

Hamilton County  
Baptist Association

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019



**Pray for our churches of the week (January 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019): the Cambodian Mission and the Hispanic Mission at Brainerd Baptist Church Baptist Church (Pastor Carlos Betancourt).**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Please pray for **Matt and Lindsey Lotspeich**,** friends of the Association, who are in the process of planting a church in Poughkeepsie, NY. They look to serve the community there and share the love of Christ to an area that is really deprived. To learn more about their ministry, visit [www.vrbcpok.org/vrbc-church-plant](http://www.vrbcpok.org/vrbc-church-plant), or email Matt directly at [mlotspeich@gmail.com](mailto:mlotspeich@gmail.com).
- 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) Please be in prayer for **Henry Jacks**,** who is on several committees for the Association, is a member of Ridgedale Baptist Church, and has had a long history being part of the Association. He has recently been diagnosed with some health issues, and could really use your prayers and encouragement.
- 5) 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.
- 6) UPDATE:** Please continue in prayer for **Joyce Sampley**, ministry assistant at White Oak Baptist Church. Over the Thanksgiving Holiday, she was in a bad car accident, and she is doing much better now. She plans to be back at work after Christmas.
- 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! AND praise God that Gerald Lawson, the director of HaCoBA, recently informed us that his wife has given her life to the Lord!
- 8) Please pray for our churches seeking other staff positions.** Pray for God to guide the right person in His timing to the churches.

- 9) 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 has returned home. The plan is for her to return weekly for continued rehab and also have home exercises to help further her progress.
- 10) Please pray for the **health of our pastors and their families**.
- 11) Please be in prayer for **Ken Clark**, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church, and his mother. She has been battling with Alzheimer's for years and has recently had serious issues. Ken has gone to be with her, so we will update you all on what happens with her.
- 12) Please pray for our **UTC Baptist Collegiate Ministry**. Pray for the BCM staff as they start a new semester with new challenges. Pray that the students returning will be able to come back into full swing of everything the BCM has to offer. Pray that God will continue to work through those in leadership at the BCM so God's mission is carried out to UTC's campus.
- 13) Continue to pray for our partnering initiative with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board called "**Reach Chattanooga**". We are preparing to start late this year at our 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). **UPDATE**: we are almost finished with the hiring process of the part time employee who will be heading up the entire initiative for the next 2 years. Soon we will be able to unveil him to you all.
- 14) UPDATE from **Nancy Clonts** on **Carol**: "She's back from the cancer center in IL. Her numbers are better and she's been able to handle this new chemo well. They plan to up the dosage to see if that will give a boost. Thanks again for all your prayers and support."
- 15) 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.
- 16) 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.
- 17) Please pray for all of our **ESL ministries** as they will be taking a break on their current season of ministry for Christmas. 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.
- 18) 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.
- 19) Please pray for **Randy Mauritzen**, husband of HCBA employee Linda Mauritzen. He was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and is waiting for further test results to determine the course of treatment.