

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

March & April 2024

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our Easter Service that the message of the Gospel would move throughout our community.

- Worship Ministry
 - Pray as we prepare for and lead our Easter Service.
 - Pray for additional volunteers to serve in the areas of technical productions and choir.
 - Praise God for the new volunteers to our team as it continues to grow.
- Congregational Worship
 - Praise God for a church that sings!
 - Pray for our church to be encouraged through our worship services each week, that we would be reminded of the unity we share in the Gospel as we sing with one another each week.
 - Pray for those preaching in our evening services and for those who lead various elements of those services, that the Lord would allow them to use their gifts for His glory.
- Personal Worship
 - Pray that we would find opportunities to offer our praise and worship to the Lord each day, thanking Him for His blessings and provision in our lives.
 - Pray that we would be faithful to worship the Lord, not just on Sunday morning services, but every day as we seek to bring Him glory in all that we do.
- Personal Prayer
 - Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with those around us (our neighbors, co-workers, friends, families) and that we would have opportunities to invite them to church.
 - Pray for our church to be faithful to our mission to make disciples that make disciples. Pray that we would seek people to disciple as well as those who could disciple us, so that we can all grow in our faith together.

Reach In

- Small Groups

Prayer Highlight: Pray that our small groups would be able to create community to show the world that we are Christ's disciples (John 13:35).

 - Pray that our small groups would be disciple-making communities that draw each other to Christ.
 - Pray we can launch a Carrollton and a Smithfield small group this year, requiring teachers, host homes, and new members to join these groups.
 - Pray for the Chris Vorwald small group as it transitions into new leadership.
 - Pray that our groups would seek out opportunities to serve together missionally.
- Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our students during Disciple Now Weekend on March 22–24.

 - 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 the leaders who teach Gospel Project to preschoolers, children, and teenagers.
 - Pray for the anticipated transition that will occur upon Nathaniel's election as a Lay Elder from him serving as Student Ministry Director to a Pastoral Assistant taking on the administrative responsibilities of that ministry.
 - 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.
 - Pray for Pastors Ryan and Jay as they develop a more robust strategy for equipping parents to be disciple-makers.
- 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 preaches on the resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15 on the 3 Sundays around Easter.

 - Pray for Pastor Ryan as he prepares sermons on difficult passages in the later chapters of 1 Corinthians.
 - 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 church as we consider one new nomination and one renomination of men to serve as elders in the month of March.

 - Pray for our church as we begin to seek new nominees for the office of deacon.
 - 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.
 - Philly

Prayer Highlight: Pray that God will open the door for a permanent meeting location.

 - Pray for our growing middle, high school, and college ministries. Between them we are seeing almost 50 students and well over half of them are not believers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and for them to respond in faith to the gospel.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our team of four who will be ministering to and along of Great Joy Bible Church in Rwanda in April.

- Pray for Pastor Cardin and his wife Elga as they expect their first child.
 - Pray for the men at Great Joy who are currently in or considering entering the elder process.
 - Pray for Pastor Ryan, Pastor Jay, and Pastor Mark (Redemption Heights) as they assist Cardin with training potential elders at Great Joy.
 - 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 some of them have started their journey on the Appalachian Trail.

 - Pray for the volunteers that are able to go on the trips, that God prepares them for the ministry to others.
 - Pray for hikers who we will encounter on the trail that they will be receptive to the gospel conversations.
- Eastern Shore

Prayer Highlight: Continue to pray that God will give Marissa the physical strength she needs each day.

 - PRAISE: Marissa is very happy to be getting one of our old vans. This is a need she has had for a long time.
 - Pray as Marissa goes to get acquainted with the new workers who come in March.
- Community Ministry/Outreach

Prayer Highlight: Pray that this ministry will continue to receive more volunteers who are passionate about local evangelism.

 - Pray that warmer, spring weather will create more opportunities to have intentional Gospel conversations with those in our community.
 - Pray that Easter will be a reminder to church members of the importance to share about Jesus' death and resurrection.
 - Pray that the word will spread about our Easter Sunday service in the local community around us.
 - Pray that visitors will be invited to Easter Sunday, will hear the Gospel, and be saved.
 - Pray that the Easter season will present opportunities in the community to point them to what it is truly about, the sacrifice of God's one and only Son, Jesus, on their behalf.
 - Bair Foundation

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the few foster children who are being reunited with their parents this month for peace, reconciliation, and renewed love as a family.

 - Pray for the social workers for strength, endurance, and love as they work in difficult situations.
 - Pray for the gospel message to penetrate hearts as we have sent them (staff and foster children) Valentine's Day cards/gifts with the gospel message and focus.
 - Pray for our next meeting on March 25th as it will have an intentional focus on Easter and the gospel message about "New Beginnings".
 - Pray for the salvation of all involved in the Bair Foster Organization and the families they serve.
 - 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 mother and that we would continue to be a support and encouragement to her.
 - Pray for 2 of our caregivers that have had their loved ones, whom they were caring for, pass away recently. Praise the Lord, both were believers!
 - 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 God's continued wisdom and direction as CPC navigates the challenges of pregnancy center ministry.

 - Pray for CPC as they prepare for their annual Walk for LIFE fundraiser.
 - 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 praising God for the people who come each month to have their feet cared for.

 - Pray for our Church members who come and serve each month and thank God for new members who have come to serve.
 - Pray the Lord to use our efforts as we soak and soften feet that He would soften hearts that the Lord Jesus would be lifted up and that souls might be saved.
- Mom to Mom

Prayer Highlight: Pray for God to provide additional steering team leaders and mentor moms.

 - Pray that moms feel encouragement while they are here and connection between meetings.
 - Pray that moms would be led to the mom to mom ministry and take part in building a community to encourage and support one another.
- 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

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the SBC's continued efforts to equip churches to protect their congregations and to handle situations of abuse.

- 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 the Executive Committee of the SBC as they search for a new President and CEO.
- 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 wouldn't grow weary as we share the gospel with those around us.