

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide January & February 2026

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight: Praise God for a wonderful celebration of Christmas. Pray for our team as we now look ahead and begin planning for Easter.

- Worship Ministry
 - Pray for our worship team as we begin preparing for Easter.
 - Pray for our team as we continue to learn new songs to introduce to the congregation.
 - Pray for Pastor Brian as he nears the completion of his work on his doctoral project and seeks to complete his studies at Southeastern in May.
- Congregational Worship
 - Pray that the songs we sing each Sunday will till the soil of our hearts to be prepared for the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
 - Pray that we would continue to sing loudly and boldly, proclaiming the truth of God's Word in the songs we sing.
- Personal Worship
 - Pray for opportunities to follow up with those you may have invited to Christmas Eve.
 - Pray for your personal sanctification and holiness. Pray the Lord will reveal any areas in your life that you need to surrender to Him, so that you can pursue Him more deeply.
 - Pray for the opportunity, dedication, and desire to spend each day in the Word.
- Personal Prayer
 - Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family.
 - Pray for your own personal spiritual growth and for God to help you learn more about Him this year as you pursue a life of holiness and living for Christ.

Reach In

- Small Groups

Prayer Highlight: Pray that our small groups would foster deeper community and accountability.

 - Pray for the development of apprentices that they would grow into small group leaders.
 - Pray for our off-campus small groups that they would have adequate childcare.
 - Pray that members would open up their homes to host new small groups.
- Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for parents of children and teenagers as they talk about the gospel at home.

 - Pray for Carolyn Duke, our Preschool Director, 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 the leaders who teach Gospel Project to preschoolers, children, and teenagers.
- 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 preaches in our sermon series through the book of Revelation.
 - Pray for unity in our church as we study the book of Revelation together as this book has various ways of interpreting it.
 - Pray for Pastor Jay as he preaches in his James series on January 18.
- Elders/Deacons
 - Prayer Highlight:** Pray for our elders as they shepherd members of our church battling sin.
 - Pray that more biblically qualified men would aspire to the office of elder.
 - Pray for the 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 deacons as they meet the organizational, tangible, and mercy needs of our church.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Leeds
 - Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Ashley as she looks towards the possibility of serving an additional term in the UK.
 - Pray for Ashley and her team as they begin to lay the groundwork for a student team from NRBC to come this summer.
 - Pray for Roundhay Evangelical Church, where Ashley works and is a member, as they seek a new Lead Pastor.
 - Pray for two missionary residents who will serve in Leeds for 4 months in 2026 and live with Ashley.
 - Ask the Lord to expand her ministry, opening new doors for service and equipping her to remain faithful and fruitful in all she does.
 - Philly
 - Prayer Highlight:** Pray for God's financial provision. Ministry is fruitful, but in our context, finances are tight, and we are facing a significant shortfall. Pray that God would bring us new givers both inside and outside our congregation.
 - Pray for our youth group. Pray for our leaders and volunteers to have wisdom, strength, and encouragement as they serve. Pray for our students to come to faith. We continue to see both numerical and spiritual growth, and we believe some of these young men and women are close to salvation.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Pastors Ryan and Nathaniel as they spend January 12–19 with the leaders and members of GJRBC.
 - Pray for the elders at GJRBC as they shepherd their congregation through governmental persecution.
 - 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.
 - Pray for the new church in another city in Rwanda that Great Joy is trying to plant.
- Appalachian Trail

Prayer Highlight: Pray that our church would be used to reach the masses who hike the Appalachian Trail with the hope of all creation - the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

 - Pray for leaders to stand up and be willing to take leadership over specific mission sites.
 - Pray for the focus of this ministry to evangelize and minister to those who are seeking.
 - Pray that there would be many who respond to an invitation for our January interest meeting.
- Eastern Shore

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the migrant workers and their families who attend the mission events on the Eastern Shore. Pray that they will listen to Marissa as she tells them the gospel story and that they will accept Christ as their Savior.

 - Continue to pray for Marissa's health so she can keep on doing the Lord's work.
- Iglesia Bautista Ciudad de Gracia (Spanish-Speaking Church Plant)

Prayer Highlight: Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with Hispanics in the area.

 - Pray for Iman, a young Panamanian woman who has been attending the church, and for her mother.
 - Pray for the salvation of Nadia and her husband, Federico, and for the continued relationship with them.
 - Pray for their spiritual life, perseverance, faithfulness, and obedience.
- Community Ministry/Outreach

Prayer Highlight: Pray that we would have meaningful and unique opportunities to share the Gospel with our community this year.

 - Pray that there would be a contingent of members who support our efforts to create a ministry team for community outreach.
 - Pray for the ministry at Harmony and the USCG Base Portsmouth, that there would be gospel fruit.
 - Bair Foundation

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our church's partnership with Bair and the wisdom to know how to best minister to them.

 - Pray that there would be gospel fruit from the Christmas dinner.
 - Pray that the families who are fostering would have a Christmas that celebrates Jesus.
 - 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.

- Foot Ministry

Prayer Highlight: We thank the Lord each month when our clients come to have their feet cared for since they, for many different reasons, aren't able to care for themselves. It blesses our hearts to meet their physical needs but also to love on them and encourage them in Christ.

 - Pray for us as we share the good news and let them know of God's great love for them.

- Homebound Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Pray for those in our care who are homebound or need special care. Pray that our church would be an encouragement to them during the cold months of winter and that the Lord would meet their needs.

 - Pray they will fully rely on God as their source of strength and hope.
 - Pray they will stay safe if inclement weather comes.
 - Pray that they will encounter the love of our church as we visit them and continue to minister to them.

- Pillar Network

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Sovereign Shores Baptist Church of Virginia Beach as they seek membership in the Pillar Network.

 - Pray for our Hampton Roads Pillar Network Partners:
 - Christ Fellowship Church of Williamsburg (Pastor Peter Hess)
 - Iglesia Bautista Ciudad de Gracia (Pastor Carlos Llambes)
 - 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)
 - Temple Baptist Church (Pastor Wes Taylor)

- 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.