

MISSION PRAYER

February 2, 2026

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2

Dear Texas Mission Partners,

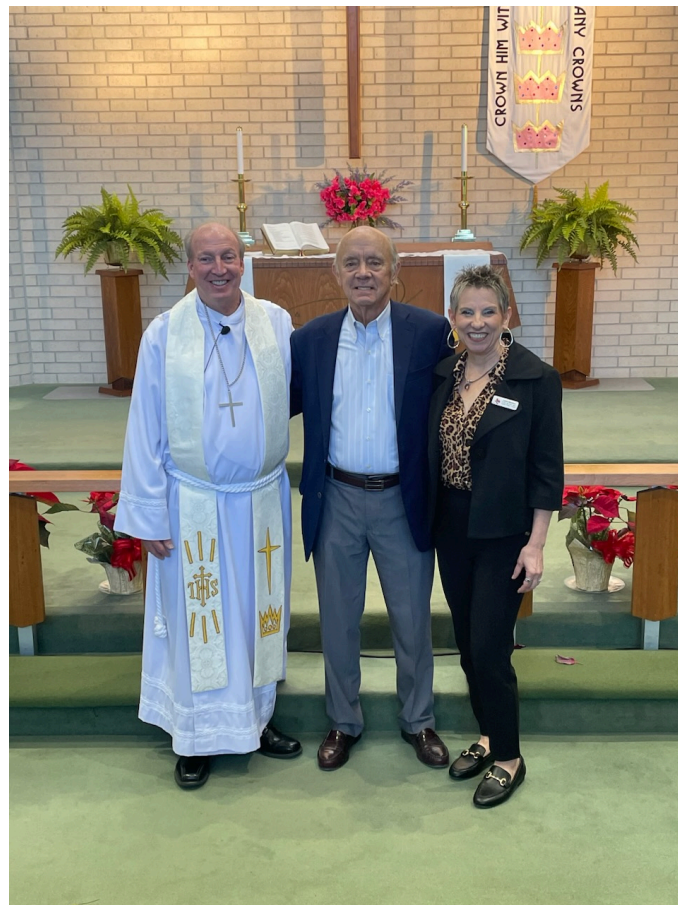
Mission Prayer calls you to prayer. Jesus tells us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest. In this, we see the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and the initial action of disciples in the building of the Kingdom, namely prayer. This is counter to the cultural context that insists we take action and stop thinking. Will you assist in building the Kingdom? Sit down and make prayer for the mission a priority in your life of faith.

Mission Stories



**Evangelist
Training**

**First Lutheran
Church,
Texarkana**



Texas District Evangelist Training Sends Wayne Cranfill

On January 11, Wayne Cranfill was formally sent into service during worship at First Lutheran Church in Texarkana, Texas, after completing Evangelist Training.

Wayne was sent by his pastor, Rev. Scott Sundbye, along with Laura Sanders, Texas District Area B Lead Evangelist Trainer, to affirm both congregational and district support for his evangelistic calling.

Drawing on his professional background as a certified financial planner and his personal experience as a caregiver, Wayne brings a multifaceted approach to his role as an evangelist. His initial outreach will include offering Bible study at a local retirement center, where his friend and wife reside. From this ministry, Wayne hopes to expand into offering caregiver workshops addressing financial, spiritual, and legal topics.

Through these efforts, Wayne envisions the potential growth of a faith community in which caregivers provide mutual encouragement, support, and care centered on God's Word. His purpose is to reach the unchurched, renew a love for Scripture, and allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in making disciples.

The Texas District Evangelist Training equips leaders for outreach, disciple-making, and mission engagement across the District. Wayne's sending reflects the ongoing commitment of congregations to meet real community needs with compassion, wisdom, and the hope of the Gospel.

By Laura Sanders
Evangelist Development Ministry Support Specialist
Lead Evangelist Trainer - Area B

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Mission Prayers

Focus Ministry

Evangelist Wayne Cranfill

1. Praise for Wayne's successful completion of Evangelist training and passion for mission
2. Pray for the next stages of Wayne's mission journey and those to whom he witnesses.
3. Pray for other evangelists in the Texas District, both in development and sent.

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Evangelists

Desiree Pendergrass
Trinity, Tyler

Peter Pendergrass
Trinity, Tyler

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