



# WEEK OF PRAYER

JANUARY 9 - 13, 2017 6 - 7 PM

## Prayer Week

Monday

January 9, 2017

### Upward:

Confession: Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Praise: 1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Inward:

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- Pray for the Weekday Education Ministry staff to continually give of their best and use their talents, skills, and training to fulfill the overall goals of the program.
- Pray for Patti Fowler, Jennifer Huston, and Lori McPherson as they lead our weekday and children’s ministries. Pray God will equip them as they lead, giving them His wisdom and discernment. Pray everyday distractions will not keep them from making their relationship with God their number one priority.
- Pray our Sunday School teachers will teach God’s truth, helping our members to share the love of Christ with one another and with our neighbors, becoming effective witnesses for Christ. (1 Kings 8:36, Rom. 12:13)
- Ask God to grow our members into a mature faith and knowledge of Scripture so that we will learn to be united. Give us a hunger for your Word. (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Pray for these committees: Hospitality and Reception Committee, Activities Committee, Extended Session Committee, Preschool Children's Committee, and Theological Education Committee
- Sunday School Classes: Preschool (babies-K), Collins Class, Friendship Class, Young Adults, Grades 1-5)
- Pray that our Pastor Search Committee will select the candidate that is God's choice,





while not becoming emotionally attached to individual or personal choices.

- Pray for our ministries of care to our homebound members, that as deacons and staff members visit, call, and pray with them that they will be the church to these loved ones who cannot attend church.
- Pray for our ministries of care to people in the hospital, that visits from the flower committee members, church staff, caring friends and the prayers of God's people will hold up the sick and their families during difficult times.
- Pray for Jim Walls and David Hull, that God will equip them as they lead, giving them His wisdom and discernment. Pray everyday distractions will not keep them from making their relationship with God their number one priority
- Pray for Pastor Linh Luong and Assoc. Pastor Khanah Le with the Vietnamese Mission Church.
- Pray that we will love God with all our hearts, soul, minds, and strength. (Deut. 6:5)
- Pray for specific Deacons that you personally know.
- 4th/5th Grade Sunday School asks for prayer for our church to grow so we will have a better community, and for more families to join our church. They also ask for prayer for those who are substituting in their class on Sundays and for class member; though they may be few in number, they have a purpose at FBC.

## **OUTWARD**

- Pray for Dr. Roger Nunn as he serves in the Kairos Prison Ministry.
- Pray for God's wisdom for our country's leaders, that they will turn rely on God for guidance.
- Pray for wounded warriors in their recovery.
- Pray for military currently serving, for those returning from deployment and their families' strength.
- Pray that God will strengthen, heal, and unify the family structure in our country.
- Pray that those who visit our church would feel the Holy Spirit moving in them, leading them to make decisions to unite with our church. (Luke 19:6)
- Pray that our Weekday Education Ministry can partner with other church programs to learn from and support one another in our common cause and purpose.

## Prayer Week

Tuesday

January 10, 2017

### Upward:

Confession: Matthew 22:37-39

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Praise: Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

### Inward: Colossians 1:9-11

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.

- Pray that our ministers, church moderators, and other leaders will trust in the Lord with all their hearts, not lean on their own understanding, and look to God for guidance.
- Pray that we will "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:2-6)
- Pray that we do not compromise on the doctrinal absolutes that unite all true believers, for the gospel is the truth we stake our lives upon. But, on other issues, give us a willingness to give grace, for "we know in part" and "see in a mirror dimly." We are a diverse people: differing ages, sexes, ethnicities, single, married, educated, less educated, rich, poor, CBF-leaning, SBC-leaning, pro-inerrancy, con-inerrancy, contemporary worshippers, traditional worshippers, etc. Teach us to see our differences as a blessing. For you do not ask us to be uniform, but you command us to be united.



Prayers for your community:

Prayers for our nation and the world:

### Prayers for your family:

### Prayers for your church:



- Pray that our regular attendees will make a call or visit to the many members who have been missing worship service and Bible Study.
- Pray that God will provide a pastor who will help us grow spiritually as well as numerically.
- Pray that our church members will seek God's kingdom first in all areas of our church as He guides us forward in His kingdom work. (Matthew 6:33)
- Pray for Kurt Wachtel, Claudia Moller, and Michael Toomey as they lead our music ministry and praise band. Pray God will equip them as they lead, giving them His wisdom and discernment. Pray everyday distractions will not keep them from making their relationship with God their number one priority.
- Pray that our musical offerings will glorify God.
- Pray that God would inspire our teachers and raise up new teachers so that all age groups would have classes where Biblical, practical, application-based teaching is the norm, that God would give them wisdom in choosing curriculum that is “meat” and not “milk.”
- Pray for the following committees: Interiors Committee, Endowment Committee, Property Committee, Weekday Education Committee, Student Ministry Advisory Council, Council of Ministries
- Pray for the following Sunday School classes: Grace Class, Ambassadors/Schaefer Class, Evan McKay Class, grades 6-12.
- Pray for us to become more evangelistic, for members to grow in their desire and ability to share Christ with others, for wisdom in designing evangelism training that members would support, that we would come to know the joy of regularly seeing people saved and baptized.

### **Outward:**

- Pray that we will be an inviting and loving church.
- Pray for your neighbors (by name).
- Pray that the Weekday Education ministry will be a strong outreach of love and support from our church to the enrolled families.
- Pray for our church's technology, website, and TV ministry to be the best we can be for the glory of God.
- Pray for the Murchison's niece and family serving in Middle Europe - IMB
- Pray for safety and guidance for Rhonda Jackson and those working with her at Destino Del Reino in Honduras.



## Prayer Week

Wednesday

January 11, 2017

### Upward:

Confession: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Praise: Jude 1:24,25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

### Inward:

Ephesians 4:22-24

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Pray that we will honor our pastor and ministerial staff by treating them with respect and praying for them, for they bear a difficult burden and are accountable to God for their leadership. Help us to not expect perfection, since we, too, are imperfect.
- As we grow to be mature believers, teach us to be willing to give up rights for the sake of another, just as Christ gave up His rights for our sake. Expose our pride and selfishness, for we are all blind to our own failures.
- Pray that our marriages and families will grow strong in grace, forgiveness, and Christ-like love.
- Pray for spiritual protection of our children and teens.
- Pray for Chip Reeves, Paul Moller, and Jacob Waldrip as they lead missions, homebound, senior adults, and student ministries, that God will equip them as they lead, giving them His wisdom and discernment. Pray everyday distractions will not keep them from making their relationship with God their number one priority
- Pray for these committees and councils: Committee on Committees, Ministers'

### Education Committee, Lord's Supper Committee

- Pray for the following church leadership: Sunday School Director, Joe Hardy, future Contemporary Worship Leader, and our Church Administrator, Kelly Rose.
- Pray for the following Sunday School Classes and Communities: George Perkins Community, Bannister Community, Francis Community, Hicks Class, and Jesus' Special Followers.
- Pray that the Weekday Education Ministry be effective to prepare children for their next educational experience - to teach them academic skills, and also to help the children grow physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray that the Weekday Education Ministry staff freely share God's love in word and action
- Pray for our Benevolence Ministry to be an effective source of help to our neighbors in need. Pray for our clients in this ministry to receive the gospel through our efforts of care. Pray that our volunteers will be compassionate ministers of the gospel.
- Pray for our church's "green envelope" support of community, regional, and global missions.
- 4th/5th Grade Sunday School asks for prayer for those who God as coming to FBC, for our new pastor, new youth pastor, and new children's minister.

### Outward:

- Pray that we will become burdened for the lost souls of people around us. Pray that we will become devoted to praying for them, developing relationships with them, and investing the time and energy needed to bring them into the church where they can hear the message of God's love and grace.
- Pray for those who attend the Bridge Ministry services each Saturday, that their lives will be redeemed and transformed by the gospel message of Christ. Pray also for volunteers who serve and for the need for more volunteers.
- Pray for Ernie and Allison Sizemore and their children as they minister in Honduras.
- Pray for students, teachers, and volunteers at Copeland Elementary.



**Prayer Week      Friday                      January 13, 2017**

**Upward:**

Confession: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Praise: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**Inward:**

Ephesians: 3:15-19

From whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- Teach us to submit to the Lordship of Christ rather than to our own ideas of what is best. When we reflect on the cross, we remember who we are: sinners who desperately need a Savior trying to get along with other sinners who desperately need a Savior. (1 Cor. 1:10)
- Guide us that we may "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in faith and in knowledge of Christ and become mature..." That "we will no longer be infants" ... but "will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ." (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Pray that our worship be a response to God's holy presence, as He is uniquely and truly present in our worship and that the Spirit's power is evident in a mighty way. (2 Samuel 6; Psalm 22:3)
- Pray for the following committees: By-laws and Standing Rules Committee, Personnel Committee, Investment Committee, Music Committee, Scholarship/

Advisory Council, Missions Development Council, Baptismal Committee, and Adult Bible Study Committee.

- Pray that the people of FBC Augusta will continue to reflect, listen, and be obedient to God's calling in our personal efforts of using our time, talent, treasures and testimony. Pray that our Stewardship Committee will be listening to how God wants us to send this message during Stewardship Emphasis in May and October, 2017.
- Pray for these Sunday School classes: Esther Class, Thankful Class
- Pray for members of our Membership Committee to develop a real passion for reaching out to visitors, making them feel God's presence and love in the First Baptist family.
- Pray that our people would be disciples of Christ, believers who intentionally seek to follow Him and grow in their relationship with Him.
- Pray for our church Moderator, Bill Thompson, 1st vice moderator, Mark Osteen, and 2nd vice moderator, Les Powell, for wisdom and discernment as they lead.

**Outward:**

- Pray that God's love will be our reflection to the community. (1 John 4:7)
- Pray for those who attend and volunteer in our English as a Second Language ministry.
- Pray for Selvin and Laurel Jeremiadoss, missionaries to Uganda.
- Pray for Lisa, David, Alina, Naomi, Halleli, Nathan, John Theordo, and Meno Kalisher, missionaries in Israel. Pray that God will use the current situation in Israel and Gaza Strip to bring Jews and Palestinians to Christ.
- Pray for peace and security of the Jews and Arabs in the Middle East - for wisdom for leaders, comfort and healing for the wounded and traumatized, and for believers to share God's love and hope in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for organizations that FBC supports through the Mission Development Council: Christ Community Health Services Augusta, New Bethlehem Community Center, Christian Learning Center of Augusta, Broad Street Ministry Center, Child Enrichment, Inc., Golden Harvest Food Bank, Southeastern Firefighter's Burn Foundation, Lydia Project, Action Ministries, Hope Dental Clinic, Julie's House, The Point, Mercy Ministries, and Full Circle Refuge.



## Prayer Week

Thursday

January 12, 2017

### Upward:

Confession: Psalm 51:1,2

Have mercy on me, O Lord, according to your steadfast love: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Praise: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

### Inward:

John 15:12,13

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends

- Pray for the Lord's Supper Committee members as monthly they prepare the elements for communion, giving us the opportunity as Christ's followers to observe a holy pause and remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, never taking this sacred custom lightly. 1 Cor. 11: 23-26
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict us individually and corporately of any sins that may be separating us from God. Isaiah 59:2 says "But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."
- For our men's and women's Bible studies -- that they would be successful in discipling our members, and that more members would be drawn in to the blessing of in-depth study of God's Word. For our small group leaders who give so much of their time to this ministry, that they would be blessed and encouraged.
- For our Sunday morning classes - that they would provide sound, Biblical teaching where our members can grown into mature believers. For our teachers and other leaders who give so much of their time to this ministry, that they would be blessed and encouraged.
- For our members to fully participate in the Sunday morning and weekday Bible classes, seeing these as a necessary and joyful part of their spiritual lives, that they would be hungry for the Word.
- That guests and new members would quickly become enrolled and included in all aspects of our church. That all members would see this as their job, and that Sunday morning leadership would especially work to do this.

- Teach us to give grace and love to one another and always seek unity, especially when we disagree. With an attitude of humility, teach us to discuss our varied viewpoints without creating factions and divisions. (1 Cor. 1:10)
- Pray for us to become more evangelistic, for members to grow in their desire and ability to share Christ with others, for wisdom in designing evangelism training that members would support. Pray that we would come to know the joy of regularly seeing people saved and baptized.
- Pray that our corporate worship would be Holy Spirit directed. Pray that the dialogue each Sunday morning is clearly a conversation initiated by God as we respond to Him in worship. Pray that we would worship God both for who He is and for what He does. (Psalm 136)
- Pray for: Trustees, Finance Committee, Greeters Committee, Wedding Committee, Senior Adult Ministry Advisory Council, Memorial Garden Committee
- In the Middle School Student Ministry, pray that each time teachers have an opportunity to teach a Sunday School lesson that they prepare in an expecting manner, that they will allow God to lead them as they share His message.
- Pray that our youth would know how much they are loved and cherished by Jesus, their families, and the church. Pray that they will identify with the love of Jesus in an all-consuming way so that they will be bold in their witness for Christ. Pray they will face the many battles that surround them in the form of cliques, stereotypical judgment, peer pressure, lack of self-confidence, and insecurity with a shield of faith! Pay that they will not be afraid to be different as they stand for Christ, and that they will own who they are and not rely on the approval of others but on the approval of the One who died for us all.

### Outward:

- Pray that the Weekday Education Ministry be effective to prepare children for their next educational experience - to teach them academic skills, and also to help the children grow physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray that FBC members and staff will reflect the presence of Christ in their lives to everyone they encounter on and off campus. (1 Cor. 2:4-5)
- Our 4th/5th Grade Sunday School asks for prayer for those who have left our church, that they will find a new church and good jobs.