

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).



7-Day Guide for Praying for Pastors

SUN	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)
MON	That they will find rest for their souls in knowing Christ loves them. (Matt. 11:28-30)
TUE	That they will love their wives sacrificially, as Christ loved the church. That they will manage their families well for their good and as an example to the church. (Eph. 5:25, 1Tim. 3:4-5)
WED	That they will be men of prayer and the Word, committed to time alone with God. (Acts 6:4)
THU	That they will have a passion for reaching the lost and teaching and motivating others to do so. (Matt. 9:35-38)
FRI	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).
SAT	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)

December Daily Prayer Requests

- 1 **Rodney Wilkinson:** Pray that all who are infirmed will have hope in Christ during this Advent season.
- 2 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for my Mom at the TLC getting rehab for a broken hip and a heart attack.
- 3 **Brian Abernathy:** In these hard times pray that God will help us see clearly what matters most.
- 4 **Mark Beatty:** That those in care groups will grow in Christ and have vital fellowship with each other.
- 5 **Scott Burgess:** For willing volunteers for church needs during this busy season and in days ahead.
- 6 **Ed Faggart:** Pray for the preparation and for the willing volunteers to effectively present the Christmas Scenes for our community on 12/14-16.
- 7 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that our new church officers will be led by the Holy Spirit in all they say and do.
- 8 **Don Hensley:** For healing for my father (hip surgery) and others who have had recent surgeries.
- 9 **Rick Herd:** Pray that I will have the opportunity to witness to someone this holiday season.
- 10 **Garry Lucas:** Pray for my father-in-law (Frank Davis) for continuing improvement of his leg, and a good report on his upcoming tests.
- 11 **Jimmie Mitchell:** That God would use me to encourage my shepherd group during Christmas.
- 12 **Dan Ormsby:** That each member of our church family will feel loved and appreciated, and find a ministry to use the gifts God has given each of us.
- 13 **Percy Raleigh:** That God will bless and use the Christmas scenes to remind our community of the reality of Christ who lived, died, and rose again.
- 14 **Jim Ramsey:** Pray that we would be able to reach out for Christ to those outside our fellowship.
- 15 **Kevin Rhyne:** That I be more faithful to my prayer time and more committed to my 2012 officer duties.
- 16 **Robert Rhyne:** That I might provide wise counsel for our daughters Amber and Kasey as they seek God's direction in their work and walk with Him.
- 17 **Bill Robinson:** Pray for my Dad, George, and Jean as they continue to deal with health issues.
- 18 **Allen Stowe:** Please pray that I would be an effective witness in difficult times.
- 19 **Graham Smith:** That the Lord would guide my steps as I seek to do His will so I can set a good example for others to follow.
- 20 **Johnny Smith:** That we keep focus and share the real importance of Christmas in our homes.
- 21 **James Teague:** Pray that I will have the time to enjoy the Christmas season with my family.
- 22 **Andy Tinsley:** Pray for our daughter Virginia's safety in Afghanistan.
- 23 **Jim Tilley:** Pray that Christ will be our focus during Christmas, and in the year ahead.
- 24 **Rodney Wilkinson:** That the greatest present ever given to us will fill us with joyful praise to God.
- 25 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that God will use me to do His will in the decisions I make.
- 26 **Brian Abernathy:** Pray that the great hope and joy of our lives will always be in Christ our Savior
- 27 **Mark Beatty:** For the unemployed in our church (and nation) to find jobs in which they can glorify God.
- 28 **Scott Burgess:** Pray for God's grace and mercy for our nation and wisdom for present/future leaders.
- 29 **Ed Faggart:** Pray for our new officers to be led by God's Spirit as they lead our congregation.
- 30 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that our country's leaders will look to God for guidance in all their decisions.
- 31 **Don Hensley:** That Pastor Dan and Carol will be blessed and given God's grace as they return from their sabbatical and resume their ministry among us.

Dear Faithful Friends,

I wrote this Proverb on my Facebook page recently and I can't get it out of my head (which is a good thing!).

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”
Proverbs 16:24

The youth and I have been thinking about the power of words (read James 3:1-12) and how they either can help or destroy, either build up or tear down. We talked about how other people's words have affected us both positively and negatively.

So my request for prayer this month is that I would become a man whose words bless, help, and heal. The gospel of grace, I believe, demands it. “Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” And when that heart has been thoroughly transformed by God's mercy and has been shown the compassion of an infinitely loving heart, surely kindness flows from it to others.

And that kindness is demonstrated not just by deeds done in quiet solitude but is spoken into people's lives. I am glad to be surrounded by people who are full of encouraging words – it makes me want to be more like them!

So pray that my words would be like something sweet to people's lives (making them glad) and that their hearts and souls would be refreshed and renewed by them. Of course these words would have as their source the Gospel, because it truly is “good news!”

Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Scott

Answered Prayers, Praise and Thanksgiving

- Thank God that new officers have answered His call to serve.

Clyde Haley

- Thanks to the prayer warriors each month—what a difference it does make for our officers!

Rick Herd

- Thanks and God's blessing on those who are completing terms of service as elders and deacons; may God continue to use them as they serve in other ways.

- Praise to God for the faithful ministry of Pastor Scott during Pastor Dan's sabbatical.

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Prayer Calendar

*First Presbyterian Church
Stanley, NC*

December 2011

Sing glory to God who comes to the earth,
From highest heaven to lowliest birth.
Shut out of the inn, no room for Him there,
The Word becomes flesh in manger bare.

Sing glory to God in a dark fallen world
Where Satan's fury is ruthlessly hurled.
A wicked empire, a jealous king,
And the hovering cloud of death's dark sting

Sing glory to God for that darkness now flies,
A light which scatters all enemy lies.
A sure sign is given, the Savior is born,
As angels sing brightly that most blessed morn.

Sing glory to God for shepherds who hear,
Leave flocks in great haste to see and draw near.
Amazed! it is just as the angel has said,
They leave praising God with Good News to spread.

Sing glory to God let every bell ring,
Behold Him! Adore Him! And crown Christ as King.
He lived and He died, then rose from the dead.
Exalted forever, o'er all things the Head.

Charles B. Jessen