- Pray for new workers to serve as financial secretary and treasurer of the church.
- Pray for the members to faithfully give as good stewards of what God has given them.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for the financial needs of the church.
- Pray for us to be good stewards of the building and resources God has given us.
- Roof leaks in church building.
- New roof in parsonage.
- Heat to work well this winter.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:6-8



Monthly Prayer Guide

1st – Pray that we would see more conversions and baptisms at Summit.

2nd – Pray for the preaching of the Word to be marked by faithfulness, clarity, and boldness.

3rd – Pray that Summit would grow in dependence on God in personal and corporate prayer.

4th – Pray for the Elder(s).

5th – Pray for the Deacons.

6th – Pray that we would build relationships for the sake of the gospel with those living in Summit and the surrounding suburbs.

7th – Pray that our singing in corporate worship on the Lord's Day would be loud, joyful, reverent, and edifying.

8th – Pray for other gospel-preaching churches in Chicagoland to be faithful and to bear much fruit for God's glory.

9th – Pray that each member of Summit would be marked by generosity, faithfulness, and cheerfulness in our financial stewardships.

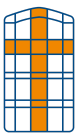
10th – Pray that the Lord would prosper our church finances according to his will.

11th – Pray for those who are sick and chronically ill, as well as for those family members who are caring for them.

12th – Pray for those in our membership that are living in sin to repent, to walk in the light, and ask others in the body for help in their fight against sin.

13th – Pray that each of us would put away all bitterness and sinful anger, and seek to forgive, reconcile, and live at peace with all people as best as we can.

14th – Pray we would be wise and above reproach with how we use technology/the internet.



15th – Pray for the marriages of our church to be marked by faithfulness, love, and honor according to God's will.

16th – Pray for the singles of our church to use their singleness for the glory of God.

17th – Pray that all children and teenagers in our church would be converted.

18th – Pray for those serving in children's ministry at our church to see their ministry as an eternal investment.

19th – Pray for each member to develop a steady discipline of the means of grace.

20th – Pray that we would all be reminded of the spiritual battle we are in against Satan and spiritual forces of evil. Pray that we would stay alert and not be led astray.

21st – Pray that we would all remain humble and teachable.

22nd – Pray that we would protect the unity of the Spirit in our church.

23rd – Pray that we would not be idle, prideful, or consumeristic in how we approach serving in our church. Pray that we would step up and help to meet a need as God leads.

24th – Pray for those in our church who might be unemployed or struggling financially.

25th – Pray for fathers and mothers to not grow weary or discouraged in leading, loving, and teaching their children. Pray for parents to encourage one another in this task!

26th – Pray for the men to be raised up as elders within our church.

27th – Pray for our church to partner with like-minded ministries for local, national, and international missions. Pray that Summit would be a missions-minded local church that thinks carefully and biblically about missions.

28th – Pray that God would teach us to number our days here on earth, and that we would spend and be spent for Christ. Pray that we would long to be with Christ in heaven which is far better.

29th – Pray that no one in our church would suffer alone. Pray that we would open up our lives and bear one another's burdens.

30th – Pray that God would bring more non-Christians searching for the truth, and more Christians looking for a healthy church, to visit and eventually become fruitful members.

31st – Pray that Summit would be a disciple-making church that God uses in ways beyond our imagination for His glory.

