

## Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

### May & June 2025

#### Reach Up

**Prayer Highlight:** Praise God for a wonderful Easter Service, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

- Worship Ministry
  - Pray for additional volunteers to serve in our ministry, specifically choir members as we seek to grow our team.
  - Pray for Pastor Brian as he continues to work on his project and seeks to complete his doctoral studies at Southeastern - that he will continue to make progress on his final project.
  - Pray that we would continue to grow in our abilities as musicians and singers.
- Congregational Worship
  - Praise God for a congregation that values the importance of corporate worship.
  - Praise God for a congregation that passionately sings each Sunday.
  - Pray that we would continue to value congregational singing and that we would be encouraged to sing by those around us singing.
- 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 for opportunities to share the gospel with neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family.
  - Pray for your own personal spiritual growth and consistent Bible intake.

#### Reach In

- Small Groups

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray that as our church grows, small groups would become an integral part of assimilating new members, helping them feel connected, disciplined, and known.

  - Pray for new leaders to rise up and lead new small groups off-campus, as we are at capacity on-campus. Specifically, that God would allow us to launch eight new off-campus small groups in the next 24 months.
  - Lift up our current small group leaders, asking the Lord to protect them from discouragement and to fill them with joy and endurance in their service.
  - Pray that our members would be eager to invite others into their groups.
  - Ask God to cultivate flexibility in our members' hearts, so they would be willing to join new groups or shift as needed to meet the growing needs of our church.
- Next Generation Ministries

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for our children at CentriKid Camp on June 16–20 and our teenagers at MFuge Camp on June 23–27.

  - 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 our Next Gen team and volunteers as they prepare for Vacation Bible School in July.
- 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 our last meeting in May as we close the year on a strong note.
  - Pray for our saints as we go on break over the summer.
  - Pray that the leaders of this ministry will have a renewed focus and fresh ideas to begin this fall with ways to disciple and create fellowship within this ministry.
- Sermons
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Pastor Ryan as he concludes our time through the book of Exodus with a sermon series on the Tabernacle.

  - Pray for Pastor Jay as he preaches from the book of James on May 11, May 18, and June 8.
  - 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 we have added new elders to our elder council. Pray for unity and humility as we shepherd this congregation together.

  - 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 church as we look to elect Mark and Jamie Oswald to serve together as deacons of our baptism ministry.
  - Pray for our deacons as they meet the organizational, tangible, and mercy needs of our church.

## Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
  - Leeds
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Praise God as Ashley reaches her half-year mark on the field. Pray that she would be encouraged and motivated as she reflects on all that God has done and continues to do through her ministry.

    - Pray for wisdom and clarity as we consider the opportunity to send a mission team to join Ashley within the next six to eight months. Ask the Lord to guide our planning and raise up the right people to go.
    - Pray for a deeper relationship with the Lord, that she would continually abide in Christ and find strength in His presence.
    - 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 the new believers we have baptized as they find their places of service at Redemption Heights and continue on the path of following Jesus.

- Pray for Morgan Crocker, who is joining our staff as the Director of Family Ministry. She will provide hands-on, full-time support to our growing children, youth, and college ministries. She is raising her salary to join us and needs to secure the final 25%. Pray for her transition as she begins with us in June!
- 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 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 that our church would be used to reach the masses who hike the Appalachian Trail this summer with the hope of all creation - the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

  - Pray for our teams as they will travel to multiple sites throughout the spring/summer to share the gospel with hikers.
  - Pray for leaders to stand up and be willing to take leadership over specific mission sites.
  - Pray for safety as our teams travel.
  - Pray for the focus of this ministry to evangelize and minister to those who are seeking.
- Eastern Shore
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Praise! Marissa's health is better. She still needs prayer but she is better.

  - Pray as Marissa works with the workers on the farms. Many of them are new this year.
  - Pray for one family that was in a head on collision. No one was killed but everyone had severe injuries. The dad will be in the hospital for many weeks to come. Pray that God will supply money for their needs not counting the hospital bills.
- Iglesia Bautista Ciudad de Gracia (Spanish-Speaking Church Plant)
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Carlos and Lily as they will complete the final stages of the North American Mission Board church planter assessment in May.

  - Pray that the gospel may be faithfully proclaimed throughout the Newport News Hispanic community, and that by God's grace, many hearts would be drawn to salvation.
  - Pray for renewed strength, wisdom, and encouragement for Pastor Carlos and his wife, Lily, as they faithfully serve in this mission.
- Community Ministry/Outreach
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray that the Lord would open doors for us to bring the Gospel to the poor and marginalized in our community, meeting both spiritual and physical needs with compassion.

  - Pray that our VBS opportunity would be approved, specifically the request to host it at a local military base, and that it would bear much fruit among the families who attend.
  - Lift up our Police Unity Tour outreach—pray that the officers who arrive at our church in May would tangibly feel the love of God as they mourn the loss of fellow officers.

- Ask God to bring lasting fruit from our homeless outreach events earlier this year, and that seeds sown would lead to transformed lives.
- Pray for leadership—that God would raise up the right person to lead our Community Outreach Team with vision, energy, and a heart for the lost.
- Bair Foundation
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Praise God for the large turnout at the Bair dinner/training on March 31st, especially of teenagers. Praise God for their openness to the Word shared and we pray for souls to be saved.

  - Pray for the foster parents as they work with children who have experienced trauma that they might turn to the Lord and the church community for support.
  - Pray for the Bair staff as they serve this special community, that they will have boldness and a desire to be clearly Christian in their ministry to the families.
- 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 a new attendee (a non church member) that is struggling with the pressures of caregiving for her 100 year old mother at home, who is showing signs of dementia.
  - Pray for our church members that are in the season of life where their loved ones are needing increased help and care, and that may soon be entering the caregiving phase.
  - Pray for God's grace, strength and guidance in dealing with the challenges of caregiving.
- Crisis Pregnancy Center/Mission Great Expectations (MGE)
 

**Prayer Highlight:** We have a small but mighty group from our church ministering to the families participating in MGE.

  - Praise God that over the past two weeks we have had the privilege of ministering to over 30 different men, women and children.
  - Pray that the team from NRBC will stay faithful and strong throughout the year.
  - Pray for CPC's annual Walk for Life fundraising event.
  - Pray that the men and women who are participating, will reach out to Jesus to guide them on this journey of life for their babies.
  - Pray that Christ will make himself known to all those who seek him.
- Foot Ministry
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Join us in thanking the Lord for our patrons who come each month to have their feet cared for.

  - Give thanks to the Lord for all the members who come and minister and love on our patrons and aid in their health by caring for their feet.
  - Praise God for the different ways we are allowed to touch minds and bodies in ministering to those that come by sharing the gospel and letting them know that God loves them and that we do also.
- Homebound Ministry
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for the families of three of our Homebound who have passed away in the last 6 months. Pray for peace, comfort and strength as they mourn.

  - Praise for the way small groups have stepped up to bless our Homebound on Valentine's Day and this Easter! Our Homebound feels truly loved by our church community.

- 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)
  - 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.