

## Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide November & December 2024

### Reach Up

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for our team as we prepare for Night of Carols and Christmas Eve.

- Worship Ministry
  - Pray for our team as we work on our special Christmas services.
  - Praise the Lord for fantastic weather for Church at the Park.
  - 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
  - Praise God that as we sing together each week, the message of the Gospel will be evident to everyone who hears.
  - Pray that we will continue to sing passionately and with zeal each week as we worship Christ together.
- Personal Worship
  - As the busyness of the holiday season adds to your lists of things to do, find ways to remember the gift of the Gospel in the everyday things you do. Pray that the Lord will keep the birth of Christ at the forefront of everything you do this year.
  - Pray that you will be intentional about taking time each day to worship the Lord through Bible intake, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- Personal Prayer
  - Pray the Lord shows you opportunities to share the Gospel with others as you go about your holiday preparations, shopping, and activities. Pray for opportunities to shine the light of Christ.
  - 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 as the holiday season approaches, our groups can draw deeper into community that is connected through the Gospel for God's glory.

  - Pray we can have a larger pool of childcare workers for our off-campus small groups.
  - 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 the Churchland Small Group's new meeting location. (Praise God for answering the prayer for a host home!)
  - Pray for the longevity of our current small group leaders and their intentionality in making new leaders.
- Next Generation Ministries

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for our next Equipping Parents seminar on December 4 with Kenny D'Auria.

  - 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 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 Senior Adults during the holiday season; pray for those who will be unable to travel to be with their families.
  - 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 continues our series in Exodus and preaches an Advent series in December.

  - Pray for Pastor Jay as he preaches the second sermon in his series through James on December 1.
  - Pray for Pastor Ryan as he preaches in our Christmas Eve Service. Pray that he is clear and bold with the gospel.
  - 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 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.
  - Praise the Lord for the five new deacons we have serving our congregation.
  - Pray for our deacons as they lead their ministries at NRBC.

## Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
  - Pray for Ashley as she settles into her life and ministry in the UK. Pray that the Lord will begin opening doors for her to connect with people.
  - Philly
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for follow-up from our Fall Block Party. Pray that the many attending visitors will be interested in learning more about the gospel and connecting with Redemption Heights.

    - Pray for our youth group Fall Retreat. We continue to see God working in the lives of young people.

- 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 women of NRBC as they record discipleship videos and host online Q&A Sessions with Great Joy ladies.
  - Pray for the logistics involved in our effort to bring two leaders from Great Joy here in 2025 for a time of training and development.
  - Pray for members of NRBC and Redemption Heights who will be serving alongside of Great Joy in Rwanda at the beginning of December.
  
- Appalachian Trail
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Damascus Baptist Church as they recover from flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. Pray that they will be a light to those around them who have been impacted by this disaster.

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

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray as we go to the Eastern Shore on December 14. Pray for our volunteers as they work with the children. Pray that they will use every opportunity to talk to them about Jesus.

  - Pray for Marissa as she continues the work on the Eastern Shore.
  
- Community Ministry/Outreach
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray that our church would be a visible and tangible expression of the Gospel in our community and point them to the true "reason for the season" - Christ!

  - 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 for the foster kids to know Christ through our love and Bible lessons when we meet together.

    - Pray for the Bair Foundation to be able to find more Godly foster parents to help meet the needs as there are so many foster children who need Christian homes.
    - Pray for our Christmas party, that it will shine the light of Christ brightly in the foster families hearts!
  - 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 as they experience more stress during the holidays.
    - Pray that the caregivers will also remember to take care of themselves so that they will be refreshed and be able to continue caring for others.
    - Pray for former caregivers in our group that are no longer actively caregiving, but their desire is to encourage and help those who are actively caregiving.

- 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.
  
- 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.
  
- Pillar Network
 

**Prayer Highlight:** Pray for Carlos and Lily Llambes as they seek to move to Hampton Roads early next year 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.