



February 2020

Prayer Requests

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Pray for the following events that will be taking place in February

- **Valentine project** and for all that is needed to show love to families whose child is inpatient at the hospital and to families in our sunshine community. Pray families would be encouraged as volunteers provide meals and give our treat.
- **Student mission team** from New Hope Christian Church will be helping with our valentine project on February 9
- **Board of Directors meeting** February 22. Here's the names of our board members (Abigail, Louis, Chad, Rick, Fancy, Isaac, Fancy, Melissa, Andie, Brad, and Robbie)
- Families who will be served at **dinner at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital** on February 25 and for the volunteers who will serve them.
- Families who will be served **breakfast at the Fedex Family House** every Wednesday morning and for the volunteers who will prepare the meals.
- **Inpatient/Local Family Care** - Volunteers who will make individual visits with sunshine families who are inpatient and in treatment at St. Jude and for any new families
 - Here are the specific children to be praying for - RaeAnn, Summer, Lincoln, Daniel, Becca, Aiden, Faith, Josh and Olivia
- February 21 Students from **Ensworth High School** in Nashville will be helping prepare a mailing for our Year of Sunshine families
- **Missions Expo at Bellevue Baptist Church** Feb 23 - March 1 - pray we will connect with people who want to get involved in our mission
- **Bellevue Loves Memphis project**, February 29 - team will be helping prepare for sunshine snack bags for families in the hospital

Pray for these specific prayer requests from moms in our sunshine community

- **Betsy** - Pray for Denver and his pain to lessen and his energy levels to improve that would be great! His birthday is Friday so we are hoping he can have a great day!
- **Amy** - Pray for our transplant consultations as they wrap up this week. We are hoping the Medical Review Board meeting will happen next week. That is when they decide when to list RaeAnn for a transplant. Also pray for us to not grow weary.
- **Lisa** - Aiden is currently fighting his second relapse of medulloblastoma and is on another trial to fight this beast. In the last 2 years he has been on 4 different trials and none have led to a cure. He is currently on a protocol that has been used and is older, he just started the second course and has scans in 3 weeks to see if it is going to be the cure. The last trial he was in really took a lot out of him, he was having seizures and his mental state was not good, that all seems to be getting better but he still has some issues. This is his last hope, it has to work. He is a patient at St Jude and they have been great in finding the right treatment plan.
- **Rachel** - Bella has an MRI on the 18th @9am. Intentional prayer for No Evidence of Disease would be amazing!!
- **Christa** - I am in need of prayer. I had an epidural injection today and I am in a lot of pain / sore from it. JJ gets getting on top of me and he can be very aggressive, like pushing me in my neck and then laughing about it. His grandmother had to come get him and his dad is on his way home from work right now. Because I can't handle JJ at this moment. JJ is starting a new behavior therapy next week. I'm asking for prayers for JJ. He is sick with respiratory and fevers. 2 of the 9 students in his class have the flu. There are 14 school closings for sickness around us. JJ is a heart patient which makes illness worse. He also has a 2 hour behavior evaluation this afternoon
- **Becky** - Kylee has an asthma appointment next week to check her lung function. It has been slowly declining the past few years. She also has an eye appointment this month to check her optic nerves due to her hydrocephalus and to check the alignment (she has had 3 strabismus surgeries).
- **Dawn** - Marissa and Josiah's hearts to remain stable; that Marissa's lungs remain stable; that we manage to avoid the flu. For all the children to feel valued and loved, for their needs to be met. For Dawn's healthcare team to get to the bottom of what is going on with her and for her to be able to learn to rest and accept that she needs to rest more. For Dawn to learn what her purpose is

where she is rather than feel sadness and regret over what she can no longer do. For their marriage and reconciliation and unity in it. To feel held and safe in the middle of it all.

- **Leanne** - Pray for Summer. She recently had a heart transplant and has been have some troubles. She had a heart cath today and they had to intubate her.
- Nicole - asking for continued prayers. I am very anxious about Belle's spinal fusion. She will have it April 6th. I am never uneasy about operations... but I am very much so about this one.
- **Mindy** - we are officially half way through our stay here in Memphis! Faith has had radiation every day M-F and also one week of chemotherapy. She was supposed to have another 5 day admit for chemo but sadly she again didn't make her platelet count so we will try again on Wednesday. Radiation hits her platelets as well as chemo so that is to be expected that her counts are having a harder time recovering. Faith just began experiencing some pretty intense pain at the radiation site (on her skin), also to be expected but not easy to manage as it will continue to get worse. She is handling this all in true Faith fashion smiling her way through it!
- Tracy - I was wondering if I could ask for prayer from our Sunshine family for Brandon and myself? B has his next endoscopy coming up on February 7th. That will allow his doctor to see if his intestinal metaplasia has healed, progressed, or stayed the same. Once they know that I will have some big decisions to make as to how we move forward for him. Please pray for clarity and peace during the decision making. The prayer for me is that I unexpectedly found out there is a small mass in my bladder the other day. My primary care had sent me to a urologist to discuss possible options for dealing with a minor prolapse that has started happening with my bladder as a result of my hysterectomy I had done a few years ago. It should have been a no big deal appointment but during the last test the urologist did that. He thought it was just going to be a technicality, he spotted a small mass that no one expected to see. I'm supposed to hear back tomorrow (Thursday) as to if he is willing to do a biopsy on what he saw without doing the bladder sling surgery for the prolapse or not. (I want to wait on that part of things because it would require 6-8 weeks of no lifting and with B that is just too complicated right now so I'd rather wait until that surgery is absolutely necessary and not just an if I want it or not which right now is how it is since things aren't too bad with the prolapse.) Hopefully he will agree to just do the biopsy on its own. If he won't then I will try to push to change to another urologist. My prayer is either that the mass just disappears on its own and when they try to find it again it isn't there. Or that if it remains that the biopsy will

show it isn't Cancer or anything to be worried about. I need to be around for Brandon so if it is Cancer I'm not sure what I'm going to do.

Pray for the sunshine staff and volunteers who lead in specific areas

- Staff - Diane - Executive Director, Esther - Program Coordinator, Jennifer - Community Outreach, Sandi - Family Care Director, Rebekah - Administrative Assistant
- Steve, Ben, Heather, & AnnieLaurie - Wayfind Marketing who is helping us better tell the amazing stories for families and the volunteer/donors who make this work possible
- Office Team - these ladies help make our sunshine headquarters run smoothly - Trish, Caitie, and Dianne
- Regional Care Coordinators - Amanda (West/Southwest), Amber (Northeast), Sandi (Midwest) and Dixie (Southeast)
- Aaron Ivey - owns the building where our Sunshine Headquarters is located. Pray for his company, Enterprise Property Management as they serve families. We are thankful to be leasing space from Aaron.

Pray for our donors and ask God to pour out his divine blessing for their obedience and generosity.