



Weekly Prayer Letter

May 5th, 2022

Pray for our churches of the week (May 9th-15th, 2022): Church of the Highlands (Pastor Scott McCurdy), and Northside Community Church (Pastor Mitchell Reaves)

1) HACOBA CARE MINISTRIES: Please continue 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. Praise God, the ministry saw 34 professions of faith in the 1st quarter of 2022! God is really doing a tremendous work through the faithful volunteers at the ministry center. 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 you want to give monetarily to HaCoBA Care, go here:

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

2) Please continue to pray for the new **Christian Women's Job Corp** site being established at Brainerd Baptist Church by Cynthia Brown and her team. They are still doing assessments and are in the final stages of nailing down details. This new site will launch in the Fall, so please be in pray as they continue to get things ready. We praise God for Cynthia and her leadership.

3) Pray for our churches seeking pastors: Brainerd, International Community, Greater St. Mary, New Beginnings Fellowship, Oak Street, and Second Baptist. Pray God moves in the right people.

4) Please continue to pray for **Tommy Taylor**, pastor of Falling Water Baptist Church. **UPDATE:** His wife just had surgery to address issues regarding her breast cancer. Pray that her recovery goes well, and that the next doctor visit will have a positive result. Tommy has recently had surgery himself regarding his cancer, and he is still dealing with the gradual growth in his Parkinson's. Pray for the whole family and their different bouts with illnesses.

5) Please continue to pray for the **UTC BCM** as they finish up the semester and begin working together as leadership to make plans for the upcoming School year.

6) Please continue to pray for **Steve Pearson** and his brother **Greg**. Greg recently had a stroke and is still recovering.

7) Please pray for those candidates in this past week's local elections. Pray for their families and how God can work through them to bring glory to Himself.

8) Continue to pray for **Mickey Bane**, Pastor of Middle Valley Baptist Church, who is still fighting colon cancer. We have been updated on his health in recent days. While he is still the pastor of Middle Valley, he has been relegated to a hospital bed in his house. He sleeps most of the day and wakes up for 10-15 minutes at a time. In spite of that, he uses whatever time he has to glorify God through various means. He is the personification of working out your faith when times are the most difficult. Please continue to pray for him, his family, and his church. He is quite certain and ready to be with the Lord soon and wants to finish well.

9) **NAMB Church Planters of the week:** Lal and Cin Thang are a church planting couple in Sandy UT at Utah Evangelical Church. "Pray that members of Utah Evangelical Church will continue to grow in spiritual maturity. Pray also for the health and well-being of our family as we trust God and meet all our needs." – *Lal and Cin*

10) 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 continue to get outside teams contacting us about how they too can serve the Chattanooga area.

UPDATE: We currently have projects lined up from disaster relief clean-up, to construction work, to potential VBS sites, to helping various ministries and churches reach the next step in their ministry strategies. We even continue to get new churches calling us asking about new projects. Pray that these projects and arrangements become more concrete in the coming weeks.

11) Please always pray for your Director of Missions, **Dennis Culbreth**, as he leads the Hamilton County Baptist Association in coordinating partnerships in ministry, helping churches with all kinds of resources, and doing whatever he can to make sure the Gospel is spread throughout the county with the Church at the forefront.

12) Pray for **Alan Rogers**, Pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, along with his family. His youngest daughter has been dealing with post-COVID illness for months and it is affecting every part of life. Pray for God to provide his healing hand of recovery over her.

*****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". *****