

Hamilton County  
Baptist Association

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**Pray for our churches of the week (December 3rd-9th, 2018): Love Fellowship (Pastor Gerald O'Guinn) and White Oak Baptist Church (Pastor Tony Wilson).**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Please be in prayer for **Joyce Sampley**, ministry assistant at \_\_\_\_\_. Over the Thanksgiving Holiday, she was in a bad car accident, and she had to get helicoptered off to the ER. She is doing better now, but there is still a lot of recovery to be done.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Please be praying for the family of the recently passed **Stan Braley**. He was a minister at Concord Baptist Church, worked for the Hamilton County Baptist Association, acted as the part-time director for the Baptist Student Union at Chattanooga State, and was also the former minister at White Oak Baptist Church in Chattanooga, before finally going to Macon as the minister at Mt Zion Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Centenary United Methodist Church. The Reverend Kadar Jones, the Reverend Johnny Pierce and Dr. Tim Bagwell will officiate. The family will greet friends following the service in the Round Room.
- 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) Continue to pray for **Rick Mitchell** and his wife who is recovering from surgery – as well as **Greg** who has taken Ricks place in his mission trip to **Nepal**, This is the latest update we have from **Greg** in India: “[God] answered. Leaving for the west side of Nepal Friday. Is anyone surprised? We shouldn't be, but it is always a thrill to me. Tonight I have been invited to a gathering of brethren about an hour away and meeting a key person. Thank you all for your prayers.”

- 7) 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!
- 8) Please be praying for **Anthony Baker**, pastor of South Soddy Baptist church, and his family. In the past months, he has dealt with numerous deaths and illnesses in his family, and he really just needs to be reminded that God loves him right now.
- 9) **Please pray for our churches seeking other staff positions.** Pray for God to guide the right person in His timing to the churches.
- 10) Thank you for your continued prayers for **Joann Barney**, sister in law of Linda Mauritzen. She has progressed in rehab and after over 8 months in hospitals and rehab facilities, Joann will be returning to her home on November 30. The plan is for her to return weekly for continued rehab and also have home exercises to help further her progress.
- 11) Please pray for the **health of our pastors and their families.**
- 12) Please pray for our **UTC Baptist Collegiate Ministry**. Pray for the BCM staff as they bring their semester to a close. Pray that the students finish strong, they travel well for the Christmas break, and that they do not take this break from school as a break from God, too. Pray they continue to seek God throughout the Christmas season.
- 13) 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).
- 14) 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.
- 15) Please pray for our **children's and youth ministries**, for unbelieving students to come to Christ, those who are believers to be further disciplined, 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.
- 16) 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.
- 17) 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.