



Weekly Prayer Letter

October 28th, 2021

Pray for our churches of the week (November 1st-7th 2021): Lookout Valley Baptist Church (Pastor Troy Walliser), and Whiteside Baptist Church (Pastor Jeff Thornton)

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, they are in need of hams and turkeys coming into the holiday season. If you are able to give in this way, contact Marvin. Second, you could give monetarily by going here: <https://abundant.co/hamiltoncountybaptis/give>

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 the leadership and us in our various churches wisdom to navigate this.

3) Pray for our local government, as we go through city and county elections. Pray God would have his providential hand over the politics of everything, and that no matter what the outcome, He would be glorified in the end.

4) Please give God praise for the **English as a Second Language** programs that are active and thriving right now. If you know anyone who can be benefited from this kind of ministry, send them here: <https://www.baptistassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-Fall-ESL-Course-List.pdf>

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) Please give God praise for the **Christian Women's Job Corps** for all the hard work the volunteers to provide job training and counseling to women coming out of bad situations in life.

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) Please pray for **Jay Barbier**, a Youth Ministry Specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. His wife Natalie is having such a hard time, as is his daughter Mary-Clare. His son Caleb is seeking The Lord for healing for his dad. Pastor Jay goes for a CAT-scan and MRI on 10/18. They'll diagnose staging and devise a treatment plan.

9) Steve Pearson is the TBMB Harvest Field leader for our region. His father, **Ellis**, has just developed a form of cancer is fighting it. Pray for his physical and spiritual health as he battles this horrible disease.

10) Continue to pray for **Mickey Bane**, Pastor of Middle Valley Baptist Church, who is still fighting colon cancer. 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. Thankfully, Mickey is taking the opportunity to look at this illness as a gift from God to minister to those in the hospital. He truly is a mighty man of God.

11) **Gerald and Symara Waters** are a church planting couple at Proclamation Community Church in Philadelphia, PA. "Pray for the physical, emotional, spiritual and financial health of our family. Pray our church will grow in a sincere love for the Lord, the Word and the lost in our community." – *Gerald and Symara*

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) Please continue to 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.easytithe.com/App/Giving/tnbaptist>

14) Al Kaschimer, former pastor in the Soddy-Daisy area, **his brother** has developed a form of cancer and is in a huge battle with it. Pray for his healing, the wisdom of the doctors, and the comfort of the family.

15) **Debbie Cordell**, long-time member of One Accord Community Church and someone who is very active in the Association, beat the cancer in her throat a while back, but has now found out that the treatment has left her vocal cords paralyzed. Pray for wisdom on what to do next between her and the doctors.

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