

MISSIONS connection

December 12, 2018

Birthdays:

December: 13 Gwynette Yoho 18 Jennifer Rickman
20 David Crow 26 Thomas Queen

**Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth &
Jacob Queen**

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It was so great to see everyone at church Sunday. We had a great first week back in the States. Thomas graduated SE on Friday and got his Minister of Divinity degree. It was a beautiful drive to NC and the ceremony was really inspiring. Jacob felt good about his ACT on Saturday so that was also an answer to prayer.

Please pray for us as we speak a lot to a lot of groups at church while we are in this month. Pray every word we share is what God wants us to share. Pray for those words to help the hearers grow in Christ. Please pray for the kids and adults we minister to in S Africa to continue to grow in the Lord while we are away through our SA co-volunteers.

Paige's dad had his procedure and it was a success. His esophagus was stretched to a size where he can now drink thin liquids. He was so happy. He also did well when they replaced his feeding tube. His next stretch procedure is Dec 19. Please pray that goes well too so maybe he can begin to eat some soft foods or thick liquids. God is so good! Paige's mom has a dental procedure again this week we hope. On Dec 17 and 31 she has cataract surgery. Please pray these all go smoothly for her. Please pray for Elizabeth's finals to finish well. She moves out of Lee Wednesday so we are really excited to have her around all the time.

That's the news on us this week. See you around. It's so good to be able to say that!

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Team - This week has a number of moving parts taking place. ES (long-term volunteer) ends her 1 year term here with us and returns to the States and new opportunities. Ask that we will commission her well and that she will lean on the Father as He begins to reveal what "next steps" look like for her. JB heads to the States for a time with family this month. Ask for a great time of refreshment and memory making. KT, DH, MJ, and RT are plugging away at language this month and we are asking for continued progress and growth in language and cultural acquisition. WT will be finishing up preparations for their home in the countryside. Ask for favor as he works with local contractors to make the necessary changes to have a home that is suited for their family. The L3 family are wrapping up their last month of time Stateside and will be returning to us the beginning of the new year. Ask for a great last month, for medical clearance, and quality time as they leave hl behind for her 2nd semester of college. The S2 are in the States for the month spending time with their local fellowship, children and grandchildren. Ask for a great time of rest and memory making for the two of them as well. Finally, JK is in his final month in the States as he prepares for a semester long internship beginning next year. Ask that the logistics will work out smoothly and that the Father will continue to prepare him for his time serving here with our team.

Volunteers - We are looking forward to our friend, JW, returning to work with us this coming week. Ask for good health, smooth travel, and for safety as he helps us make strides forward with the bunkhouse. The bunkhouse is a critical piece to our team's presence in the countryside. It will allow our family, veterinarian, Ag interns, and volunteers to have a place to stay as we work in the countryside. Due to the shortage of adequate lodging, we are grateful for how the Father has provided the resources and

knowledge to help us stay on track and moving forward. Ask that the Father will pour out His favor on JW and his week here with us.

National Friends - We are so encouraged by the way our friends are remaining faithful to their task of making d's and planting ch's here in the Horn. We have friends training a multitude of people groups in oral strategies to tell and teach others. Ask that the Father will continue to sustain their family and work. We have friends that are faithfully telling the family, friends, and neighbors. Praise Him for the new Sparrow believers that decided to follow Him this past week. We have families that are meeting faithfully in areas where there is no "brick and mortar" ch and are standing strong in the face of persecution. Ask that they will continue to be encouraged and built up by the Body, the Word, and the HS. We have national friends that are living in places where there is unrest and many who are in need of physical and spiritual help. Ask that these brothers and sisters will be "light" in the darkness. Ask that the Father will provide tangible ways for the ch to demonstrate the love and sufficiency of the Son. Finally, we have faithful brothers and sisters that are intentionally going into hard places to find people of peace that will hear the good news and willingly share that good news with others in their community. Ask that the Father will continue to prepare Sparrows' hearts to hear and respond to the good news. Ask that our brothers and sisters will work hard to make Him known and that the Father will draw many to Him for salvation and changed lives.

Run for God:

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Praise the Lord with us as we have had 4 Decisions for Christ this week! These were in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Florida and Alabama. WOW! God is moving in this ministry and we are excited as we prepare for the upcoming World Wide 5k Challenge. Please be praying as we know lives will be changed through this program Joey and Cece Traywick will be leading online. Right now we have over 437 registered for the Virtual class and are praying for 1000. Yes, that is a God-sized number but we know we serve an awesome God and we are believing in His faithfulness. Join us please as we pray for this amazing winter journey which will begin on January 8th. You can watch as well. Just Subscribe to our Run for God YouTube Channel. If you ever have questions for us you can email us here: customerservice@RunforGod.com. We would love to hear from you.

We love you Grove Level! Thank you for praying!



Your Run for God Team - Dean, Holly, Gaye, Mitchell

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns
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We are less than a month away from our new worship center grand opening. Pray for Bryan as he continues to work on this huge project! We couldn't be more excited for our expansion; we just pray God uses it for His glory to grow His kingdom. I have parent child dedication this weekend. We have 10 families dedicating children. Pray for me, as I am battling what we think may be the flu.

We have lots going on in this season, so next week we will be able to step away for a vacation. Pray for our vacation travels please. Pray we get rest and rejuvenation to come back and finish the year out strong. We love and miss yall.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Youth Minister currently searching for a ministry job. Lives in Gracey, KY

Please pray for the following:

1. God closed the door at a church we interviewed at, and we are thankful for that.
2. Please be praying for God's direction for us. We believe that we are going to be in Hopkinsville for the foreseeable future, and with that God is placing a desire to plant a church. It is very small right now, but God is not removing this though from my prayers.
3. Adoption is on hold right now as the courts are acting out of character. There is no fear of losing Ashlyn, but it might be that she will age out of the "system," before she can be forever with us. She is our forever daughter.

It has been a difficult journey, but through the pain God has remained by our side. Thank you and thank GLBC for your support, love, prayers, and friendship throughout the years. We truly love you all!!!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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Should we be amazed at the works of God? Yes, definitely, yes. Christmas is amazing each year. When once we understand the miracle of Christmas, the amazement of it stays fresh every year. I have never, nor ever will, understand the incarnation of Jesus Christ, but I am always amazed at it. I'm just amazed at the things God does in ministry. Since our mission trip this summer to Cherokee, North Carolina, I have been leading the Puppet Ministry in our church. We were asked to do a puppet Christmas program in our church, and God led me to write the script. It was quite an undertaking, yet it shared the Christmas story and the gospel clearly. The puppeteers practiced me to death, and they got pretty good at it. Our Christmas program was this past Sunday, and it turned out amazing. Cross Pointe Church in Ringgold, Georgia set up their sanctuary for a walk through Bethlehem program. They contacted me and asked me to be a leather Craftsman in their Bethlehem market. In this setting I was able to share with people about leather, connect it to the Bible, and offer to sell some of my leather products. All of the proceeds from our leather products go to support our ministry. So I saw it as a good opportunity. The Walk through Bethlehem was Saturday and Sunday of this past week, and this coming Saturday. The first two nights were really good and were a financial plus for our ministry. Amazing. Please pray for this: I will be back up there Saturday evening. Also pray for Sunday night. Pastor Mitch asked me to preach at Sugar Valley Baptist. That in itself is pretty amazing, because I hardly ever get preaching appointments in the month of December. Thanks for praying for us and supporting us in Ministry. Merry Christmas.

Chad & Emily Keeter

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Two weeks ago we drove up to Knoxville for a short visit as we look forward to moving there in May. Even though it was very brief, it was really exciting for us to spend time with the staff team there, meet some UT students, and see around the city. It's a bittersweet feeling as we think about moving, but we feel excited to trust God in the transition! Another transition for us coming up very soon is becoming parents! Lord willing, Caleb will be joining us in early January, so we're officially in countdown mode! Please continue to pray for Emily and our little Caleb. The fall semester here at UGA wrapped up well, and we now have a few weeks to shift gears to work on funding, study, and training. Thank you for praying for us! We love you all!

Brian & Ashley Jones

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Hi there! We can't thank you enough for your prayers. Praises- we have worked everything out with the sellers and will be closing on our home next week. Prayer Requests- Brian is having gall bladder surgery on Wednesday at 2:30 pm. We are also juggling a lot right with school this week and moving soon and just the normal day to day.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,
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Crowe's — God has provided For our family in many ways by blessing Kellie with the Marketing Director job at Southwest Virginia Community College. We have been praying about what to do and the Lord provided this opportunity. The college is only 3 miles from the house. We are keeping the business and we are praying for an operation's manager. We are meeting with a couple this Saturday to offer the position. I will still be overseeing the overall business, but this would free me to do more ministry at Grace as well. Lots to consider. Please join with us in this as we continue to seek the Lord.

Tiffany is saying she feels like the cancer is growing again in her lymph nodes. Pray for her and Alex as "life" is strained right now. His grades are slipping. Things are just hard for them right now.

Grace — the elders just laid forth a very "faith-in-the-Lord" budget for 2019. Our Elders are also finishing up their first one-to-one discipleship time with some men in our congregation. They have really enjoyed it. The "ice" has been broken and they no longer "fear" it. Pray for us as we move ahead continuing this with other men and then expanding to train and encourage our ladies to begin the same one-to-one discipleship with each other.

I know we ask you to pray for, what seems like, the same things over and over, but let me encourage you by saying, these things are some of the "crux" issues which are determining the Lord's work here in our lives and the life of our Grace Family — your Grace Family! So we thank you for faithfully and fervently praying for these things each week in and week out.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

*"Go and Make Ministries"
www.goandmakeministry.org*

If y'all want to go ahead and be praying for me, I will be doing my first teaching/preaching to the youth group on Super Bowl Sunday next year. That day is also a day we kick off a month long series that corresponds to our halfway mark in our latest campaign to raise money to build our permanent church building. So if y'all could be praying for Crossbridge as a whole and then for me as I try and get our students involved as much as they can in that as well. As our pastor always says, generosity is more about what God does to your heart rather than just giving a certain amount.

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