



Weekly Prayer Letter

September 9th, 2021

Pray for our churches of the week (September 13th-19th, 2021): Grace Reformed Baptist Church (Pastor Wayne Layton), Silverdale Baptist Church (Pastor Tony Walliser), and Silverdale's St Elmo Campus (Pastor Travis Jones)

1) HACOBA CARE MINISTRIES: Please pray for our food pantry ministry, and if you would like to volunteer or provide for this need in some way, please contact Marvin at 423-421-2432. Also, if anyone has need to refer someone in need of food, they should have them call 2-1-1, option 3, and have them request HaCoBa Care Ministries. If anyone is wondering how to give to HaCoBa Care, there are two ways to do it. First, you could give monetarily by going here:

<https://abundant.co/hamiltoncountybaptist/give>

Second, you could provide one or more things from the list below by contacting Marvin and coordinating a time with him to drop it off:

Canned beans, corn and peas	Jiffy Cornbread Mix	Macaroni and Cheese
Canned carrots and mixed veg.	Spaghetti Noodles	Bottles of Water
Cans of soup, chili, ravioli, etc	Spaghetti Sauce	Bar soap
Canned fruit	Ramen Noodles	Toothbrushes and tooth paste
Oatmeal packs	Peanut butter	Diapers-all sizes, Baby wipes
Cereal, Pop tarts, Snacks	Loafs of bread, crackers	Shampoo
Pop top cans for the homeless	Meat	Toilet Paper

2) Please continue to pray for the churches in our Association dealing with **COVID-19** outbreaks. We are not seeing schools and businesses in the area taking extra precautions due to the delta variant, and we fully expect to affect how many of our churches operate going forward. We have some experience under our belts with shifting gears, but no one really wants to do that. Pray that God would give us and the leadership in our various churches wisdom to navigate this.

3) Please be in prayer for the **TN Baptist Children's Homes**, here in Chattanooga. They are still recovering from the fire they had, which got rid of a lot of clothing a food for those who live on their campus. If you want to help, they are taking donations of non-perishable food items and supplies (paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc.) along with cash, checks and gift cards. For more information, and coordinating when to bring these things, please call the TBCH at 423-892-2722. They could really use help in this area right now.

4) Please pray for the family of Perry McAllister, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church. His mother past away recently, and Perry had to lead the service, doing a great job honoring and celebrating her life. Pray for them in their grieving process, as it is never easy to lose someone like that.

5) Pray for our churches seeking pastors: Brainerd, International Community, Greater St.

Mary, New Beginnings Fellowship, Riverside, Second Baptist, and Sojourn. Pray God moves in the right people.

6) Continue to pray for the **ESL programs** in our churches. We are planning an **English as a Second Language Certification Training** for the month of September, and it will look entirely different from what we have done in the past, as it did in August. As many of our churches are working on post-COVID plans for the Fall, a huge need is people who are willing to teach English to many in our county who need it.

7) Please continue to pray for the **WMU** of our Association, that they may be able to continue filling new leadership positions in an effort to continue growing the WMU forces in an effort to reach our community with the Gospel in many unique ways that most people do not even know is happening.

8) Continue to 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.

9) Please be in prayer for the tumultuous situation going on in Afghanistan right now. Pray that somehow, God would shine his light in the midst of all the darkness taking place there.

10) Continue to pray for **Mickey Bane**, Pastor of Middle Valley Baptist Church, who has been fighting colon cancer, has now found out his previously diagnosed lung issue is a heart issue. Please pray for Mickey's health and well-being, as he continues to lead his church and his family, while learning to deal with his health issues.

11) **Victor and Ludmilla Moura** are church planters at Grace Church in Beverly, MA. "Pray that God continues helping us to have spiritual, emotional, and physical health and that God helps us to build strong friendships.

12) Please be in prayer for the continued work of **City Reach Chattanooga**. Bill Mason, Pastor of Morris Hill Baptist Church, is the Director for City Reach. We have seen many mission teams over the last few months come and work on various projects around town, doing construction, prayer walks, church event planning, and other mission opportunities that allow teams to partner with our churches to extend their scope of future ministry. We also continue to get outside teams contacting us about how they too can serve the Chattanooga area. Even though we have accomplished much this summer, there are still projects to do at churches and for churches in our county. Pray about how your church could partner with us to serve another church or community.

13) Continue prayer for us, as we work continuously to start larger regular meetings back completely in person: ministry trainings, MTI classes, the Associational Annual Meeting, church tax seminar, etc. Pastors and staff should expect more frequent invitations to in-person things we have going on, such as pastor's breakfast, prayer gatherings, and church revitalizations discussions. Pray that God would guide us in wisdom as we seek to return to some sense of normality.

14) Please pray for those affected by the **flooding in west TN and Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and Mississippi** in recent weeks. If you want to help, you can contact the Association office about traveling out to different callout, or you could give to the efforts through this link:
<https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/tnbaptist>

*****If you have prayer requests/praises to tell our our hundreds of prayer warriors pray, send those to hcbabaptistassociation.com with the subject line "PRAYER LETTER".*****