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Message from Pastor

How to Pray for Our Kids as They Go Back to School

As school begins again, children step into classrooms, hallways, teams, and friendships that will shape them in ways we cannot fully control. That reality can feel heavy for parents and churches. It is a clear invitation to pray.

Prayer is not a last resort when we feel powerless- it is one of the most powerful ways we can love and lead our kids. Below are ten focused ways to intercede for them this school year. Use them as a guide for your own prayer time and pray through them together as a family.

1. Wisdom and discernment

Pray that they will make wise decisions academically and socially, and that the Lord will give them clear discernment between what is right and what is wrong. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."*

-James 1:5

2. Mental and emotional health

Ask God to guard their hearts and minds with His peace so they can handle stress, anxiety, and the daily pressures of school life without being overwhelmed. *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

-Philippians 4:7

3. Strong relationships

Pray for deep trust in family and church, and for healthy friendships that push them toward Jesus rather than pull them away from Him.

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

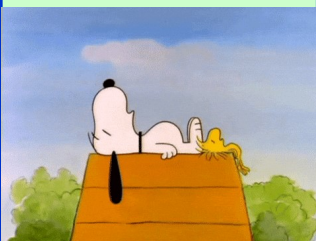
-Proverbs 13:20

4. Academic success

Ask the Lord for focus, motivation, and the ability to understand and retain what they are taught so they can steward their studies well.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

-Colossians 3:23



5. Protection

Pray for God's protection over them- physically, emotionally, and spiritually- as they navigate school, social situations, and the unseen battles that come with growing up.

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

-Psalm 121:7-8

6. Boldness in faith

Ask that they would have courage to live out their faith openly and to be a steady light among their peers.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

-Matthew 5:16

7. Purpose and direction

Pray that God would begin to reveal His purposes for their lives, giving them a sense of direction and meaning even in ordinary school days.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

-Jeremiah 29:11

8. Healthy boundaries

Ask the Lord to help them establish and keep wise boundaries, especially with technology and social media, so they can stay present with real relationships and focused on what matters most.

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

-Proverbs 4:23

9. Godly role models

Pray that God would place mentors, teachers, coaches, and friends in their path who will encourage their faith and model what it looks like to follow Jesus.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

-Proverbs 27:17

10. Joy and contentment

God's peace and all the best,
Pastor Joshua Knippa



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ATTENTION MIDWEEK KIDDOS:
Join us on Wednesday, **September 2nd @ 6pm,**
to help stuff backpacks for the next school year with
the supplies we have collected for Orphan Grain
Train. We'll meet in the Education Big Room.
Pizza will be provided & you will also receive
free t-shirt.



SUNDAYS 9:30AM

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Josh, Conf. Rm. A
9:15am Jeannie Heider,
Conf. Rm. B

**Children's Sunday
School**
Education Building



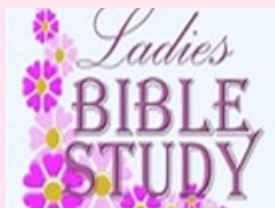
To: Memorial Fund
in memory of
Pat Biar

given by:
Helga & Michael Champagne
Keela Johnson

To: Quilting Circle
in memory of
Shelby Luke

given by
Marla & Wade Kieschnick
Clarice Luke

In memory of
Mary Helen Terrell
given by:
Keela Johnson



Join us for a
Women's Bible Study
"10 Women of the Bible"
led by **Jeannie Heider**
Sundays @ **9:15am**
in Conference Rm. B



Prospective New Members, New
Members, & any Members want-
ing a review, please join us for
Adult Instruction Class on
Wednesdays, beginning July 8th
at 6pm through August in the
conference rooms.
Led by **Pastor Knippa**.



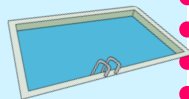
Two Upcoming Events

that you will not want to miss!

Sunday, August 9th, during our
10:30am Worship Service we will have
"The Blessing of Backpacks" for
students, teachers, faculty &
staff of any & all schools.



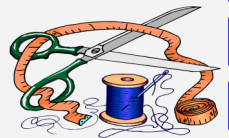
That same afternoon at 4:30pm
we will have a **Pool Party** at
Doornbos Park in Nederland
with pizza & drinks provided.



QUILTING CIRCLE

Thank you to everyone who supported the
Orphan Grain Train by purchasing tickets
for the "plus quilt" (won by the Elisars).
Call Rosemarie if you know someone who
needs a quilt @ 409-543-3928.

If you would like to join us
we meet-**Thursdays@**
9:30am-3pm in the **Conf. Rms.**



Fit & Fun Fellowship

will meet August 18th
from 1-3:30pm in the FLC
foyer. Bring a snack.



Deadline for
September Newsletter
is Monday, August 24th!

AUGUST

Birthdays

4—Dalton Locklear
 6—Sharon Wiley
 7—Dolores Luke
 9—Brad Hopper
 Dannis McCullough
 10—Stewart Brown
 11—Kelly Brown
 Ted Graeter, Jr.
 12—James Furby
 14—Layne Ford
 16—Ronnie Gunn
 17—Bo Smalley
 18—Carley Erickson
 Jacob Erickson
 Dennis Neeb
 19—Ryan Graeter
 21—Baker Broussard
 22—Laurie Mayfield
 Dawson Broussard
 25—Jolene Ford
 26—Brody Shuford
 27—Beth DeVillier
 Scott Pinnt
 28—Steve Derouen
 Brooke (Roy) Reyes
 Anna Shuford
 29—John Mousette
 30—Terry Haas
 31—Debra Odom

Anniversaries

2—Laura & Jacob Rienstra
 10—Sheri & Ed Furby
 13—Suzannah & Bo Smalley
 14—Kristen & Paul
 Beckcom
 Haley & Hunter Gothia
 17—Melani & Shane
 Woodruff
 21—Melinda & Derek
 Landry
 22—Jo Ann & Ronnie Vize
 30—Babette & Chad Ford



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 to keep up with our
 activities, announce-
 ments & information



UBM Needs You!

United Board of Missions
 is in need of Volunteers
 (stocking & organizing pantries).



If you're interested, please contact either—
Pam or **Steve Vincent** @ 409-718-5767
 or **Carolyn Barras** @ 409-963-7866 or
Lori Halbert @ 409-719-6235. Thanks!

UBM Pantry is in need of: pasta,
 rice, canned fruit, & canned meat.
 Cash donations are also accepted.

Also, see additional flyers on our bulletin
 Board in the Narthex of different opportuni-
 ties & services that UBM provides. Our
 church has several representatives that are



Please contact the
 church office at
409-722-1609
 upon the illness,
 hospitalization, and/or
 death of a member or loved one.
 Please update us with the status of prayer
 requests. We try to notify members
 via FB page and text messages of
 deaths & funeral arrangements.

ECE NEWS

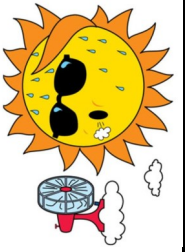
Thank you for sharing your children with us.
 We enjoyed having them this school year .

We look forward to seeing many of
 them return next school year.

Fall Registration continues this summer.
 Have a wonderful and safe summer!

God's Blessings,
Veronica Ochoa
& ECE Staff





August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Benny Elisar 409-504-5802 Adam Richard 409-719-8865		Altar Guild: Luanne Hansen JoAnn Ermel		Lay Readers: 2—Ronnie Vize 9—Lynne Hollomon 16—Suzannah Smalley 23—Marla Kieschnick 30—Daryl Williams		1
2 9:15am Ladies Bible Study 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Communion	3	4	5	6 9:30am Quilting	7	8
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23 9:15am Ladies Bible Study; 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	24 6-8pm Strategic Planning Meeting	25	26	27 9:30am Quilting	28	29
30 9:15am Ladies Bible Study 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Spare Change Sunday	31	Ushers: 2—Todd Kieschnick, Ronnie Vize 9—Thad Kieschnick, Ken Ludwig 16—Stuart Kieschnick, Charles Schrader 23—Jim Lavespere, Mike Tucker 30—Todd Kieschnick, David Smalley		Acolytes: 2—Greer Smalley, Hugh Smalley 9—Bryson Molbert, Jackson Kotz 16—Brooklyn Riley, Carrigan McCullough 23—Able Trevino, Landon McCullough 30—Brant McCullough, Rachel Shuford		

