

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Missions *Derek and Luda Bates*
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In 2008, Derek and Luda followed the Lord's calling to serve in RUF and moved to Pittsburg to begin their ministry with college students at Pitt. Over the years, they have seen the ministry grow significantly, with weekly gatherings, Bible studies, and retreats helping students explore their relationship with God and the Christian faith.

Many have found their faith renewed, and some have embraced Christianity for the first time. And now their mentorship has taken a turn as Derek serves as the Area Coordinator for the ministries in the mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes region. Please support them in your prayers as they minister to the ministers of RUF. We're thankful for the influence his parents, Cathy and Donald had, but also praise the Lord for the seeds planted in his life by many of you while he attended Elon here in Pamplin.

October 1, 2023

Church of the Week
Glenn Memorial Baptist Church
Prospect, VA

Shut-in of the Month
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Pamplin, VA 23958

Military Member Prayer
Austin Hodge

Prayer Concerns from the Congregation

Government Leaders

- For wisdom for House speaker and U.S. representatives as they determine how to prioritize government funding.
- For the family of Diane Feinstein as she passed away this week.
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