

## *The Armorbearer Intercession Ministry*

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain and accompanied him in dangerous missions. Armorbearers holding huge shields sometimes surrounded their leader to protect him from attack. As the Armorbearers protected the warrior chief from the enemy's arrows, so church members' intercessory prayers can protect their pastor from "the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16).

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### *7-Day Guide for Praying for Pastors*

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| <b>SUN</b> | That they will love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and that they will love all of their neighbors as themselves. (Matt. 22:36-40)  |
| <b>MON</b> | That they will find rest for their souls in knowing Christ loves them. (Matt. 11:28-30)   |
| <b>TUE</b> | That they will love their wives as Christ loved the church by giving themselves for their wives. And that they will manage their families well for their good and as an example to the church. (Eph. 5:25, 1Tim. 3:4-5) |
| <b>WED</b> | That they will be men of prayer and the Word, committed to spending time alone with God. (Acts 6:4)   |
| <b>THU</b> | That they will have a passion for reaching the lost and teaching and motivating others to do so. (Matt. 9:35-38)  |
| <b>FRI</b> | That they would be protected from the pull of the world, their flesh and the devil and that when they are tempted that they would seek and find the way of escape that God has provided. (1Cor. 10:12-13).              |
| <b>SAT</b> | That they will have self-control, living a life that is above reproach and maintaining a good reputation with those outside the church. (1Tim. 3:7)   |

## **June Daily Prayer Requests**

- 1 **Brian Abernathy:** Thanks and continuing prayer for God's help in our newly relocated business.
- 2 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that I will have a speedy and full recovery from elbow surgery.
- 3 **Jeff Black:** Pray for the outreach and witness for Christ at the SOAR soccer finale.
- 4 **Scott Burgess:** Pray for safe travel on my new job.
- 5 **Reid Evans:** Pray that I would draw even closer in oneness with my wife/helpmate for the glory of God through our marriage.
- 6 **Ed Faggart:** For Sarah and Betsey (Neely) as they go to Ethiopia June 2 – mid-July; for safety and effectiveness as they work with Les and Maxine Williams.
- 7 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that I will meet all challenges put before me, and that the Holy Spirit will give me strength and courage to do the Lord's will.
- 8 **Don Hensley:** Pray for all those in the church who are combating serious illnesses.
- 9 **Rick Herd:** Pray for discipline each day to have time for devotions and spending time with the Father.
- 10 **Andy Leonard:** Pray that I will seek to carve out quiet time with the Lord every day.
- 11 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that God would give me strength to do what I can to encourage our people here at FPC, especially those in my shepherd group.
- 12 **Jon Petersohn:** Pray for traveling mercies for our church family during summer outings and vacations.
- 13 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray that I will be able to serve the LORD with the new Handyman Ministry.
- 14 **Jim Ramsey:** Pray for Hope Presbyterian Church in Romania, that the needs of the two pastors, Liviu and Critinel, will be met during difficult times there.
- 15 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for summer job opportunities for college and high school kids of the church.
- 16 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray for my daughters Amber and Kasey as they seek the Lord's will in their lives.
- 17 **Bill Robinson:** Pray for the Freightliner workers waiting to be called back to work.
- 18 **Grover Rodgers:** Pray that I will always put God first in my life and be a good witness for Christ.
- 19 **Graham Smith:** Pray that Shirley could regain her health and strength.
- 20 **James Teague:** Pray that I will find compassion for things I do not understand, and that the Lord will watch over me as I accept a heavier workload at home and at work.
- 21 **Jim Tilley:** Pray for me, that I will "...be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Eph. 6:10
- 22 **Rodney Wilkinson:** Pray for safety, health and success as our mission teams go out this summer.
- 23 **Jan Williams:** Please pray for complete healing and recovery after my recent surgeries.
- 24 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that I will trust in Christ to help me with ALL my decisions, large and small.
- 25 **Kevin Yoder:** Pray that our young people will make wise decisions and follow the way of Christ.
- 26 **Brian Abernathy:** Pray for the ministry to the college/career/young adults of our church during the summer months.
- 27 **Mark Beatty:** Pray for those in our church who are recovering from surgery and physical illness.
- 28 **Jeff Black:** Pray for God to prepare my daughter and all those who will serve at Palmer Home July 11-17.
- 29 **Scott Burgess:** Pray that there is no neglecting of our Bible study as we enter the summer months.
- 30 **Reid Evans:** Pray that I might discipline my kids in love with pleasant but firm words and actions.

## Prayer Notes from Pastor Dan

Hard to believe, but another year as your pastor has gone by for me. June 1 is my 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary at FPC. I was looking back through some records recently and waxed nostalgic to note some of the earliest baptisms I performed after being ordained here.

September 10, 1989: Carly Michelle Rhyne and Anna Catherine Rhyne. October 8, 1989: William Alexander Robinson. April 15, 1990: Jason Herd and Stacey Herd. June 3, 1990: Katherine Elizabeth Graham. September 9, 1990: Morgan Taylor Smith. April 1, 1990 (no foolin’): Lisa Ingle and Brent Lucas. March 24, 1991: Nancy Franks.

What a privilege to have ministered to these and dozens and dozens of individuals and families like them down through 21 years! How good God is to have blessed me in this way!

As you pray for me this month, you could ask the Lord to keep me strong in order to pastor and baptize lots more in the future.

You could also pray that in my ministry the Lord would give me fruit that will last (Jn. 15:16). It’s such a joy to see children and adults you baptized twenty years ago walking with the Lord today, living out the covenant relationship with Christ signified for them in baptism way back then. We understand from our theology that there’s nothing in the minister himself which makes a sacrament effective or ineffective in the lives of the people receiving it. It’s strictly “a God thing.” But it surely is gratifying to realize that when God worked in someone’s life – really worked – you were there to see it.

Thank you for praying!

*Pastor Dan*

## Answered Prayers, Praise and Thanksgiving

- Praise that our son Chris has graduated from Western Carolina and prayer for him in his decision to continue his education there.  
Tracy Withers
- We praise God for seeing SaDara through so many complications from her surgery. Please continue to pray for her full recovery.  
Jim Tilley
- I praise God for a wonderful day on Jessica's graduation at UNC-Chapel Hill.  
Scott Burgess
- Thanks for the financial support which has been provided to Sarah for her mission trip. Also praise for my recent communicant interviews; it was a wonderful experience for me. Praise for those who taught them in class, for the families from which they came, and for the commitment of the two young men that I interviewed.  
Ed Faggart

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## Prayer Calendar

*First Presbyterian Church  
Stanley, NC*

*June 2010*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with Thine,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

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*Hymn Text: Edwin Hatch*