

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

January & February 2025

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight: Praise God for a wonderful Christmas Season, celebrating the birth of Christ.

- Worship Ministry
 - Pray for our team as we begin looking ahead and preparing for Easter.
 - Pray for wisdom as we select new songs for the new year.
 - Pray that we will continue to exalt Jesus through the songs we sing and how we worship the Lord!
 - Praise God for our new volunteers - pray they will use their gifts for God's glory.
- Congregational Worship
 - Pray that as we sing together in our weekly gatherings that we would remind each other of the gospel, and also proclaim the gospel to those who do not yet believe the gospel.
 - Praise God for a church that sings loudly and passionately to the Lord each week.
- Personal Worship
 - Pray the Lord will show you new ways you can incorporate worship into your life as you go throughout your day.
 - Pray that as you worship the Lord through the week, that you would be filled with the hope and joy that a life in Him brings.
- Personal Prayer
 - Pray the Lord shows you opportunities to share the Gospel with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.
 - Pray for the discipline to pray through this prayer guide over the next two months as you pray for the various ministries of NRBC.

Reach In

- Small Groups

Prayer Highlight: Pray that our small groups would embrace the mission, vision, and beliefs of our church in 2025.

 - Pray for the Smithfield small group which is losing its small group leader to a move but is seeking a new leader.
 - Pray for the new "Young Professionals" small group, which will launch on campus in January 2025. (Praise God for the creation of a new group!)
 - Pray for longevity within our small group leader corps and that new leaders would be sought and developed.
 - Pray that our members would be inviting of others into our small groups.
- Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our next Equipping Parents seminar on February 19 with Jeff Mingee.

 - Pray for Carolyn Duke, our Director for Preschool Ministry, as she leads our preschool team.
 - Pray for Kristi Houghton, our Director for Children's Ministry, as she leads our kids team.
 - Pray for Zach Watson, our Pastoral Assistant for Student Ministry, as he helps lead our team of student ministry leaders.
 - Pray for our teenagers as they participate in the SBCV Youth Evangelism Conference January 17-18. Pray for Mark Turner as he preaches at this event.

- Pray for the leaders who teach Gospel Project to preschoolers, children, and teenagers.
- Pray for the parents of our church as they make disciples in their homes. Pray that they will teach the Word in the home by example and instruction.
- Senior Adults
 - Pray for God to encourage those who are experiencing difficulties and loneliness, especially during this time of the year.
 - Pray for our senior adults to stay healthy and safe.
 - Pray for God to bring people into their lives who are kind and compassionate of their needs.
- Sermons

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Pastor Ryan as he begins the second part of our series in Exodus.

 - Pray for Elder Steve de Mik as he preaches from Psalms on February 2.
 - Pray that the Lord would use the proclamation of his word in our services to save the lost and build up the body of Christ.
 - Pray for the many new people who are in our worship services. Pray that those who haven't believed the gospel will be convicted of their sin through a preaching ministry and be saved.
- Elders/Deacons

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our elders as they seek to shepherd our congregation.

 - Pray that more biblically qualified men would aspire to the office of elder.
 - Pray for men currently in the elder discipleship process at our church.
 - Pray for our elders as they lead our congregation under the headship of Christ.
 - Pray for our elders as they give themselves to prayer, teaching God's Word, and shepherding our congregation.
 - Pray for our church as we look for new deacons to serve our congregation in our baptism ministry.
 - Pray for our deacons as they meet the organizational, tangible, and mercy needs of our church.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Pray for Ashley as she continues to serve the Lord in England.
 - Philly

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our ministry among St. Joseph's University college students. We have seen incredible growth in weekly attendance.

 - Pray that students at St. Joseph's will respond in faith, be baptized, and become members at Redemption Heights, on mission in our city and around the world.
 - Pray for our month of prayer and fasting, that God would help us depend on Him; remind us of His faithfulness, and give us a greater desire to know Him and to make Him known.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Great Joy Bible Church as the government of Rwanda has placed severe restrictions on churches being able to meet.

 - Pray for the next team from NRBC who is preparing to go work alongside Great Joy this spring.
 - Pray for the many members of Great Joy who have recently gotten married and begun to have children.

- Pray for the small group leaders of Great Joy as they meet the needs of their members during this time that the church cannot meet as a body.
- Appalachian Trail

Prayer Highlight: Pray that God's presence surrounds the hikers and He is made known to them.
- Eastern Shore

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Marissa, that the Lord will give her the physical and mental strength she needs to continue the work on the Eastern Shore.

 - Pray for the church in Mappsville. They have had a couple of people who went home to be with the Lord recently. It has really affected the mood in the church.
 - Pray for Marissa since she recently lost a relative in Texas and a very good friend in Chesapeake.
- Community Ministry/Outreach

Prayer Highlight: Pray that we will be a welcoming church to our community, especially to those who are new to our community.

 - Pray for a new Ministry Team Leader for our Community Outreach Team (COT).
 - Pray for volunteers to commit to being a part of the COT and seek to passionately engage our community.
 - Pray for the law enforcement, military, newcomers to our community, and the marginalized in our community that through God's grace, we will be able to bring them hope through Christ.
 - Bair Foundation

Prayer Highlight: Pray that the staff of Bair seek the Lord's love and wisdom more as they serve the foster families.

 - Pray that the staff will use the devotionals we gave them daily to refuel their souls for His service.
 - Pray for the new foster parents who just started to feel supported by Bair.
 - Pray for the few foster kids that aged out into the community that they will know the Lord is there for them!
 - Caregivers of the Elderly Support Group

Prayer Highlight: Pray that this ministry will continue to provide support, encouragement, and knowledge to those who are caregivers to the elderly.

 - Pray for the caregivers to keep a close relationship to the Lord.
 - Pray that the caregivers will exhibit the love of Christ to those they care for and that those cared for will feel loved.
 - Pray for fellow church members that are currently caregiving for a loved one(s), but are unable to attend our Caregiver Support Group meetings.
 - Crisis Pregnancy Center/Mission Great Expectations (MGE)

Prayer Highlight: Pray for perseverance and creativity for the members of the staff who work so hard to build relationships, host events, garner support, and raise funding, all to keep CPC's medical clinics open at no cost to the patients in need of CPC's services.

 - Pray for the moms who have chosen life; that God will strengthen them and provide the resources they need to be godly mothers to their babies.
 - Pray for additional patient advocates!

- Foot Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Join us in giving thanks to God for those who come each month to have their feet cared for.

- Pray for new servants to join us to help meet the needs of those who come.
- Pray for God to give us servants' hearts that we will share the love of Christ as we minister to all who come.

- Homebound Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Pray for strength and patience for the many caregivers for our Homebound community.

- Pray for good health, safety and for encouraged spirits as we love on them on behalf of the Church community.

- Pillar Network

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Carlos and Lily Llambes as they move to Hampton Roads in February to plant Iglesia Bautista Ciudad De Gracia.

- Pray for our Hampton Roads Pillar Network Partners:

- Christ Fellowship Church of Williamsburg (Pastor Peter Hess)
- Poquoson Baptist Church (Pastor Hopson Boutot)
- Reformation Christian Fellowship (Pastor Kenny D'Auria)
- Fox Hill Road Baptist Church in Hampton (Pastor Nathan Cecil)
- Carrollton Baptist Church (Pastor Lee Hess)
- Seaford Baptist Church (Pastor Michael Howard)

- SBC & SBCV

- Pray for our two SBC sending agencies, the International Missions Board and the North American Missions Board.
- Pray for the educators and students at our six Southern Baptist seminaries (NC, LA, MO, TX, CA, KY).
- Pray for Pastor Clint Pressley as he was recently elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

- Praying for the Lost

- Pray that our members would be burdened by the spiritual state of those in their community.
- Pray that our church would be committed to personal evangelism.
- Pray that we won't grow weary as we share the gospel with those around us.