**Missions partner of the Month:** Anna Romeu and Juan Ortega are the directors of L'Arcada camp in Spain. The camp is an outreach to hundreds of Spanish children and teens who have never heard the gospel.

- Please pray for kids who attended camp this summer who made a decision to trust Christ. Pray that follow up efforts would be effective.
- Please pray that students who did not respond to the gospel will encounter it in other places and ways through the year.
- Please pray the finances needed to upgrade both the facilities and the programs will be provided.

# Local church partner of the Month: Hope Community Church, Waterford

- Please pray that God would provide a youth leader for their teen ministry. At the moment, Pastor Mike Nelson is leading this ministry along with his other responsibilities.
- Please pray that God would help them reach their immediate community, the homes directly surrounding their church.
- Please pray for their efforts to reach younger families and students.

## **Birthdays in September**

Please take time to pray for these people on their birthdays.

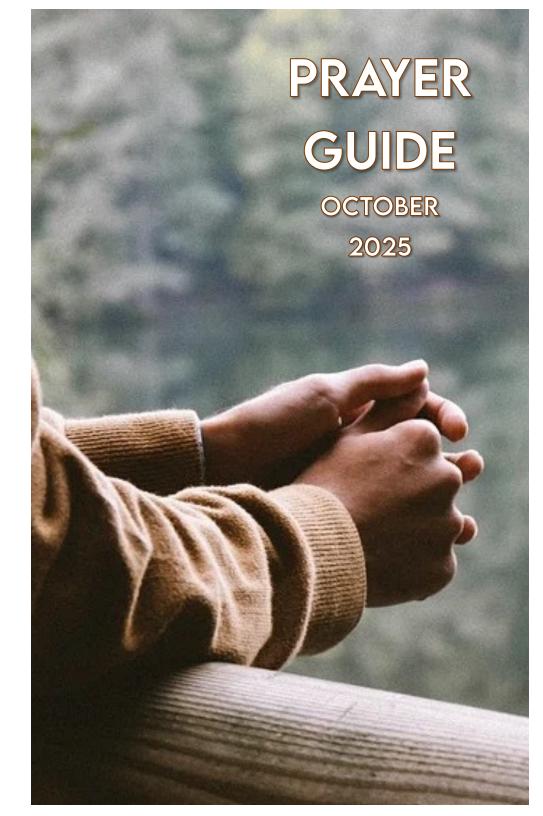
Joe Kunz (1)	Duane Ross (10)	Susan Johnson (19)
Jane Larson (1)	Lacy Shestakov (11)	Fred Carlton (19)
Libby Liimatta (1)	Luci Ramos (11)	Gary Johnson (20)
Emily Dawson (2)	Julia Workman (13)	Margaret Jencks (22)
Beth Hall (3)	Dennis Lockwood (14)	Sarah Castillo (25)
Braden Hall (5)	Corli Colling (15)	Laurie Miller (29)
Roman McKay (8)	Alan Miner (16)	Terry Fahey (30)
Carol Thomas (9)		

# This month's Prayer Encounter

Thursday, October 16, at New Springfield Church.

\*Please let us know of prayer requests or answers to prayers that we can communicate with the church family.

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## Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

(read daily or weekly and meditate)

- 1 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
- 3 For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. 4 Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, 5 in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. 6 According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; 7 if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; 8 if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reflections:		

## **Prayers of Consecration**

All prayer is a response. God initiates the relationship and we respond to who he is, what he says, and what he does. One of the most important responses we can offer is consecration—the act of giving ourselves, and every part of ourselves, to God for him to use as he sees fit. Think about your life—all the different parts and pieces from your work to your ambitions to the words you use. Does God have every part of you? Consider consecrating things like:

your eyes	your mouth	your heart
your past	your today	your future
your career	your family	your time
your attention	your agenda	your talents

#### Gracious Lord,

I give you my heart to love what you love; to hate what you hate; to endure all things, to suffer long and be kind, to not be easily provoked, to not seek my own. I give you my [mind] to be under your control, to think only thoughts that will please you, to devise only plans that You direct. I give you my body to be used by you—my eyes to see as you would have them see, my ears to hear as you would have them hear, my feet to go where you would direct, my tongue to speak only words that please you. I submit my whole being to you and ask that your perfect will be done through me and by me. Amen. (Hannah Whitehall Smith, 1869)

#### The needs of the Church:

#### Individuals

- DJ Kroll—She has been fighting cancer since the spring of '23 and it has continued to spread. Pray for a miracle.
- Nate Ziegelbaur and Jordan Boling—These two young men have finished their education and are looking for jobs in their fields.
- Colleen Davis—Please pray for her and her family as she faces the challenges of ALS. She has been placed into hospice care.
- Rebecca Dean—She is the daughter of Mike, and struggling with a chronic illness.
- Anna (Liimatta)—Praise for Frank and Libby's granddaughter who recently had successful back surgery for scoliosis. Pray for her recovery.

# Corporate

- Please pray that God would provide for our financial needs in this upcoming ministry year.
- Please pray that God would bring us more families, and that we would see our Faith Safari Base Camp program add more children.
- Please pray for Walk Through Bethlehem. Pray that we would have the volunteer help needed. Pray also that God would use it as a tool to reach people in our community.
- Please continue to pray for college ministries—Wednesday night's Movement, Friday night's Rerouted, and our partnership with Intervarsity at OCC. Pray for new young people to be reached. Pray also for these young people as they make important life decisions.
- Praise—Our Walk Thru the Bible seminar went great with over sixty people attending! Pray for those who have committed to the 40-day follow-up challenge.
- Praise—We have been able to start a new small group this fall focused on our young adults, mostly couple, and it has gone super well. Pray that more might be added to the group.

## Ministry Focus: Local outreach partnerships

*Grayson School* —please pray that God would allow us to build relationships with the teachers and staff. Pray that more WCCers might be available to serve.

*New Springfield Church* - please pray for our partners at the church, and that God would use the food ministry to reach someone who needs Christ.

Connect the Nations—Please pray for the continued effectiveness of reaching internationals. Pray that we would have more people who would be willing to connect personally with these students.

*Intervarsity*—Pray that we would see new students reached with groups, and that students would come to Christ.