

Hamilton County
Baptist Association

November 8th, 2018



Pray for our churches of the week (November 12-18, 2018): King's Point Baptist Church (Pastor Herman Saunders) and The Gathering (Pastor David Price).

- 1)** Pray for our friend **Rick Mitchell**, with the Sports and Rec Ministry. He has had to cancel his November trips to Nepal and India, because he has chosen to take care of his wife, Barbara, who recently broke her foot and will need help getting around for the next 2-3 months. Thankfully, he has a friend, **Greg**, that has committed to go on these mission trips in his place. This is the latest update we have from Greg: "After flight to Bagadogra cab to Siligiri, over four hours stuffed bus ride to Jaigaon, tuk tuk ride and another cab, I have arrived but with a catch. Accidentally came into Bhutan without a VISA. Need to go out tomorrow and back in so they officially see the right date stamped on my passport." He is going through a rough time, but he has not strayed away from his purpose there. He will be scouting out new places to do ministry.
- 2)** Praise God for our **Disaster relief program**, as Doyle Pittman has been working with teams of people to help relieve the effects of Hurricane Michael. We are still awaiting on report on how much was done, but God used them to provide for a lot of people in need after this horrific natural disaster.
- 3)** Please pray for our **Church Planters throughout our county**. Pray they will continue to reach the unreached of our city. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, growth, and protection from the enemy as they seek to glorify God through their church plant.
- 4)** Pray **for HaCoBA Care** as they seek to minister by providing food and health screenings to those in need. This past year this ministry provided food for 9,621 people, while also seeing 69 professions of faith. Pray that people will continue to make those being ministered to open to the Gospel!
- 5)** **Pray for our churches seeking a pastor**: Bayside, Brainerd Hills, Middle Valley, First Baptist Church of Soddy Daisy, New Beginnings Fellowship, and Spring Creek Road Baptist Church.
- 6)** **Please pray for our churches seeking other staff positions**. Pray for God to guide the right person in His timing to the churches.
- 7)** Please pray for the **health of our pastors and their families**.

- 8) Please pray for our **UTC Baptist Collegiate Ministry**. Pray for the BCM staff as they continue their Fall semester of ministry. Pray that they continue fostering relationships with the students returning to the school and ministry, as well as building relationships with incoming students that will need a Christian environment to get plugged into. Pray for Steve Roper as he seeks to make the Godly influence of the BCM stronger than it ever has been.
- 9) Begin to pray for our partnering initiative with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board called "**Reach Chattanooga**". We are preparing to start in late 2019 at two (2) year initiative that involves bringing in teams from around the state and country to help revitalize our churches that need it, plant some new churches, and reach the unreached people groups in Chattanooga (because those people do exist).
- 10) Please pray **for our churches that are seeking to be revitalized**. Pray that the Lord will breathe fresh life into the church. Pray that their pastors and congregations will receive a renewed vision for reaching the lost in their community and for discipleship.
- 11) Please pray for our **children's and youth ministries**, for unbelieving students to come to Christ, those who are believers to be further discipled, and for God to use them to make an impact for the Gospel wherever they go. Also pray for them as they are in their fall semesters at school that they will be the Christian influences their schools need.
- 12) Please pray for all of our **ESL ministries** as they are continuing their current season of ministry. Over 500 people were enrolled across our city last year! We have sites by Brainerd Baptist, Concord Baptist, First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Mountain Creek Baptist, Oakwood Baptist, Silverdale Baptist, and Woodland Park Baptist. While we want these people to have their language barrier needs met, we also want anyone with a Jesus barrier to have that need met. Please pray for our other churches who are considering starting ESL classes soon.
- 13) Please continue to pray for **Joann Barney**, sister-in-law of Linda Mauritzen. Pray for her healing and restoration of mobility as she is now in skilled care for long term physical therapy. She is still unable to move on her own, but physical therapy is working her even more now that they do not have to work around a dialysis schedule
- 14) Pray for those who serve in law enforcement, the military, our government, and persecuted Christians around the world. They are in difficult situations every day and will need the Lord's guidance and protection in order to continue strong.
- 15) Update on **Nancy Clotts' step-daughter**. She went to IL to try a new chemo. 3 days then off 3 weeks. She's back home. So far, no negative side effects.
- 16) Please pray for our **Christian Women's Job Corp**, as they seek to continue ministering to women who are trying to make it in the work force. This past year, 9 women graduated from their program, and 7 of them now have full time jobs! Pray that God would continue to use the leadership in that ministry in powerful ways.
- 17) Please continue to pray for us here at the Association. Even though it is common to mentally turn off during the holidays, we are still going full-speed-ahead with trying to serve our churches the best we can.