



A CALL TO PRAY

**HOW TO PRAY
FOR OUR CHURCH
AND LEADERS**

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FROM THE PASTOR



Deron Biles
SENIOR PASTOR

Jesus said, "I will build My Church." So, when we pray for the church, we are asking God to do something that He already wants to do. We acknowledge that this is His Church and we are His people. So, as we pray for our church, we pray in accordance with and in submission to His Will.

This guide is a tool to remind us to pray and guide us as we pray for our church. I'm so excited about what God is doing in our church and grateful that you and I get to be a part of it.

This guide will give you some ideas that you can use as you pray. It addresses ways you can pray for our church locally and the organizations with whom we partner in Texas and around the World. Maybe you can use this guide as you pray together with your family. Maybe you could use this it in your Discipleship group or Sunday School. Maybe you could divide this list into seven areas and pray for one each day of the week.

I'm asking you to join me in praying for our church. The Bible says in Psalm 100:3, "We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." So, let's pray for the blessing and favor of the Lord as we serve Him together at Sunnyside First Baptist Church.

PURPOSE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Read: I Timothy 2:1-6, 8

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ... Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.”

Pray: Lord, please be in our midst as we come together as your body to lift up our country and our leaders. Please protect our country from the division that challenges our ability to live lives pleasing to you. Defend the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice. Realign and unify your people in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the author and protector of our faith, as we cry out to you for our land.

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Read: Romans 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

Pray: Please lead and guide our prayers by the power of Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, pray in, through and for us so that we might pray in unity with Your will.

CALL TO INTERCESSION

Read: Jeremiah 29:7

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Pray: Lord, we are here to stand in the gap for our land before you. We confess our sin of putting our own will above Yours, which you have laid out in Your Word. Forgive us for losing sight of being Your body to the world. Purify our hearts. We pray for a national revival and spiritual healing. Please heal our land. We pray for Your peace and blessing to be poured out upon our nation according to Your mercy.

REPENTANCE

Read: Jeremiah 8:6

“I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of them repent of their wickedness, saying, ‘What have I done?’ Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle.”

Read: Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

Pray: Forgive us. We are prideful — wise in our own eyes — and have forsaken Your Word for our desires. Please humble us and help us to submit to Your ways.

Read: Psalm 139:23-24

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Read: II Corinthians 7:10

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

Pray: Please search our hearts and our minds. Reveal to us what is not of you. Purify us as we seek Your will and to be Your intercessors.

Read: James 5:16

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Read: I Kings 8:36

“Hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.”

Pray: Forgive us our sins and grant us wisdom in how to walk before You in these trying times. May our prayers be in alignment with Your will, and may You hear them.

COMMIT TO PRAY

Read: Philippians 4:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Pray: We are all plagued by anxiety on all fronts — our health, civil unrest, financial hardship, and controversies about opening schools, wearing masks and politics. And the uncertainty is so high on every front. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. Help us to rest in You, relentlessly trusting in Your sovereignty and plan. May we persevere, bringing all of our anxieties to You. With thanksgiving, may we endure through Your strength, and may we continuously lift one another up in prayer.

Read: Ephesians 6:12-13, 18

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ... Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Pray: Lord, help us to daily put on the armor of God, stand firm, and commit to pray for our community and country. Help us shine the love and mercy of God, never losing sight that our struggle is not with other people but against the spiritual forces that influence us. We pray for revival and spiritual awakening to sweep throughout our country and the world. Amen.

YOUR KINGDOM PURPOSE IN THE CHURCH

Read: Matthew 6:9-10

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Read: Psalm 33:10-11

“The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.”

Pray: Lord, we know that in the midst of this time, You have kingdom purpose. Nothing that is happening is a surprise to You. You see the big picture, and You are at work in ways that we cannot see. Please guide Your church to be a shining light in this dark world.

OUR DENOMINATION

Over the next week, we invite you to pray for the Southern Baptist Convention as they meet in New Orleans for the annual meeting.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Convention is a collection of like-minded churches working in cooperation with one another to impact the whole world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL MEETING

On June 11-14, messengers from across the United States will gather in New Orleans for the 2023 Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention to celebrate how God is working in and through churches around the country and the world to accomplish the Great Commission.



Bart Barber
SBC PRESIDENT

Read: Daniel 2:20-21a

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of unshakable faith we see in the lives of Daniel and his three friends when faced with an impossible task. Increase our faith, and help us to follow their wise example by bringing everything to You in prayer and supplication when confronted by the difficulties and dangers of life... knowing that ALL wisdom, knowledge, power, and preeminence, belongs to You. Give us godly courage and a childlike trust in You, that we not falter when faced with challenging circumstances but look to You alone—for You have promised to be with us in every eventuality of life and are worthy of all our praise and worship forever and ever.



Willie McLaurin
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Read: II Timothy 2:24-25

"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth."

Pray: Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times when we have been reluctant to share the gospel with those who scoff at Your Word. Forgive us when we have been quarrelsome with those that disagree with us. Help us to be ready to give an answer

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for the truth of the gospel with patience and in gentleness of spirit. Help us to be led by Your Holy Spirit and not by our own emotional reactions. May we look to Christ's example and walk in unity and love with one another.

Read: James 5:16

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Pray: Heavenly Father, I come before you in humble repentance. Help me to recognise my faults and quickly seek Your forgiveness. Help me also to confess my faults to those I have wronged, and I pray that I may maintain an attitude of prayer and learn to pray fervently in spirit and truth so that in Christ my prayers may be effective and avail much, to Your honour and glory.

Read: Matthew 28:18–20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Pray: Heavenly Father, it is our desire to know You more, to learn more of You, and to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Give us a teachable spirit, so that we may grow in grace. Empower us to fulfill the great commission.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

The International Mission Board mission is to serve Southern Baptists in carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations and exists to see a multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language, knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

The North American Mission Board exists to partner with churches, associations, and state conventions in mobilizing Southern Baptists as a missional force to impact North America with the gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism, church planting and compassion ministry.

Read: I Chronicles 16:24

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

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Read: John 20:21

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Read: II Thessalonians 3:1

“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.”

Read: John 4:35

“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, I pray that Your gospel of Christ would be effective and spread rapidly throughout the world, bringing glory to Your name. Thank You for our missionaries. May you continue to call out more laborers to the fields. Empower them with strength and courage to continue proclaiming the good news of the gospel of grace in the places they have been called to serve. Equip each one with the resources they need to effectively reach out to the lost and hurting. May Your Spirit move in a powerful way in the hearts of those who hear the gospel message, that they would be drawn to it, and come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Read: John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Pray: God, we recognize the importance of relying on you for all aspects of ministry—especially during times of great difficulty.



Paul Chitwood
IMB PRESIDENT



Kevin Ezell
NAMB PRESIDENT

LOOKING FOR MORE RESOURCES?

Visit the websites below for more prayer resources for the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board.

imb.org/pray

namb.net/pray

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DALLAS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Dallas Baptist Association serves Dallas and Rockwall counties in starting new churches, strengthening existing churches and connecting with residents to spread the Gospel.



Ryan Jespersen
DBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Read: II Thessalonians 1:11

“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.”

Pray: Lord, we pray that you would send workers into the mission fields of Dallas. Raise up men of God to lead new congregations to reach those who don't know you. Help these congregations to deepen their understanding of what it means to love God and love their neighbors where they live, work, and play.

WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYER

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OUR CHURCH

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Pray: As Paul prayed for the church in Thessalonica, I pray that those who are called by Your name, are counted worthy of the calling by which we have been called. I pray that both individually and as the corporate body of Christ, we may fulfil every desire for goodness and holiness of heart so that we may work the work of faith in the power of Christ and to His glory.

Read: Colossians 1:9-10

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

Pray: As Paul prayed for the church in Colossae, I thank You for the glorious gospel of grace and the wonderful truths that are contained in Your Word. Help us to abide in Christ and to live our lives in total dependence upon You so that we may be fruitful in the place where you have seen fit to place us. I pray that my brothers and sisters in Christ may continue to grow in grace and receive spiritual insight so that they too may live a life that is pleasing to You.



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Read: Ephesians 1:16–17

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

Pray: As Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus, I thank You for my brothers and sister in Christ and that we have been saved by grace through faith in Him. Thank You that we are positioned in Christ and have the indwelling Spirit



of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which we have been called and the riches of His glorious inheritance in us.

Read: Philippians 1:9–11

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Pray: As Paul prayed for the church in Philippi, I pray that I may set aside my own self life and live in true fellowship of the gospel with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Help me to discover that inner holy joy that comes from holding all the saints of God in my loving thoughts and lifting them up in prayer within my heart. May my love for all believers in Christ, overflow into earnest prayer for them all. Lord, I pray that all believers learn to approve that which is good and excellent so that in sincerity and truth, we all would grow in grace and live blamelessly before You until the return of Christ when we see Jesus and we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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UNITY

Read: John 17:11

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.”

Read: Ephesians 4:1-3

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 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.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank You that You sent Jesus into the world to save us from our sin and to enable all who believe in Him be witnesses to the truth of Your Word and to become ministers of reconciliation. I pray that all who are called by Your name would be knit together in the unity of the Spirit and be united together in the truth of the glorious gospel of grace. Use us we pray to tell a lost world of God’s wonderful plan of redemption through the finished work Jesus Christ our Savior.

THAT WE MIGHT SEEK THE LORD

Read: II Chronicles 7:14–15

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for Paul’s important teaching on positional and ongoing, practical sanctification and the need to be holy and pure in thought, word, deed, and motive. Keep me from every sort of ungodly activity and any sexual immorality. I pray that I may dedicate my life to Your service and present my body as a living sacrifice to You—holy and acceptable in Your service. Thank You that I am already positionally sanctified, by faith in the sacrificial work of Christ on the Cross, and I pray for my ongoing, practical sanctification. Transform me, day by day, into the image and likeness of the lovely Lord Jesus.

SPIRITUAL SANCTIFICATION

Read: I Thessalonians 4:3

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.”

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immorality. I pray that I may dedicate my life to Your service and present my body as a living sacrifice to You—holy and acceptable in Your service. Thank You that I am already positionally sanctified, by faith in the sacrificial work of Christ on the Cross, and I pray for my ongoing, practical sanctification. Transform me, day by day, into the image and likeness of the lovely Lord Jesus.

FAITHFUL PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

Read: II Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, I realise how important it is to have a thorough and correct understanding of the Word of God, for without it, I am vulnerable to apostate teachers and the wiles of the enemy who delights to shipwreck the faith of believers and render their lives powerless and unfruitful. Help me to be a vigilant student of Scripture, and give me discernment to detect any attacks of the enemy in my life or the lives of other believers. I pray for protection over vulnerable Christians who may be deceived by the hypocritical lies of apostate teachers, and I pray that in Your grace, You would raise up men who will stand firm on God’s Word and speak the truth in love.

SPIRITUAL PROTECTION

Read: John 17:15

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”

Pray: Lord, we find comfort in the assurance that you understand our struggles and challenges within this world. We recognize that while we are in the world, we are not of the world. You have called us to be a light in the darkness, ambassadors of your love and truth. We humbly seek your protection, O Lord. As we navigate the complexities of life, shield us from the snares and temptations of the evil one. Strengthen our faith, that we may stand firm in the face of adversity, relying on your unfailing grace and wisdom. Grant us discernment to distinguish between good and evil, and to make choices that align with your will. Guide our steps, that we may walk in righteousness and integrity, honoring you in all that we do.

PRAY FOR WISDOM IN DECISIONS

Read: Proverbs 16:1, 9

“To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue. In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”

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Pray: Dear Lord and Father, thank You, that I have the freedom to make future plans and yet have the wonderful assurance that You are the One Who directs my steps. Thank You, that I have been given the free-will to make choices in life, and a sound mind with which to think and consider different options. I pray that You would give me the wisdom to make the right choices in life, but thank You, Father, that I am not alone, because You guide me along the best way and direct my steps in the way I should go. Give me wisdom and discernment to make the best life-choices and an ear that is open to Your leading and guidance.

PRAY FOR THE EVANGELISTIC WORK OF THE CHURCH AND THAT PEOPLE COME TO FAITH IN CHRIST

Read: Acts 2:41

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Read: Acts 16:14

“One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, Your plans and purposes are unequalled. Thank You that You did not give up on the human race nor on the nation of Israel when Your only begotten Son was so shamefully rejected and cruelly crucified. Thank You for the message of the Cross and the glorious gospel of Grace - that Christ died and is risen for the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting. May we be faithful in proclaiming this message to all who need to hear it.

PRAY FOR THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH

Read: I Corinthians 16:14

“Do everything in love.”

Read: Colossians 1:17-18

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

Read: Colossians 3:23-24

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

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Pray: Lord, we pray that the Lord Jesus may be exalted in all we do, and may we submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we undertake. Open ministry doors, as You see fit, so that we may share more of Your saving and sanctifying grace to those in need. May we continue to grow in grace and wisdom and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may all we say and do point others to Jesus, so that His name is glorified in all we say and do.

PRAY FOR WORKERS WHO SERVE AND MORE WHO WILL SERVE

Read: Matthew 9:37-38

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Pray: Please, heavenly Father, send out laborers. As Jesus pointed out, the harvest is truly plentiful and the laborers few. Send out laborers into this great harvest field. Let their labors lead to the increase of your church. Let their labors be used to build your church. Let eternity be filled with more people brought into your family as a result of the laborers that you send out in response to our prayers. Let disciples be multiplied and the knowledge of your word be increased. And let your name be glorified throughout all ages as a result.

BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

Read: Acts 11:26

“And when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

Read: II Corinthians 1:12

“Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God’s grace.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank You that You have given me all I need to walk godly in Christ Jesus. Help me today and in the days that lie ahead, to walk in sincerity and truth. May I not walk in the ways of the world, but trust in Your wisdom and grace for all my needs. In Jesus’ name I pray, AMEN.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

Read: II Corinthians 9:6-11

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided

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in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

Read: Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for this important teaching on financial giving and for showing me the responsibility we all have in supporting those who share the gospel of Christ and proclaim the good news of the gospel of grace. Thank You for the ministers and ministries that have helped me in my Christian walk. I pray that You would provide all that they need to continue the good work they are doing in sharing the Gospel and may I be wise and generous my support—for Your name’s sake and for Your greater glory.

PRAY THAT YOUR CHURCH WILL HAVE A POSITIVE TESTIMONY IN THE COMMUNITY

Read: John 3:21

“But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.”

Read: I John 4:7, 19

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. We love because he first loved us.”

Pray: Loving Father, I can only love others with Your love, for of myself my love is so limited. Pour forth Your love into my heart so that the love of Jesus streams out from me as rivers of His living water. I pray that through me, Your love would bless those around me.

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How to Pray for our Pastor

- A pastor's heart
- An overseer's administrative skill
- An elder's wisdom
- A preacher's eloquence
- A priest's intercession
- A scribe's carefulness with His Word
- A prophet's courage
- A shepherd's Humility
- A teacher's insight
- An evangelist's heart for the lost

Read: I Peter 5:1-4

"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."



Deron Biles
SENIOR PASTOR

Read: Hebrews 13:17

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

Pray: Loving Lord, we thank You for our pastor and for the way that he has led and guided the flock You have placed in his care with such wisdom and grace. Keep him Lord, under the shadow of Your wing, and protect him from the many arrows of the enemy that has sought to trip so many of the leaders in the Church today.

May his heart be kept focused on the Word of Truth, and may he love the Lord with all his whole body, soul and spirit as he seeks to encourage, edify and teach all those, that are under his guidance.

May he be a man after God's own heart, who continues to be nourished and fed by You to be Your under-shepherd, to point us to Christ. May he be used by You to be an example of a true disciple and lover of the Lord, not only in his public ministry but in the privacy of his own home.

Bless him Lord, keep him and protect him. May he continue to be an example of a godly man who by example, is growing in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

OUR STAFF

Read: I Thessalonians 5:12-13

“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”

Read: I Timothy 5:17

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”

Pray: Father, thank You for those that serve as church pastors and staff. Thank You for the dedication, devotion, and commitment from all those who exercise this God-honoring responsibility of caring for the Body of Christ. Protect them from the enemy of our soul who acts like a roaring lion, seeking to sully their witness and shipwreck their word. Uphold them with Your mighty hand and use them for Yourself in mighty ways. I pray that You would give each one the strength, guidance, and endurance they need, and that their service to You would edify the Body and glorify Your name.



Brian James
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OUR HOPE

Read: Psalm 33:14-22

“From His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth — He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You.”

Read: Psalm 22:27-28

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations.”

Pray: Lord Jesus, though our hearts are heavy for our nation, may we not lose sight of the fact that our hope is in You. One day, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord (Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11). You are our only hope.

Forgive us for placing our hope in the government, political ideologies, comfort, financial security and other circumstances. We repent that, in our prosperity, we have forgotten You and have become self-reliant (Deuteronomy 8:11-14). Our hearts are so quick to wander. We repent of idolatry.

By Your power, teach us to live with the realization in the forefront of our minds that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). We commit our future as a nation and as Your people to Your Hands. Your will be done. Amen.

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