Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide September & October 2024

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our team as we prepare for Pray. Send. Go. Sunday and Church at the Park.

Worship Ministry

- Pray for our team as we prepare for Pray.Send.Go. Sunday that we would encourage the church in our mission to make disciples that make disciples through the songs we sing.
- Pray for our team as we plan and prepare for Church at the Park in October, that we will be able to set up the event smoothly and that we will have great weather that day!
- Pray that we will continue to exalt Jesus through the songs we sing and how we worship the Lord!
- Pray for our budget process as we look forward to next year and plan for the next year of ministry.

Congregational Worship

- Praise God for a congregation that consistently sings loudly! What a blessing it is to hear the Lord's church worship together.
- o Pray that we will continue to sing and worship as a church in Spirit and in Truth.

Personal Worship

 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 school gatherings and Fall activities.
- 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 our Small Group Leaders as they adapt to a new cirriculum format for their leader guides and that students would be more committed to their daily devotionals within the student guides.
- 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.
- o Pray for our new Smithfield Off-Campus Small Group that will launch in September, led by Kevin Maspons, hosted by the Winslow's.

Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our children and students as they begin another school year.

 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.
- o 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.
- o Pray for our first Equipping Parents seminar on October 9 with Jeff Mingee.

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.
- o Pray for God to bring people into their lives who are kind and compassionate of their needs.
- o Pray for God to encourage those who are experiencing difficulties and loneliness.

Sermons

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Pastor Ryan as he continues our series in Exodus.

- Pray for Pastor Jay as he preaches the first sermon in his new series through James on September 1.
- o Pray for Carlos Llambes as he preaches in our Pray. Send. Go. service on September 29.
- 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.

- o Pray for the men currently going through our elder process.
- o Pray that more biblically qualified men would aspire to the office of elder.
- o Pray for men currently in the elder discipleship process at our church.
- o 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 congregation as we consider the five new people nominated to serve as deacons in September.
- Pray for our deacons as they lead their ministries at NRBC.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Pray for Ashley Barton as she continues in her training at the IMB training and looks to make the move overseas in early October to go as a missionary to Great Britain.
 - o Philly

Prayer Highlight: Pray for those whom we have shared the gospel with, asking that God would save them and guide them to profess their faith through baptism and become members of the church.

• Pray for all the new ministries launching this Fall, including in-home small groups and the college ministry at St. Joseph's University.

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 many members of Great Joy who are in the process of getting married.
- 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 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: Praise: We had 31 from our church to go over to the Eastern Shore. That may seem like a lot but with all the activities it keeps us busy. We had 17 children, 7 teenagers, and 7 moms. We had many boxes of school supplies and about 150 backpacks which will be distributed all up and down the Eastern Shore.

- Pray that the Good News that was taught will not be forgotten.
- Pray for Marissa as she continues the work on the Eastern Shore.

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 outreach efforts from our small groups; that groups would plan and execute outreach and that fruit would continue to bear.
- o 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.

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 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 and dads who are attending Great Expectations Parenting classes.
 Pray that they would be blessed by the information and skills taught in the classes and by the testimony of the gospel that is shared.

Foot Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Join us in giving thanks to God for those who come each month to have their feet cared for.

- We praise God for new servants who have joined 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 network of churches as we gather on September 29 for a joint worship and prayer service for our new church plant and on October 5 for our annual conference on evangelism.
- 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

- o Pray that our members would be burdened by the spiritual state of those in their community.
- o Pray that our church would be committed to personal evangelism.
- o Pray that we won't grow weary as we share the gospel with those around us.