

Hamilton County  
Baptist Association

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019



**Pray for our churches of the week (January 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019): Abba's House (Pastor Ronnie Phillips Jr.) & Mount Carmel Baptist Church (Pastor Rocky Bradford).**

- 1) Continue to pray for our partnering initiative with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board called "**Reach Chattanooga**". We are preparing to start this week on our three (3) 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. **UPDATE:** We have officially hired **Mickey bane**, new pastor of Middle Valley Baptist Church, as the Reach Chattanooga Coordinator, in charge of gathering teams from across the country for the church planting and revitalization requests made over the next 3 years in the Chattanooga area.
- 2) We would like to announce our newest member of the HCBA team – **Colleen Middleton**, our new **Administration Assistant**. Colleen is a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, is married, and has three little boys. She has done a great job already this week. If you need to get in touch with her, send her an email at [lobby@baptistassociation.com](mailto:lobby@baptistassociation.com).
- 3) **Pray for our churches seeking a pastor:** Bayside, Brainerd Hills, Solid Anchor, First Baptist Church of Soddy Daisy, New Beginnings Fellowship, and Spring Creek Road Baptist Church.
- 4) Please pray for the upcoming "**Loved Beyond Measure**" Conference. This is a joint effort to reach youth who need to hear the message that we are loved beyond measure by the Creator of the Universe. It will take place February 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Brainerd Baptist BX building, starting at 12pm. Pray for God to move in the lives of these young folks, and if you know a youth that needs to hear this message, make sure they attend.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Please continue to pray for **Henry Jacks**, who has recently been diagnosed with some health issues, and could really use your prayers and encouragement.
- 7) 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. If you know a women who has lost their way and needs a friendly Christian environment to get on the right path, please get them in touch with Jane Everett by emailing [chattcwjc@gmail.com](mailto:chattcwjc@gmail.com)

- 8) Praise God! Middle Valley Baptist Church has hired a new Pastor – Mickey Bane. This past Sunday, he preached in view of a call, and the congregation voted on him to be the one God uses to lead these people to the next stage of the church. Pray that God will be using Mickey to carry out his will for Middle Valley Baptist Church
- 9) 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! They are currently in need of regular cans of corn and green beans. Gerald says that stuff seems to fly off the shelves. If you wanted to make a donation, please contact him by calling 423-637-8187.
- 10) **Please pray for our churches seeking other staff positions.** Pray for God to guide the right person in His timing to the churches.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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 depraved. 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 [mllotspeich@gmail.com](mailto:mllotspeich@gmail.com).
- 13) 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."
- 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 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.
- 16) Please pray for all of our **ESL ministries** as they start back up for the new semester. 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, and Woodland Park Baptist. We are happy to announce that **HIXSON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** will be starting a new ESL Ministry for the first time, and the details of that launch will be coming soon. On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, we certified 13 new ESL teachers to work in various ESL programs across the County. Praise God that throughout the year God is using more new faces to accomplish his goals
- 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.
- 18) Please pray for **Randy Mauritzen**, husband of HCBA employee Linda Mauritzen. He was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and surgery is scheduled for March 15. Please pray for successful surgery with rapid recovery.