



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Pray for our church that we would worship the Lord with thankful hearts. Ask that our attitude of thanksgiving be one that is based on our knowledge that the Lord is the One True God and that we belong to Him because He made us and because He bought us with the blood of Christ. Pray that our worship would always be filled with gratitude for who He is and that it would not be based on our feelings or our circumstances.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

The Lord is moving in the Chinese church and among the Chinese people, however these churches and leaders face persistent persecution from China's government. Linfen Holy Covenant Church (LHCC) is a network of house churches in the Sanxi province in southwest China. Chen Lijun is the lead pastor. His wife, Li Xiaoyan, has reached out for prayer. Authorities arrested their leaders including pastor Chen on August 19th and charged them with fraud. These followers of Jesus believe, as it says in Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in You".

MONDAY: Pray for pastor Chen as he's persecuted for the faith that the Lord would sustain him. Pray that the Lord is made known to those who are holding him.

TUESDAY: Pray for pastor Chen's release as well as the other workers of LHC Church who've been arrested and that they'd be able to go home to their families.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for Wang Qiang, another coworker at the church, who was recently arrested on his way home. Also pray for his pregnant wife, Wen, who wasn't notified of his arrest at the time. Pray for strength, protection, and provision for his wife, daughter and unborn child during this time.

THURSDAY: Pray to strengthen hearts of believers of the persecuted in China. Pray that the Lord will give them the wisdom and grace to endure.

FRIDAY: Thank the Lord for what He's doing, and that all of China will know and trust that Jesus Christ is Lord. In Wen's words "It's as if for every Christian that's arrested 20 more believers are produced". In Acts 18:9 the Lord said to Paul "Don't be afraid, but keep on speaking and don't be silent."

PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE NEXT GENERATION

This week we are praying for Christian Service Mission (CSM) (csmission.org), whose mission is to connect resources to communities in need through churches. Since 1970, their mission in Birmingham has been to help communities thrive and come alive with their newly established relationships with Jesus Christ. We'll also be praying for South Shades Crest Elementary in Hoover as well as First Baptist Church in Pelham.

MONDAY: Pray for wisdom and vision for the Executive Director of CSM Tracy Higgs. Tracy has been the director of CSM since 2010 and leads that ministry with years of ministerial experience. Pray for the future of this great ministry and lasting effectiveness in the community. He is a great friend to The Station Church.

TUESDAY: Pray for financial provision and resources to provide for the communities of Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for the communities and connections of CSM and that the Lord will provide through this awesome ministry. Pray mainly that the Lord is glorified through CSM and their affiliates.

THURSDAY: Pray for the teachers and students of South Shades Crest Elementary for health for the school as well as strength to finish this semester well. Pray for one student who has a dad with cancer and a brother who was killed.

FRIDAY: Pray for First Baptist Pelham and Pastor Daven Watkins. Pray for their upcoming outreach and special events that Jesus will be glorified. Pray for financial provision and continued vision for their leadership teams.