

MISSIONS connection

May 3, 2023

May Birthdays

7 Jacob Queen 22 Holly Hollis 25 Brian Jones

Ross and Molly Kinsey

Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh

Critical Christianity Ministries

Galena, Alaska

Hello Grove Level!

My last Sunday at Galena Bible Church was April 16th, in which Chris invited me to say my farewells and inform the congregation of our family's decision.

This may come as a surprise to many of you, but we can assure you this decision was not made without prayer and discernment. In short, Galena Bible Church's methodology and focus within ministry is not a good fit for Molly and me. With grace and no hard feelings, we have decided to go our separate ways and will continue to worship the Lord elsewhere on Sundays; as well as doing ministry in less formal ways.

The Lord has blessed up with a great support system of believers, both within Galena Bible Church and outside of Galena Bible Church. We are already enjoying the time spent in fellowship with these close friends and feel much affirmation from the Lord in our decision. While we will do our best to be tactful and avoid gossip or slander, please feel free to reach out to us with any follow up questions. To restate, partnering with Galena Bible Church is simply not a good fit for us or our family.

Yet, we have no plans to leave Galena. We love it here! I am still employed at the clinic and with all kiddos coming of school age soon Molly has many prospective jobs to apply for this summer. Our kids are very excited to start school with several of their friends. Regarding finances, I have gone ahead and cancelled all of our donor's reoccurring giving to the church. If you still wish to support Galena Bible Church, you can go to their website and donate. Once again, we thank you for partnering with us through our formal ministry here in Galena.

Part of loving your community well is being Christ-like as you support the community. Though we have no formal ministry here in Galena, we still have a myriad of ways to minister to our friends and community members. And, as mentioned above, we have a great group of people to minister to us as well. Once again, thank you for all of your prayers and support throughout these two years. We truly love the life God has blessed us with and are excited about how the Lord will continue to shape our lives here.

The Kinseys
Galena, Alaska

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- We have a missions conference from Thursday to Sunday of this week at our school. Pray that we find good connections between agencies and missionaries.
- Our school has more students who desire to be local pastors and less who want to be missionaries. Pray for more missionaries being sent from our group, and for more vision.
- Additionally, we have a Kids missions conference. Pray for the kids and for those who are preparing activities.

Hannah Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- It's finally warm here (almost)! We have missed the sunshine.
- Praise God for working in my classroom even through interpersonal conflicts.
- We are thankful for YAJASI's support and encouragement.

Prayer:

- Enos is not on track to graduate with his class. We don't know next steps yet. Pray for a meeting to happen between SMAT and YAJASI and good communication as they make decisions
- Pray for all the logistics of the next few months. We can't even begin to make plans at this point.
- Pray that I will act and speak in love to the adults in my classroom and that they will see Jesus in me.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. Here are some things to give praise for and to pray for.

Frank

Prayers and Praises

1. Pray for me as I prepare to travel to the Dominican Republic on May 18 to present a five year mission partnership plan to the Dominican Baptist Convention.
2. Pray that the churches of our association will respond to the two mission projects this summer: Backpacks for Augusta and Fill the Container for Pennsylvania.
3. Pray for the Lord to give me wisdom in developing plans for church planting, church replanting, and church revitalization in Flint River Baptist Association.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

We don't have much to update this time. Everyone is doing well. Would be nice if Elijah would sleep longer at night but otherwise he is doing great. Growing a lot faster than the other kids. Our first chunky baby! We drove out to Colorado this week. So beautiful out here.

I would say the only prayer request this week is that I will need to go to London the first week of May. Abigail will come and stay while I'm gone to help Kelsey but just prayer for them.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Our relationship building with Ashlyn is going slow, which I believe is ok. We still have some things we need to talk about and discuss; however, we are allowing her to do that in her own time.

Pray for that relationship to be restored. Also pray for our church as we have a few opportunities to put into action our Faith Family sermon series. We finished it this past Sunday. We have more to preach on in the Faith Family. Pray for people to see the love of Jesus in us as we minister to those in our community who are hurting right now.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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1 Corinthians 1:4, "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ." Thankfulness toward God is a great evidence of salvation. Thanking God for one another is evidence that the love of God is truly shed abroad in our hearts. The Corinthian church is known as a problem church, yet Paul thanked God for them. How much more should we thank God for one another when we have such a great relationship as Grove Level has with their missionaries. We do indeed thank God for you and your faithfulness to pray and support us as we perform our ministry. Hey, thanks for praying for our calendar. Pastor Mark Owen contacted me on Monday asking me to preach this Sunday morning at Fairmont First Baptist. I have been studying for this. I have also been working on my Bible college lesson for Romans 9-16. I need to have this finished so it can be taught first thing in the fall semester. I have completed about three chapters and have five more to do. I can't put it off, because it takes so long to complete. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it for all of the knowledge I am gaining. Please continue to pray for God to fill our calendar. Thank God for you. Thank God for all your support and prayers. We love y'all. Gynnette and Mark

Elijah and Raelene Soritau
Elisha, Tori, Karis and Isaiah

*Elijah is the Vice-Rector of Emmanuel University in
Oradea, Romania and pastor in the Oradea area*

Thank you. Praise for Tori's dentist report. We just got back from America. Please pray for Kosteas's family. Very critical that they will get the political asylum request granted, otherwise they have to split the family up. Some will go to Estonia and some to Bulgaria.
Thank you and God bless you,
Elijah

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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Thank y'all for your prayers!
This is the last full week of classes believe it or not, so if y'all would pray as we finish out the semester. And please pray for the students as they enter the summer, specifically that they'd be able to use the summer to grow closer to God.
Another thing we would love for y'all to pray for is it has been a process over the last few years finding and getting plugged into a church for different reasons. We've just recently found a church though that we are hopeful about and hopeful to get plugged into the community there.
The last thing would be praying for our trip back to Mexico. We leave in less than a month. Be praying as we get prepared to head out, and we're still doing a little more fundraising on the front end so for that as well!
Thank you for your prayers again! We love y'all!

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Navigators Ministry Staff
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After nine years on staff with The Navigators, we have felt a clear desire and direction from the Lord to step away from staff with The Navigators. We are sad to be ending our time with a ministry that has had such a deep impact in our lives, but we are excited for what is ahead. This upcoming fall we will be launching a new campus ministry on the campus of UTK that is connected to our local church here in Knoxville. We're so excited to remain present on campus and to be able to provide a clear on-ramp for students to get involved in the life of our church. We shared this news with the students in The Navigators last week—please be praying for a smooth transition and for us to have a posture of humility as we step away. We look forward to sharing more information with you about all of this very soon. We are still very much in need to your prayer and financial support in order to fulfill this call of ministry that we believe the Lord has given us. We're so grateful for your faithful partnership with us! Our last assignment with The Navigators is directing our regional summer training program from May 15-29th. We'll share more about this in the weeks ahead, but for now, please be praying for us as we continue to diligently plan for this program.

Just realized that I haven't shared that we are expecting again! Emily and the baby are doing well. She had an appointment last week, and everything looked good. We're looking at welcoming her or him in early December, Lord willing!

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I reevaluate my future. The remaining Seminary class I need to complete is not offered until the Fall. This class will include monitored counseling sessions. As I anticipate the final class, please pray the Lord prepares me for that class and places the right people in my path to help me complete the class. Lille and Truett are doing well.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the
pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701*

Thank you for the prayers. We are completely broken. We lost our sweet baby on Monday morning, April 24. In this season of mourning, we keep finding ourselves asking why and how, but the Lord reveals His goodness over and over through His people. The love and support we've received have blown us away. There are days it still feels like too much, and I can barely catch my breath... but knowing we have an army praying for us daily makes it a little easier to breathe.

Pray as we take steps to enter back into the world. Bryan is going in for a meeting today, and I'm gonna attempt to work a little tomorrow.

Stephen and Emily Howard

living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them

- 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. My coworker did visit last Sunday. Praise God for that! Keeping praying for her eyes to opened.
- 2) Pray that we would be light to the community around us.
- 3) We will need another car at some point. Pray that we would have direction and trust God in this area as well.
- 4) I'm feeling a bit under the weather. Pray that I'd start feeling better.
- 5) God opened up a door at another job that's not at a restaurant. Pray I'd have a smooth transition.
- 6) Emily is gonna do a lot of driving tomorrow. Pray she'd have safe travels.

Thank you all!

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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This was such an inspirational post from a Run Club Member, we wanted to share it with you all. We talk so often about sharing with communities everyone runs in. As they wear their Run for God shirt and answer the question, "What is Run for God?" with their testimony the door is open for discussion as people are interested in the "Saying" on the runner's shirt. We often forget to reflect on what is happening in the quiet, on the road, through the neighborhoods, on the paved path in the woods. Here is a great reminder of what God is doing through this ministry for so many who are running around the world.

"I went for a relaxed praise run on a road called Pleasant Run. (very fitting name) It was beautiful weather, 55-60 degrees and sunny. There was shade. There were squirrels and bluebirds. There was worship and prayer (sometimes thanking God for every twig and stone I didn't trip over. HAHA When I was done, I had run 5 miles. I am so thankful for this time I have with God each time I am out on my run."

Thank you Grove Level for your Love and Prayers! You are making a difference!!!

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Great reminder this week that these hard times will pass. Ashley and I were just talking last night. I've been reading through Mark, and in both cases where the disciples found themselves in a storm, they didn't last forever. The first time they woke Jesus up scared the boat was going to sink, but, when Christ is with us, we know 2 things: 1- the boat will not sink, and 2- the storm will not last forever. The second time when Jesus sent them on without Him and another storm came up, we see that Jesus was up on the hillside watching over and praying over them, and, when these storms come up, Jesus will come to our side.

These are good reminders for us because we are going into a potential surgery for Sophie. While the surgery itself is minor, we are worried for her conscious sedation. These types are particularly hard and dangerous for Sophie's airway because of her low muscle tone. The chances for asphyxiation and aspiration increase drastically. We want what's best for SJ but are so scared of losing her. Please pray over this situation for us.

Also pray about decisions for Ashley in her next steps of her doctorate. She is praying about taking a break or pushing through and getting done. With all of the moves, therapies for SJ, illnesses, and life in general, she has fallen behind some. I know she can do it, but it will be a long road and take discipline to push through.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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Thank you to our GLBC family for loving us in prayer.

Grace — we have some folks who are struggling, even beyond the everyday struggles of life. Pray for them as they seek the Lord to navigate through their struggles. Pray for God's grace to them, that His power will be made perfect in them in their weaknesses. Pray for us to be the "grace-filled" church family for them.

We are still gearing up for our Summer Science Spectacular children's camp in June. We still have much to plan and prepare for, and many are excited about serving. We still need a few more leaders, and a good curriculum for our adults who will be attending a special track for them.

Crowe's — we are just 2 1/2 weeks away from Taylor and Emily's wedding. Still much to do there, too. As well as Gracie's graduation the next weekend. Lots of really good stuff and good gifts from the Lord, but much to do and guide through. Pray for God's favor in traveling as we will be traveling to GA for the wedding and then all the Crowe children will be traveling here to VA for Gracie's graduation.

Pray that we will not miss the many teachable and sanctifying moments God will give to us in all of these events.

We love you all so very much.

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