

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide July & August 2024

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight:

- Worship Ministry
 - Praise God for new volunteers that are getting plugged into the worship ministry and using their gifts and talents to serve the Lord and church.
 - Pray as we continue to learn new songs to teach to the church, that we would find and select songs that honor Christ and teach us about who He is.
 - Pray we would be able to navigate the schedule changes that happen during the summer months due to vacations, events, etc...
- Congregational Worship
 - Pray that we would continue to make Sunday Morning Lord's Day Gatherings a priority in our lives.
 - Pray that we would continue to prioritize third Sunday evening services as a way to stay up-to-date on ministries, corporate prayer requests, and updates on all things NRBC.
- Personal Worship
 - Pray for opportunities to worship the Lord each day as you go about your daily activities.
 - Pray that you would be intentional about taking time each day to worship the Lord, through Bible intake, prayer, and praise and thanksgiving.
- Personal Prayer
 - Pray the Lord shows you opportunities to share the Gospel with others as you go about your day or even while on vacation during the Summer months.
 - 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 groups could more deeply embrace our church's mission to "Make Disciples that Make Disciples" and live out our vision to Reach Up. Reach In. Reach Out.

 - Pray for Terry Brooks as he has taken over for Dalton Carraway's small group. Pray that the group can continue to grow and serve in deeper and more meaningful ways.
 - Pray that our groups would seek ways to serve evangelistically in their communities.
 - Pray that new groups and leaders will be formed as we seek to glorify God in the communities which we work, love, and serve.
 - Pray that we can have new apprentices, new leaders, and new groups!
- Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our Vacation Bible School and Family Night (July 15-18).

 - Pray for workers as they prepare their areas for VBS.
 - Pray for the new families who will come to our church for the first time during VBS.
 - Pray for the children who hear the gospel during VBS.

- Pray for Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Kristi as they lead our preschool and children's ministries. Ask God to encourage and strengthen them as they teach, plan, and invest in kids and their families.
 - 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.
 - 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 that our senior adults strengthen and build new friendships that will give them the companionship they so often need.
 - 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.
 - Pray for God to encourage those who are experiencing difficulties and loneliness.
- Sermons

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Pastor Ryan as he begins our new series through Exodus on August 4.

 - Pray for Pastors Ryan, Jay, and Steve as they prepare to conclude our series through Psalms 119 this summer.
 - 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 the deacon candidates nominated by the congregation who are considering serving in this office.

 - Pray for the men currently going through our elder process.
 - 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 deacons as they lead their ministries at NRBC.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Pray for Ashley Barton as she heads to IMB training at the end of July to go as a missionary to Great Britain.
 - Philly

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the challenges we continue to face in securing a permanent meeting space.

 - Pray for Kid's Week (July 22-26). Pray for each child to feel the love of Christ and understand the gospel. Pray this week will help connect them to an ongoing relationship with Redemption Heights Church.

- Sub-Saharan Africa

Prayer Highlight: Praise the Lord that Great Joy elected two new men as elders for their congregation.

 - Pray for the facility needs of Great Joy Bible Church.
 - Pray for the women of NRBC as they record discipleship videos and host online Q&A Sessions with Great Joy ladies.
 - Pray for the many members of Great Joy who are in the process of getting married.
 - Pray for members of NRBC and Redemption Heights who are preparing to go as a part of mission teams to Rwanda in 2024.

- Appalachian Trail

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the hikers as they continue their journey on the Appalachian Trail.

 - Pray that God’s presence surrounds the hikers and He is made known to them.

- Eastern Shore

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our trip to the Eastern Shore on August 10th. Pray as we work with the boys and girls at one of the camps and that we will make some type of impact in their lives as we show them that they need Jesus in their hearts.

 - Pray for Marissa as she will be teaching the moms and dads of these boys and girls.
 - Pray for the volunteers as they prepare to go to the Eastern Shore and that they will be ready and willing to show the love of Jesus to both the children and the parents that they encounter.

- Community Ministry/Outreach

Prayer Highlight: Pray that the church would deeply believe that to “Reach Out” is a privilege and opportunity for all members of our church.

 - Pray for all things Vacation Bible School. Pray that the team will use VBS as an opportunity to connect unreached families with the transforming Gospel message.
 - Pray for outreach efforts from our small groups; that groups would plan and execute outreach and that fruit would continue to bear.
 - Pray that the National Night Out outreach events for early August would create rich gospel conversations.
 - Pray that we would focus our efforts on “casting seed” and trust the Lord with the results.
 - Pray that we can bring people to Christ, disciple, and baptize them into the body of our church.
 - Bair Foundation

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the Bair Foundation Staff and Organization as the cultural challenges of today’s world can make christian ministry difficult with foster families.

 - Pray for the tension between the local chapter of Bair and our church partnership as we seek to be very intentional with the gospel message throughout the year.
 - Pray that Godly foster parents can be found, as raising a foster child can be very demanding.
 - Praise: We had the opportunity to share the gospel with the children from the Bair Foundation. We read “My Heart, Christ’s Home” and did activities that reinforced what was learned.

 - 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.
 - Crisis Pregnancy Center/Mission Great Expectations (MGE)

Prayer Highlight: Pray for God’s continued wisdom and direction as CPC navigates the challenges of pregnancy center ministry.

 - Pray for our patient’s minds to be free of fear and shielded from lies as they boldly choose LIFE.
 - Pray for God’s protection over our patients who do not have safe environments at home. Ask the Lord to strengthen them and guide them away from harmful situations.
 - Pray our patients experience peace in the Lord that surpasses all understanding.
 - Foot Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Join us in thanking the Lord for the opportunity to serve those who come to have their feet cared for each month.

 - Pray for the Lord to provide additional servants willing to clip and care for those who come.
 - Pray that as we minister physically to those that come, we would make opportunities to share the Gospel so that God might bring lost souls to Himself and grow His Kingdom.
 - Mom to Mom

Prayer Highlight: Pray for God to provide clarity and direction for the Mom to Mom ministry.
- Pillar Network

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our network of churches as we consider the next steps in partnering together in church planting and revitalization.

 - 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)
 - Pray for the Pillar Network as the fellowship continues to experience rapid growth domestically and internationally.
- 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.