

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

January & February 2024

Reach Up

Prayer Highlight: Pray that we would continue to be a church that sings with joy and passion each week as we gather together on Sunday mornings.

- Worship Ministry
 - Praise God for dedicated volunteers who give of their time to serve in a number of different ways.
 - Pray for additional volunteers to help in all areas of our worship ministry (choir, praise team, band, technical team).
 - Pray as we begin to plan for Easter Sunday.
- Congregational Worship
 - Pray that as we sing together that we would remind each other of the truth of God's Word, the impact His grace has on our lives, and the witness we have to those around us.
 - Pray that those who join us for worship for the first time would find a church that loves to sing together and praise the Lord.
- Personal Worship
 - Pray that we would be diligent in our personal study of God's Word so that we can continue to grow in our faith and walk with the Lord.
 - Pray for our eyes to be opened to the everyday blessings all around us that should cause us to give thanks to and worship the Lord.
- Personal Prayer
 - Pray for the continued unity of the church under the Gospel as we seek to make disciples that make disciples.
 - Pray for our individual and corporate sanctification, that we would seek to live lives of holiness every day and that we would seek opportunities to make disciples that make disciples.

Reach In

- Small Groups

Prayer Highlight: That our small groups would seek to deepen relationships both within their groups, and between other groups within our church.

 - Pray that as our off-campus groups seek to innovate with meeting times/locations that God will bring new energy into them.
 - Pray for new groups to birth during the 2024 year to address our growth.
 - Pray that new apprentices would be developed that we may ultimately develop future small group leaders.
 - Pray that our groups would seek out opportunities to serve together missionally.
- Next Generation Ministries

Prayer Highlight: Pray for our Next Gen ministries as they minister this winter on Sundays and Wednesdays.

 - Pray for Ms. Carolyn, Ms. Kristi, and Mr. Nathaniel as they serve their 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 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 continues to preach in our primary sermon series through 1 Corinthians.

 - Pray for marriages in the month of January as Pastor Ryan preaches several sermons in a row on marriage from 1 Corinthians 6 & 7.
 - Pray for the young men in our church who have expressed an interest in learning to preach.
 - 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 at least one new candidate for the office of elder.

 - Pray for our church as we vote on the constitution and by-law changes in January.
 - Pray that more biblically qualified men would aspire to the office of elder or deacon.
 - 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.
 - Pray for our church as we consider together what deacons do and who should serve as deacons in our congregation.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Philly

Prayer Highlight: Pray for a permanent location for Redemption Heights Church. New leadership in the Methodist church has made the relationship at their current building more challenging than in previous years.

 - Pray for wisdom in handling a number of challenging mental health situations with members and attenders.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Great Joy Bible Church and their pastor Cardin Niyobyose.

 - Pray for 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 hikers who are contemplating hiking the trail this year.

 - Pray as we begin planning the various trips for 2024.
- Eastern Shore

Prayer Highlight: Praise! We had about 30 boys and girls at the Christmas party on the Eastern Shore, along with 20 adults, several of whom were new to Marissa's ministry. We also had 28 volunteers from NRBC serve. There were more young people and children go than ever before and every one of them were a great help!

 - Continue to pray for Marissa's health and her family.
 - Pray for Marissa as she travels up and down the Eastern Shore each day working with the migrants.
- Community Ministry/Outreach

Prayer Highlight: Pray that church members will take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel with family members.

 - Pray that church members will share the Gospel with their neighbors.
 - Pray that church members will take advantage of opportunities to share the Gospel in the local community.
 - Bair Foundation

Prayer Highlight: Pray for the salvation of the foster parents and foster children.

 - Pray for a new mom who is in need of the following items: box spring, beds for 3 female children (possibly bunk beds), 1 single bed for a male, bedding for all 4 children, dressers, laundry baskets, room decor, dining room table (seats 5).
 - Pray for the Empty Nesters Small Group as we intentionally share the gospel and seek a deeper, ongoing relationship with the families.
 - Pray for more foster parents, as there is a great need.
 - Pray for foster parents for the more needy children needing homes. Bair, through support from the state of Virginia, is able to provide \$45,000/year for a qualified foster parent who is willing to stay home and support a very needy child. They must not have any other children in the home.
 - 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 wisdom and direction as we continue to navigate all of the challenges of pregnancy center ministry.

 - Pray that CPC will continue to be the top option when women are searching for help on the internet. Some search engines are trying to get them kicked off.

- Pray for the men and women who courageously walk through our Abortion Recovery Classes. Our hope is for their lives to be profoundly transformed through the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Pray that they experience the boundless grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, finding freedom from the heavy burden of guilt and shame.
- Foot Ministry

Prayer Highlight: Thank the Lord with us for those who come to have their feet cared for each month.

 - Continue to pray for the Lord to provide the servants required to meet the needs of those who come.
 - Pray for God to give us hearts to share the love of Christ as we minister to all who come each month.
- Mom to Mom

Prayer Highlight: Pray for Godly women to serve within the ministry.

 - Pray for wisdom and guidance as we work to grow this ministry.
 - 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 new officers and board members of the SBCV elected in November.

 - 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.