

Bi-Monthly Prayer Guide

May & June 2021

Reach Up

- **Worship Ministry**
 - Thank the Lord for answered prayers. That we had 2 wonderful Easter Services and that people who heard the gospel are asking questions.
 - Praise the Lord for bringing on some new volunteers and folks interested in finding out more about the worship ministry.
 - Pray as we continue to lead congregational worship each week, that we will engage the congregation in Christ-honoring worship each week.
- **Congregational Worship.**
 - Praise the Lord for allowing us to return to one service and that we can all gather together once again as one body to worship the Lord.
 - Pray that the pandemic numbers would continue to decrease in our area allowing us to continue to meet together.
 - Pray as we consider hosting Church at the Park at the end of the Summer. That God would open the doors to allow us to return to Bennett's Creek to host that service and that it would be a tremendous opportunity for us to engage with the community as we worship.
- **Personal Worship**
 - Pray that we will continue to seek the truth and the counsel of God's Word daily.
 - Pray that we will diligently pray for those we know to be lost, that there would be opportunities for them to clearly hear the gospel and that they would respond in faith.
- **Personal Prayer**
 - Pray for those who are hurting and lost in our neighborhoods, that our eyes would be opened to ways we can help them, encourage them, and be a light to them.
 - Pray that we would use our prayer time not just for lifting up requests only, but that we would use that time to praise God for who He is, for His faithfulness, and for His love.
 - Pray for our church as we continue to carry out our mission to make disciples that make disciples, that God would open our eyes to opportunities to engage with our community to bring the gospel into people's lives.

Reach In

- **Small Groups**
 - Pray for our small groups as they continue to meet, in-person and online.
 - Pray that our small groups will love and care for one another well.
 - Pray for leaders and learners as we continue to study the mission of the Church from Acts and the Epistles.
 - Pray for the new people that have started attending NRBC during this time. Pray that they will become connected with a small group.
 - Pray for new small group leaders to emerge so new small groups can begin both on-campus and off-campus.
- **Family Ministry (General)**
 - Pray for families in our congregation as we live our lives together "in the world, but not of the world."

- That God would give them peace in the gospel, knowing that they are secure in His lovingkindness.
- That God would grant them faith-informed wisdom and strength as they make plans and operate according to the biblical principles of faithful obedience and commitment to the truth, in a world which rebels against its Creator and Lord.
- That God would encourage them not to grow cynical, hateful, or prideful in response to their lost neighbors, but to be compassionate towards them; prayerful for them.
- That the Lord would sanctify us in His Word of Truth.
- Pray for Households with members who have disabilities.
 - That the Spirit of God would grow greater patience and compassion for one another as they face the challenges of caring for one another and being cared for.
 - That God would help them to find a loving, supportive community here at Nansemond River Baptist Church.
 - That God would use people with disabilities according to the gifts he has given them for His glory, especially in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Children
 - Ask God to show them His great power, holiness, and love for them, that they would learn to serve Him in Spirit and in Truth from the foundation of their spiritual lives.
 - That the Lord would convince them of the Gospel through the cooperative work of their parents, the church, and other Christian influences in their lives.
 - That God would protect them supernaturally from the false religions and worldviews of the world, as they are formed in the discipleship of Christ.
 - That God would use them to invigorate and shape the older generations of the church!
- Pray for Husbands/Fathers
 - That God would strengthen them to endure with hope as they seek to provide for their families.
 - Ask God to guard them from passivity in their God-given responsibilities, or to root it out of them through faith and repentance. Pray that they would take an active posture when decisions for their lives and their families need to be made.
 - Pray for those who are ensnared in the secret sin, and feel unable or unwilling to reach out for help. Ask God to convince them of the sufficiency of the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins and the redemption of their lives. Pray that they would find community in this church, willing to prayerfully and compassionately accept them, restore them, and walk with them in the Gospel.
- Pray for Wives/Mothers
 - That God would strengthen them in their various roles of helping and nurturing others in their family. That they would find rest and refreshment in the gospel, so as not to burn themselves out!
 - Ask God to guard them from a spirit of harshness with their husband and children; that the Spirit would cultivate the fruit of gentleness, even while communicating their needs with their family in the midst of genuine and painful conflict. That God would empower them for their noble call to nurture those in their home.

- Ask God to help students see the Gospel weaved into every Word of the Bible.
 - That God would cultivate a hunger for learning and obeying God's Word that will last them the rest of their lives.
- Pray for Youth Equip:
 - That God would deepen students' commitment to praying for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, convinced of their need for God's faithful hand in their lives.
 - Ask God to help students to recognize their place in the church, uniquely gifted by God, and called to serve the church as its priestly ministers for a lifetime.
 - That God would enable Student Ministry Volunteers to form deep bonds with their students, leading to opportunities for godly counsel and evangelism.
- Sermons
 - Pray for Pastor Ryan as he prepares during the week and as he preaches on Sundays in our series in Genesis.
 - Pray for Pastor Ryan as he prepares for our next sermon series in 1 & 2 Thessalonians beginning in July.
 - Pray that Pastor Ryan will be clear and bold with the gospel and that those who are not saved will repent and believe.
 - Pray for our congregation as we conclude our sermon series in Genesis. Pray that we will all grow in christlikeness as we are challenged by God's Word.
- Elders/Deacons
 - Pray for our elders as they lead our congregation under the headship of Christ.
 - Pray for our elders as they continue to lead us during this difficult time. Pray for them to have wisdom when making important decisions that concern the health and safety of our congregation.
 - Pray for our elders as they give themselves in prayer, God's Word, and shepherding the church.
 - Pray for our elders as we walk through the Elder process with a potential lay-elder. Pray for this man in his training and for discernment for our elders as we evaluate his calling.
 - Pray for our deacons as they lead their assigned service ministry teams.
 - Pray for our deacons as they study a new book on the Office of Deacon in an Elder-led church.
 - Pray that God will raise up new men to serve in the biblical offices of elder and deacon.

Reach Out

- Pray. Send. Go.
 - Philly
 - Praise God for so many worshipping with us more regularly! With more people getting vaccinated, we've seen them eager to worship in person.
 - Pray for these new, regular attenders to become serious about their faith and consider becoming a member.
 - Pray for wisdom as we look toward the summer and the various ministry opportunities that we hope to host.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa

- Pray for the L Family as they continue to deal with Covid-19 restrictions in their country.
 - Pray for the Christian Leadership Institute of Rwanda (C.L.I.R.) (the school Josiah works with) as they continue to work the accreditation process in their country.
 - Pray for the L Family as they find other work to do to fulfill their calling in Rwanda while they await accreditation.
 - Pray for C.L.I.R. as they host monthly Saturday Seminars while awaiting their accreditation.
 - Pray for our team (May 9-18) as they work with the L family in pastor trainings, discipleship, and teach a Saturday Seminar on spiritual gifts.
 - Appalachian Trail
 - Pray for the hikers on the trail for safe hiking and prepare them for any gospel conversations they may encounter.
 - Pray for the teams going to Damascus, Troutville, and Harpers Ferry. That God will equip each volunteer to be bold for gospel conversations with the hikers.
 - Pray for the ministry opportunities of other volunteers working with the hikers.
 - Eastern Shore
 - Pray that Marissa will be able to start working in the camps soon.
 - Pray for Marissa's health. She continues to have severe headaches. She is taking medication for chronic sinus infection, but if this doesn't work, she may have to have surgery.
 - Pray for Marissa's brother, Roger, who has ALS. He is having to pay \$1,200 a month for medication.
 - Pray for Delia, she needs her port moved from her arm to her chest; for some reason the doctor has not moved it yet. She still needs \$57,000 for her kidney transplant and a donor.
- Community Ministry/Outreach
 - Bair Foundation
 - Pray for more families to be willing to do foster care for teenagers.
 - Pray for A, and 18 y/o, who moved into her apartment with a roommate. Pray she would continue in high school for the next year and get and hold a job.
 - Crisis Pregnancy Center
 - Pray for all of our Fundraising Walkers who are intervening for our most vulnerable neighbors, pre-born children, by raising funds for CPC's Walk for Life. This year we are praying for 1,000 Fundraising Walkers to join us!
 - Pray for encouragement and boldness as our walkers reach out to potential donors during their fundraising efforts. Pray they would find favor as they partner with us in saving lives, sparing hearts, and spreading the gospel of Jesus through Walk for Life.
 - Pray for the moms and dads who have chosen LIFE for their baby and are attending Great Expectations Parenting Classes. Pray we will be able to share the love of Jesus with them, and that their relationships will strengthen and grow as they welcome a new baby into their family.
 - Foot Ministry
 - Pray for us as we begin making plans to re-start our ministry.
 - Pray for direction in determining how we can safely meet in person and minister to those who are able to join us.
 - Mom to Mom
 - Pray for our moms and families as the school year finishes up. Pray that kids finish up the year strong and are prepared for any testing that will be happening.

- Pray for our moms to have a deeper relationship with God and that they are able to find time throughout the days to spend with Him as schools finish up.
- Pray that our moms would make lasting connections with our mentors and other moms during our remaining meetings and continue to feel supported throughout the summer.
- Who's Your ONE?
 - Pray for your ONE. Pray that you will have the opportunity and the boldness to share the gospel with them and that they will come to faith in Christ.
 - Pray for those in our church who have not yet named their ONE or who need to select a new ONE.
 - Pray for the ONEs of others in your small group.