# Week of 12/4/2023

## Words of Encouragement

"Don't let Christmas find you unprepared. I mean spiritually unprepared. Its joy and impact will be so much greater if you are ready! So, that you might be prepared . . . meditate on the fact that we need a Savior. Christmas is an indictment before it becomes a delight. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). If you don't need a Savior, you don't need Christmas. Christmas will not have its intended effect until we feel desperately the need for a Savior."

- John Piper

### Pray for the Unreached

Nubi People in Uganda

Population: 61,000 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.17%

Pray that community leaders would become open to the possibility of Bible translation in their language. Pray for mature believers in the local community to intentionally reach out to the Nubi. Pray that God would open the hearts of the Nubi people to see who Jesus really is and be willing to follow him, despite great social pressure. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Nubi that would draw other unbelieving populations to the Lord.

#### Calendar

- Friday: 9:00 AM Prayer Time at the
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

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# **Prayer Requests**

- Please pray for Joseph Monteith as he recovers from surgery to have his tonsils and adenoids removed.
- Debbie Phillips Lisa Turner Sorrells has a brain tumor that she just finished treatment for. She is to return to Duke next month to see how effective the treatment was. There are no other options available for her so please pray for a complete healing. She is the caregiver for her disabled adult daughter.
- Please pray for Brad as he figures out his internship next semester. Please pray that God would provide a great place to complete this final part of his degree program.
- Please pray for Marcus's family. His cousin, Rochelle, passed away last week from bone marrow cancer. Please pray for comfort and peace.
- Please pray for Ed Snipes as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Please pray for The Center for Women.
   Please pray for their ministry to women,
   both unborn and born babies, and fathers.
   Please pray for resources including funds and volunteers.
- Russell Lee Please pray for David Johnson, a friend of ours. He has pancreatic cancer.
- Please pray for the shelter during this season. Please pray for resources to come in, and for the volunteers. Also, please pray for the individuals who visit the shelter.
   Pray that they would have their physical needs met, but also be confronted with the Gospel and come to saving faith.
- Please pray for Charles Salter and for healing.
- Update: Jeff Mason got the results back from his PET scan last week and his cancer has shrunk tremendously. He also was selected for a clinical trial and will start radiation in the coming weeks. Praise our strong and kind God.
- Russell & Kathy Lee Please pray for our daughter Amy, she recently lost her home due to flooding. Pray for God's guidance, temporary housing, insurance issues, and peace for Amy.

#### **Scripture Reading**

Consider reading 1 John 3 in preparation for this week's sermon.

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