**PRAYER GUIDE**

Below find topics and suggestions to pray for all aspects of FBC’s ministries.

The list may seem daunting. To help with this, consider praying about one item from each topic

 each time you pray, or select just a few topics to pray for each time.

**THIS PRAYER CLOSET:**

-Help each pray-er participating in this Closet to rejoice in everything. May we have such a sense of urgency that we pray without ceasing.

-In every thing may we give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us.

-Help us to recognize when we are quenching the Spirit, and repent, that our prayers for this church might be heard.

-Work in us to prove all things; may we hold fast to that which is good and abstain from all appearance of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)

**SECURITY FOR FBC**

-Thou art our King, O God: Command deliverance for FBC. Through You will we push down our enemies: through Your Name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For we will not trust in our bow, (weapons), neither our sword, (cameras) to save us. But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put them to shame that hated us. (Psalm 44:4-7)

**OUR PASTORS:**

-As they reflect on Your Word, give them insight into it; show them how to teach us to apply Your precepts to our lives. (2 Timothy 2:7)

-Guard and work in our pastors, that they do not engage in murmurings and disputing, that they may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, in need of no rebuke. Help each one to shine as lights in Madisonville, holding forth the word of life. (Philippians 2:14-15)

-Let them hear encouraging testimonies from those who obey Your Word, that they may rejoice in the day of Christ, that they have not run in vain, neither labored in vain. (Philippians 2:16)

**THE BODY OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE:**

-Lord, add to the Church daily such as should be saved! (Acts 2:47)

-Be mindful of Your Body, the Church, and bless all of us. Bless them that fear You, the LORD, both small and great. Increase us more and more, us and our children. (Psalm 115:12-14)

**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

-Help us to grasp the gravity and significance of the concept that we have the ability to grieve the Holy Spirit; that we can cause Him pain. As we comprehend this, reveal to us the actions, choices and thoughts in our lives that do cause grief to Him, and spur us to confess, repent and turn away from such things. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Ephesians 4:30, 1 John 1:9)

-Cause us to triumph in Christ. Give us the boldness to make manifest the savor of Your knowledge in every place. Make us a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved and and in them that perish. To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life.

 (2 Cor. 2:14-16)

-Place Your hand upon this congregation, LORD, and may a great number believe and be turned unto You, as Your word is powerfully preached. (Acts 11:21) Expose the truth to those who think they have a relationship with You, but in actuality are living for the enemy. Open their eyes to the truth, take the blinders off and lead them to search their hearts. Help them defy their pride and repent and turn to You for salvation.

**FAMILIES:**

-Help our fathers and mothers to acquit themselves honorably to act as parents to the children You have entrusted to them. Give them knowledge, understanding and wisdom to be able to guide and instruct their children in Your ways, so that their children may learn to handle the conflicts and challenges of life under Your protection and with Your power.

-Increase in our children the desire to to obey their parents in the Lord, and to honor their father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with them and that they may live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

**MARRIAGES:**

-Work in each husband and wife that they may guard what they let come out of their mouth, to guard what they think and what they retain in their hearts about their spouse. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

-May they each foster a godly affection for each other through the actions of Your Spirit upon their hearts, and may there be peace in their homes, as a refuge against the world and its wickedness.

-Help them to focus on only the pure and good of each other, and to forgive the faults of the other. Convict them to not let the sun go down on their anger, but to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, to be reconciled to each other. (Philippians 4:8, Ephesians 4:6, 2 Corinthians 10:5)

**NEW BELIEVERS:**

-Holy Spirit, we ask that You would put in all believers a burden for prayer for new believers who are struggling to learn, just beginning to comprehend what You have done for us.

-Help each new believer to leave the trappings of the old life behind, to rid themselves of those things that so easily beset them, that they might be freed to be more effective witnesses of Your glory and the incredible gift we all have in Christ Jesus. Help them to run with patience the race set before them. (Hebrews 12:1

**THOSE UNDERGOING TRIALS:**

-Lord, be their help so their soul will not dwell in silence. When they lose hope and say, My foot slips. in Your mercy, O LORD, hold them up. In the multitude of their thoughts within them, may Your comforts delight their souls. (Psalm 94:17-19)

-Satisfy early with Your mercy those that struggle, that each might rejoice and be glad all their days. Make them glad according to the days wherein You have afflicted them, and the years wherein they have seen evil. (Psalm 90:13-14)

**THE LOST:**

-Give us a sense of urgency for the lost. Each of us is a miracle of Yours. Work that same miracle in the ones we love. Place in our paths those you have prepared to hear your gospel and to respond, and give us the words and the boldness to share with them. May we see their need from Your divine perspective.

-Draw them by Your Spirit, Help them understand that salvation is not by the works of their hands. Make them uncomfortable and doubt the lies they have believed about God, about themselves, and about the world. Then send them individuals You have prepared to lead them to Jesus. (Gal 2:16)

-Help the lost to turn from all their sins to receive Jesus. Then all their transgressions shall be forgiven and forgotten; then they shall not die but they shall live. Work in them, making a new heart and a new spirit. LORD, you have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. In Your Spirit, help them to turn and to live. (Ezekiel 18:21-23, 28, 31-32. )

**CHURCH MINISTRIES:**

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**

 -May each lesson be taught so as to edify the whole Church body, and glorify You.

-May the curriculum chosen for our study enlarge our understanding of the way of Your statutes. As we meditate on and learn more about Your statutes, may we set ourselves to keep them unto the end. (Psalm 119:33)

 **MEN’S MINISTRIES:**

-Lord of the harvest, raise up workers to build a vital ministry to spiritually feed the men of this church, that there might be a plentiful harvest, that they may all become strong spiritual leaders of their families, that Your Word may not be forgotten and future generations fall into apostasy. (Matthew 9:37-38)

 **WOMEN’S MINISTRIES:**

 **WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES:**

 **-**Help us to grasp the entirety of your plan as we continue to study “Seamless”, as we learn the message in each book of the Bible. Help us to retain what we have learned, able to recall it as needed, to understand Your whole counsel.

 -Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Your law. (Psalm 119:18)

 -Inspire the leaders with the name of the next study You would have the women work through. Show them one that will build upon all that they have been learning.

 **ANNUAL RETREAT AND SPRING FLING:**

-Clear the best date for these events to be held, from all other events around town that would distract or inhibit women from attending.

 -Lead Pam and Sindy to the speaker who will bring Your message to us this year.

 -Place a desire to attend in the hearts of the women You would have come to these events. LORD, fill every seat with expectant women from the whole town, give them ears to hear the message You would use to teach, encourage, and convict them in their walk with You.

 -Use these events to unify the women of Your Body here and in nearby communities.

 **WOM:**

-Continue to bring ministries to the attention of the leaders, to provide speakers that will encourage our women to participate in these or other ministries You would call them into.

 **HEARTFELT MINISTRY:**

-Continue to guard the conversations of those who gather under this ministry. May all discussions edify, build up, teach, exhort, and reassure. Allow the enemy no foothold in any house or in any heart.

 -Inspire creative ways for the Mom’s to nurture the faith and lives of these Sisters.

 **ADULT CHOIR:**

 -Protect the health and voices of those in our choir through this season of celebration of Your Son’s birth, that all may participate in the planned events to glorify You.

 -Fill the choir with the Spirit as they speak to and lead us in hymns and spiritual songs, that we may make melody in our hearts, praising and glorifying You and the work of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18b-19)

 **CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES:**

-As You have commanded us, may Brother Mark and the leaders of these ministries show to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He has done. May they make them known to these children, that they may pass them on to their children. May they arise and declare them to their children, that those might also set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, even as these children learn to do now. (Psalm 78:4-8)

 **WIGGLE WORSHIP:**

-Let the Spirit so work in all the children’s spirits, that every one of them will earnestly confess Jesus Christ as their savior at an early age, and become strong fishers of men.

 -Help these children to to take heed to their ways according to Your word, that they might remain obedient to You. Help them gain a deep understanding of Who You are, and what You ask of them. (Psalm 119:9)

 **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN’S CHOIR:**

-Protect the health and voices of the children and leaders through this season of celebration of Your Son’s birth, that all may participate in the planned events to glorify You.

 -Use the songs and the devotionals to increase the children’s knowledge and understanding of You, Jesus Christ and His gift of salvation, and their standing without You and in You. Lead them to salvation through acceptance of Jesus, and then to a long life of fruitful service in Your Name.

 -As the children share what they are learning with their parents and siblings, use that time and information to draw their families to You and into a church family,

 **BIBLE DRILL:**

-Increase in all parents a desire to make it a priority for them and their children to be memorizing scripture.

-Help these children to hide Your word in their hearts, that they might not sin against You. (Psalm 119:11)

 -May Your testimonies be their delight and their counselors. Help them to meditate on those precepts that they learn and have respect unto Your ways. (Psalm 119:24, 15)

 **VBS or SMAK AND SUMMER CAMP:**

-Clear the best date for these events to be held from all other events around town that would distract or inhibit children from attending.

 -Lead Cherie to the curriculum You would have the children studying this summer, that is free from any worldliness the enemy would like to slip in, and would best glorify You in these particular children’s lives.

 -Lead Brother Mark to the best camp, with the best curriculum, that would diligently teach Your Word to the children, whether at play, in their dorms, in the cafeteria, or in the sanctuary. May the children learn to love You with their whole heart, soul and might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

 -Inspire individuals to contribute money to the scholarship fund, that all children may be able to attend, no matter the finances of the parents. Raise up workers and chaperones to help with these programs.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

-Inspire Brother Matt and the leaders of this ministry with him with the words needed to urge these young people to be self-controlled. Protect these leaders in their choices so that all may show themselves in all respects to be models of good works, and in their teaching to show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned. (Titus 2:6-8a)

 **CONDUCT OF OUR YOUTH:**

-LORD, give our kids wisdom early on, to make good choices and to be aware of those that are bad choices, and reject them, that they may live righteous lives and be a good witness for You. “A prudent man foresees the evil, and hides himself: but the simple pass on and are punished.” Proverb 22:3.

 -Remove from them the way of lying. May they choose the way of truth. May it be Your judgements that they lay before themselves. (Psalm 119:29-30)

 **-**The flesh of our youth is weak. Give them willing hearts that they may watch and pray so that they will not fall into temptation; (Matthew 26:41)

 **SUMMER CAMP:**

-Lead Brother Matt to the best camp with the best curriculum, that would diligently teach Your Word to the youth, whether at play, in their dorms, in the cafeteria, or in the sanctuary. May these kids learn to love You with their whole heart, soul and might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

 -Inspire individuals to contribute money to the scholarship fund, that all youth may be able to attend, no matter the finances of the parents. Raise up workers and chaperones to help with these programs.

 **D-NOW:**

-Prepare each heart that will attend D-Now. Break up the hard and stony ground that remains in their hearts, that the words that they will hear will land on fertile soil, mature and become the guiding principles of their lives. (Jeremiah 4:3)

 -Help each attendee to meditate on Your precepts that they hear, to learn to have respect unto Your ways. May they delight themselves in Your statutes and not forget Your word. (Psalm 119:15-16)

-Provide the housing, the financing, the drivers, the leaders, and all facilities necessary to hold this event. May there be the peace of the Holy Spirit in each house, with obedience and respect by the attendees.

 **YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

-Raise up a desire and the financial backing in our youth to participate in missions, being obedient to Your call to go into all the world with Your message. (Matthew 28:19)

 -Assist Brother Matt in finding and choosing those missions You would have FBC participate in.

**THE PATHWAY OF LIGHT:**

 -Ensure through the inspiration of the scripts written for each scene that only Your Word and Will are communicated to each spectator. May it be Your glory and the glory of Your Son, Jesus, alone, that is celebrated on this Path.

-Ensure that the message of Your salvation through Jesus Christ is clearly communicated along the Path and in the Decision Room. May there be much fruit produced by the presentation of Your message on the Path.

-For those who make the decision to receive Your gift of Jesus, wrap them in your love and surround them in encouragement. Draw them into a fellowship that teaches the whole counsel of God.

-Send Your powerful angels to protect the physical sets from destruction by sun and weather, and from theft, and vandalism. Guard the property, the audience and the cast/crew from spiritual attacks by the enemy. Guard the cast/crew and their family’s schedule and health prior to and during POL.

**ACTS 1:8 MISSIONS;**

-Please open a door of utterance in the places You would have us visit, that we may speak the mystery of Christ, …that we would make the gospel manifest to all who will listen. May our speech be filled with Your grace, seasoned with the salt of the Truth, that we may know how we ought to answer every man. (Colossians 4:3-6)

 **“JERUSALEM”:**

 **“JUDAH”:**

 **“SAMARIA”:**

 **“UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE WORLD”:**

 **LLL:**

-Be with our older individuals as they face their outward man “perishing”. May they be as Moses, living obedient lives until You take them away, with eye undimmed and vigor unabated. (Deuteronomy 34:7 and 2 Corinthians 4:16). ) Renew their inward man day by day with encouragement and hope in what is to come. May they truly see from Your perspective that what they may suffer is a light and momentary affliction but for a moment, working a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory for them. (2 Corinthians 4:17)

-Remind the men they are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love and in steadfastness. (Titus 2:1-2)

-Remind the women to be reverent in behavior, and not slanderers. Encourage them to become teachers of the younger women; to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive toothier own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. (Titus 2:3-5)

**GRIEF SHARE:**

-May those who grieve find comfort in these, Your words: That on the day Jesus returns for His own, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with Him. (1Thessalonians 4:13-18)

-Bring those suffering from the loss of loved ones together to support one another, to share their experiences, to share coping mechanisms, and to find comfort together in Your Word.

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Now may the very God of peace sanctify us wholly: and I pray God our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calls us, who also will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)