

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR-SHEPHERDS

Christ Fellowship Bible Church

Pray for our **DAILY COMMUNING WITH CHRIST**. Pray that we would grow in our love for Christ. Pray that our hearts would be affectionate, holy, zealous, and ardent in our pursuit of Christ Himself & of His ravishing beauties.

Pray for our **DILIGENT FIGHTING OF ALL KNOWN SIN**. Pray that we would slaughter all *inceptions* of sin. Not when the plant is full grown, but the beginning sprout of the weed – pray that we'd mortify all sin by the Spirit's power.

Pray for our **FAITHFUL LEADING & DISCIPLING OF OUR WIVES & CHILDREN**. Pray for the elders who have children still in the home (Lincoln & Geoff) to faithfully disciple and present the gospel to our children. Pray that we would *first* pastor & shepherd our precious wives.

Pray for our **EFFORTS TOWARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**. We earnestly want more elders. We know Christ cares for His church & He will provide in His time. We pray much and think often of who the Spirit is raising up as future leaders to shepherd His flock. Join us in this petition.

Pray for our **WISDOM TO GUARD FROM ERROR & TO PREACH BIBLICAL TRUTH**. O error abounds, doesn't it! Pray that the shepherds would be watchdogs – to care tenderly for God's flock & to protect fearlessly & ferociously from all wolves & all damning doctrine.

Additionally, please pray...

Pray for our sermon preparation

Pray for our holiness

Pray for our daily times in the Word

Pray for our hearts to be warmed with Christ

Pray for us to walk in the Spirit

Pray for us to diligently flee from all sexual immorality

Pray for us to delight in & cherish our wives above all

Pray for us to have wisdom to care for God's flock

Pray for us to serve like Christ – full of grace & truth

Pray for us to have Spirit-empowered unction as we teach

Pray for us to never give up praying & studying the Word

Pray for our desires for leadership development (elders/deacons)

Pray for our elders meetings (every other Sunday mornings)

Pray for the elders who travel on business to use their time wisely: to remain pure, to devote themselves to good books and to pray much

Pray for the elders wives to recognize the high privilege of serving alongside of their husbands and allowing them to busily shepherd God's people

Pray for spiritual protection over these men, their wives, and their children as the Evil One earnestly wants to discourage and defile them.

Pray for increased usefulness in the shepherds as we evangelize, disciple men, lead others, and counsel from God's Word.

Pray for our encouragement as the Evil One often brings accusations, discouragements, and temptations our way unique to pastor-shepherds.

Pray for a heavenly mindset as we serve. Pray that we'd remember that the Chief Shepherd is soon-coming & that faithful shepherds receive a crown!

Pray for us to grow in our knowledge theologically. The well of biblical theology is deep – pray as we dive deep & tread with humility & with joy!

Pray for us to be lowly, humble slaves. We have no reputation to preserve, no name to keep, no kingdom to build for ourselves. Pray for our lowliness.

Pray for the shepherds to slaughter the fear of man and that we would love, long for, and live to please Jesus Christ alone.