

## Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

### March & April 2025

#### Reach Up

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray as we plan and prepare for Easter that we will not only clearly preach the gospel with boldness, but that the songs we sing will also communicate the hope we have in the gospel.

- Worship Ministry
  - Pray for our team as we begin looking ahead and preparing for Easter.
  - Pray that we would continue to grow in our abilities as musicians and singers.
  - Pray for Pastor Brian as he seeks to complete his doctoral studies at Southeastern - that he will continue to make progress on his final project.
  - 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 we would continue to sing loudly, with passion and zeal for the Lord each week. That as we sing, the words we sing would remind us of the gospel and teach those around us who may not know Jesus the truth about salvation in Christ.
  - Pray that we would grow together in our understanding of the gospel.
- Personal Worship
  - Pray the Lord will show you new ways you can incorporate worship into your life as you go throughout your day.
  - Pray for opportunities each week for consistent Bible intake so that we may continue to grow deeper in our understanding of the Word.
- Personal Prayer
  - Pray the Lord shows you opportunities to share the Gospel with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.
  - Pray that the Lord would open opportunities to invite people to our Easter service and that they would be receptive to that invitation.

#### Reach In

- Small Groups

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray that our small groups would seek to dive deeper in community.

  - Praise God that our Smithfield small group has a new leader! Pray that Paul Headrick is encouraged and guided by the Lord in this new work.
  - Praise God that our new "Young Professionals" launch has gone well! Pray that they will continue to expand in their community and relationships.
  - Pray for new groups in Carrollton and Harbor View.
  - Pray that our members would be inviting of others into our small groups.
- Next Generation Ministries

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for the students from NRBC and our partner Pillar Network churches during Disciple Now Weekend (March 28-30).

  - 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.
- 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 will stay healthy during this cold and flu season.
  - Pray for God to encourage those who are experiencing difficulties and loneliness.
  - Pray for God to bring kind and compassionate people into their daily lives.
- Sermons
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Pastor Ryan as he preaches on Easter Sunday (April 20). Pray that he will be bold with the gospel and that unbelievers will repent and believe.

  - Pray for Pastor Ryan as he continues in the second part of our Exodus series and begins the final section on April 27.
  - 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 our congregation as we consider the nomination of Paul Puryear 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 church as we look to elect 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 the United Kingdom.
  - Philly
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for continued outreach to college students. We have many college students exploring faith and considering baptism and church membership. Pray for them to walk in obedience and wisdom.

    - Pray for our Women's Conference on March 22. Pray that the women of Redemption Heights will be strengthened in their faith and that the many friends they invite will hear the gospel and come to know Jesus.
  - Sub-Saharan Africa
 

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

- Pray for Pastor Jay and the team of women going from NRBC to do several days of women's conferences in Rwanda this March.
  - Pray for Sam, one of the elders of GJRBC, as he travels bimonthly to Kenya for seminary.
  - 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 for the hikers who have started their journey on the trail. That they may encounter God's presence everywhere around them.
- Pray for team members who are willing to go on one of the trips to minister to the hikers.
- Eastern Shore
- Prayer Highlight:** Pray as we prepare for this year's mission trips. We will be meeting with Marissa in March.
- Pray for Marissa as she prepares to meet the new workers who will be coming to work on the farms.
  - Continue to pray for Marissa's health.
- Spanish-Speaking Church Plant
- Prayer Highlight:** Praise the Lord that Carlos and Lilly are here and beginning to work towards planting this new church.
- Pray for Carlos and Lilly as they settle into our area.
  - Pray for Carlos as he works to complete the North American Mission Board assessment in April.
- Community Ministry/Outreach
- Prayer Highlight:** Pray that we will be used by the Lord to bring the Gospel to our community.
- Pray for a new Ministry Team Leader for our Community Outreach Team (COT).
  - Pray for our Serve Tour team and leaders who will minister in downtown Suffolk March 28-29. Pray also for all those participating in the larger Serve Tour Virginia Beach Campaign.
  - Pray that our members would be excited to invite their neighbors to our Easter Service.
  - 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 for hearts to be drawn to the Lord for salvation and support as they support the Bair Foster Children.
- Pray for our next meeting at the end of March. Mark Mariglia will be speaking on how foster parents can best help children who have experienced trauma with a Christian worldview.

- 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.

- Praise the Lord that April 12 will mark 3 years since we started this ministry!
- Pray for a Caregiver in our group who has recently lost his wife, whom he was caring for (she was a believer, Praise God!)
- Pray that the Lord will give us new opportunities to minister to Caregivers from our community.

- 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.

- Praise God that He's bringing women who need our help through our doors, as we have served over 2,600 women last year!
- Pray for additional patient advocates to help meet the needs resulting from an increase in the number of women we are serving.
- Pray for CPC's annual Walk for Life fundraising event in April.
- 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 our new MGE ministry team leader and his team as they begin new classes in April!!

- Foot Ministry

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

- Also give thanks to the Lord for the new servants who have joined us in helping to meet the needs of those who come.
- We praise God for the different ways we are allowed to minister physically to those that come and for the ways we can minister in a spiritual way through prayer and sharing the Gospel message as the Holy Spirit gives opportunities. To God be the Glory, great things He has done!

- Homebound Ministry

**Prayer Highlight:** Praise God for all of the love and support our homebound members have received through the ministry of our church family and small groups reaching out and loving on them.

- Pray for the families of the homebound members who have recently passed away, that God would give them comfort, peace, and encouragement.
- Pray for our homebound members who are currently in rehab facilities that God would give them strength each day and allow them to heal.

- Pillar Network

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for new churches in our area that are considering joining our partnership.

- 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.