

MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDE 2023

YOUR GUIDE FOR WEEKLY,
MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS



COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:



IN YOUR CHURCH

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- **Prayer Ministry**
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IN YOUR HOME

- **Family Devotions**
- **Cut out missionary's picture and hang on refrigerator for a week**



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WORKING TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Dear Oklahoma Baptists,

Prayer is an integral part of the spiritual life and health of every Christian, and one key aspect of our prayer lives is to pray for others. When the apostle Paul was instructing Timothy regarding the young pastor's ministry, he included the importance of praying for others — “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Note the word “intercession” in 1 Tim. 2:1 and the fact that the various forms of prayer mentioned by Paul are to be done “for” all people. This biblical text and a host of others remind us that our prayers are not to be merely focused on our own personal needs, but the needs of others as well.

This 2023 Oklahoma Baptists' Missionary Prayer Guide is an excellent tool to help you pray for others. In praying for the individuals and ministries found in this guide, you will be joining many others who, through intercessory prayer, will unite in partnering and laboring together for the cause of Christ throughout the world. I encourage you to keep this guide in a place where you will be reminded to use it in your regular time of prayer. Please pray specifically, earnestly, and boldly, asking God to be glorified and for many to come to faith in Christ and deeper relationships with Him through the ministry and mission endeavors included in this guide.

Praying with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Todd Fisher

Executive Director-Treasurer
Oklahoma Baptists

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION FUNDING

Throughout the 2023 Missionary Prayer Guide, there are references to the following mission funding methods that are used by Southern Baptists to fulfill our Lord's command in Acts 1:8 to carry the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the uttermost parts of the world.

The Cooperative Program is the financial foundation of our Southern Baptist missions and ministries around the world. Each church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program as we partner together to touch the world for Christ. Additional information is available from the Leadership Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

More Info:

405-942-3000 ext. 4525
oklahomabaptists.org/cp

The Edna McMillan Oklahoma State Missions Offering is promoted during September of each year and supports mission and evangelism projects in Oklahoma. This offering is named after Edna McMillan, an Oklahoman who had a vision of reaching the state of Oklahoma with the Gospel. It provides additional funding beyond your church's Cooperative Program gifts. Additional information is available from the Missions and Women's Ministries Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

More Info:

405-942-3000 ext. 4318
oklahomabaptists.org/smo

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the annual offering promoted during March of each year. This offering provides additional funding beyond the church's Cooperative Program gifts for the work of the North American Mission Board in the United States and Canada. Additional information may be obtained from the North American Mission Board.

More Info:

800-634-2462
namb.net

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the annual offering promoted each December to benefit missions around the world. This offering provides additional funding beyond the church's Cooperative Program gifts for the work of the International Mission Board and more than 3,600 missionaries around the world. Additional information may be obtained from the International Mission Board.

More Info:

800-999-3113
imb.org/lottymoon

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JANUARY
2023





Meet Todd Fisher

*Serving in
Oklahoma*

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Todd Fisher serves as the executive director-treasurer for Oklahoma Baptists. He leads the ministries of Oklahoma Baptists and serves churches, pastors, staff and directors of missions/associational mission strategists of the many associations in Oklahoma. He enjoys serving the pastors of churches in Oklahoma and encouraging them in their calling to shepherd the local church. Todd and his wife, Jamy, have three children.

How to Pray

- Pray Todd would have wisdom and discernment to serve churches and pastors well.
- Pray Todd will manage well the demands of his schedule.

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received.

| Ephesians 4:1 |

Bethel Acres, Hopewell; Wellston, First; Oklahoma City, Highland Hills; Shawnee, Immanuel

January 8



Meet Walter Wilson Serving in Oklahoma

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Walter Wilson has pastored Friendship Baptist Church in Lawton for 15 years and been the African American Ministry Partner for six. He serves to strengthen relationships between Oklahoma African American churches and the Southern Baptist Convention. Within six years, God has increased the number of African American churches affiliated with Oklahoma Baptists from 21 to 50. Walter gives God all the glory. Walter and his wife, Velma, have one grown daughter.

How to Pray

- Pray churches can overcome the past and resolve to challenge lostness together.
- Please pray God will continue to use Walter to "bridge the gap and repair the breach."
- Pray all Oklahoma Southern Baptist churches will be healthy and solid.

"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

| Jeremiah 29:11 |

Lawton, Friendship; Oklahoma City, St. John Missionary



Meet Amy Petersen *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
ministrywives@oklahomabaptists.org

Amy Petersen's goal as the Ministry Wives Ministry Partner is to encourage women whose husbands serve in ministry in the more than 1,700 Southern Baptist churches across Oklahoma. She wants women to feel seen, loved and understood in their numerous roles within their families and churches, which present both amazing blessings and unique challenges. Amy and her husband, Brandon, have three sons: Max, Jake and Reed.

How to Pray

- Pray God would protect our ministry wives, husbands, families and churches.
- Pray God's wisdom over the continued building of connection and a strategy that serves ministry wives in meaningful ways.
- Pray each ministry wife will experience God in a deep and intimate way.

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.

| Isaiah 41:10 |

Oklahoma City, Quail Springs

January 22



Meet Brett Selby

Serving in Oklahoma

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
[**bselby@oklahomabaptists.org**](mailto:bselby@oklahomabaptists.org)

As the Southwest Regional Ministry Partner for Oklahoma Baptists, Brett Selby's mission is to serve and encourage southwest Oklahoma pastors and their churches as they seek to discover God's will and purpose both as individuals and as a church. He does this by guiding them to discover answers for themselves. Typically, adults act on what they discover for themselves, not on what someone tells them. Brett and his wife, Brenda, have two sons.

How to Pray

- Pray Brett will be able to travel safely over the southwest part of Oklahoma.
- Pray Brett will continue to have opportunities to share the gospel with lost people.
- Pray Brett will pursue Jesus Christ in His Word and through prayer with all his heart.

For David, after serving God's purpose in his own generation ... was buried with his fathers ...

| Acts 13:36a |

Nicoma Park, First; Yukon, Surrey Hills; Oklahoma City, Putnam City



Meet Jacob Boss *Serving in Europe*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
JBoss@imb.org

Jacob Boss, his wife, Elisabeth, and their three children live in London, England. They have the privilege of leading the work for the International Mission Board among the European Peoples, where the scale of lostness is staggering. Jacob connects missionaries and leaders across Europe to ensure the gospel is getting to this least-reached people group. The Boss family also works to develop new leaders to work these hard fields.

How to Pray

- Pray God would send more laborers into the harvest fields of Europe (Luke 10:2).
- Pray the Word of the Lord will spread rapidly in Europe and be honored (2 Thessalonians 3:1).
- Pray missionary kids would be spiritually strong, emotionally stable and physically healthy as they serve with their families.

In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

| 2 Thessalonians 3:1 |

Tulsa, Memorial; Tulsa, Eastwood, Tulsa; Owasso, First

FEBRUARY

2023





Meet Mike Ridgway *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
ridgway665@gmail.com

Michael Ridgway serves as the director of missions for the Banner Baptist Association in Ada. His role primarily is to serve churches within the association by providing resources, encouragement and a listening ear as they impact their communities and disciple their congregations. He finds it a great blessing to join them in prayer as they seek the Lord's direction. Michael and his wife, Kelly, have three grown children.

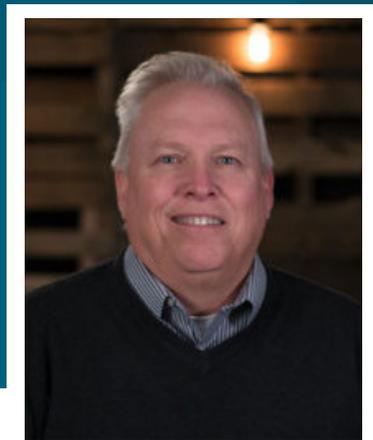
How to Pray

- Pray for Randy Townshend, who is the Baptist Collegiate Ministries director for Banner Baptist Association.
- Pray the churches in the association would be effective as they evangelize in their communities.
- Pray there would be a revival among God's people.

He must increase, but I must decrease.
| John 3:30 |

Ralston, First; Ponca City, Longwood; Rosedale, First

February 12



Meet Buddy Hunt *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
[**bhunt@oklahomabaptists.org**](mailto:bhunt@oklahomabaptists.org)

Buddy Hunt is a regional ministry partner, serving pastors and churches in eastern Oklahoma. He encourages pastors and assists with conflict resolution and church revitalization. He serves churches by helping with discipleship, deacon training and evangelism and by serving as a transitional pastor as needed. Buddy lives with his wife, Michelle, in Muldrow. They have two daughters, one son-in-law and three granddaughters.

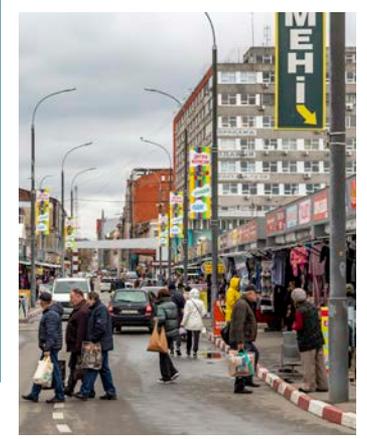
How to Pray

- Pray for safe travels as Buddy drives 1,000 miles per week.
- Pray for the health and well-being of the Hunt family.
- Pray Buddy will always be open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

| Romans 12:1-2 |

Tahlequah, First; Perry, First; Alva, First; Spiro, First; Clinton, First; Duncan, First; Holdenville, First; and Sallisaw, First; Duncan, Immanuel; Shawnee, Immanuel



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Europe*

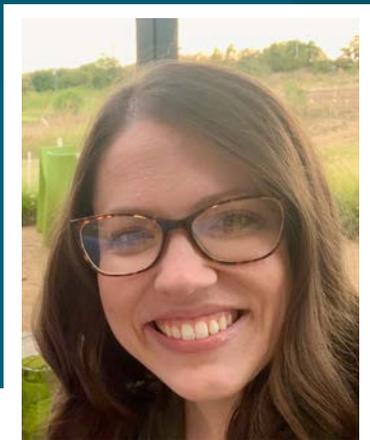
Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in European countries, where fewer than 1% of the population are evangelical Christians. The need for prayer and bold proclamation of the gospel is evident in this area of the world where 23,367 people are dying daily without Christ.

Because of your prayers and the hard work of Oklahoma Baptists and other Christian workers, progress is being made. In 2021, 57,037 people heard the gospel, and 1,710 new believers were made. Forty new churches were planted and 808 people were baptized. Additionally, 9,913 people received leadership training.

Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.

| Galatians 6:9 |

February 26



Meet Julie Brittain *Serving in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
[**jbrittain@imb.org**](mailto:jbrittain@imb.org)

Julie Brittain and her husband, Sam, are serving in Nairobi, Kenya, as culture and language specialists. They equip and resource IMB missionaries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa as they learn the heart language of the people they serve. They are also on the Nairobi City Team, serving throughout Nairobi through trainings, evangelism outings and teaching. Julie and Sam have three sons: Hudson, Elliot and Caleb.

How to Pray

- Pray for new missionaries as they arrive on the field and navigate culture shock.
- Pray Kenya will feel like home to the Brittain's.
- Pray Hudson, Elliott and Caleb will acclimate well.

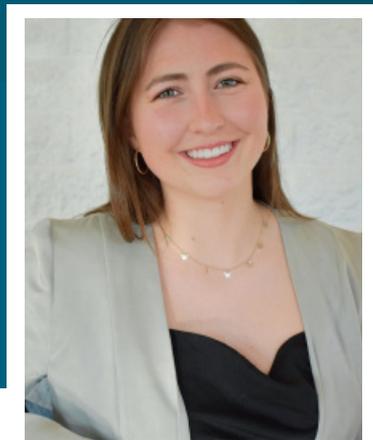
He must increase, but I must decrease.
| John 3:30 |

Tulsa, First; Oologah, Harbor Church

MARCH

2023





Meet Adyson Barber *Serving in Oklahoma*

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As a collegiate missionary with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at the University of Oklahoma (OU), Adyson Barber focuses on young women in the Panhellenic sororities on campus. She facilitates weekly Bible studies, plans outreach events and hosts and plans gatherings at the BCM and in her home. She is excited to see God change lives through this ministry just as He used it to change hers.

How to Pray

- Please pray the sorority Bible study will be fruitful and that leaders will multiply by making disciples.
- Pray students in leadership will faithfully share the gospel with boldness and that they will recognize opportunities to share.
- Pray for stamina and endurance to finish the school year strong as the BCM team prepares for their spring break trip, summer overseas trips, banquet and much more.

But whoever listens to me will live securely and be undisturbed by the dread of danger.

| Proverbs 1:33 |

Norman, Providence Road; Durant, Grace



Meet Rusty Gunn

*Serving in
Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
rusty@churchthatmatters.com

Rusty Gunn serves as a church planting catalyst with Send Network Oklahoma. In partnership with the North American Mission Board, Send Network Oklahoma seeks to plant churches in strategic areas to reach the more than 2 million Oklahomans who do not have a relationship with Jesus. They offer tools and training to equip churches to discover, develop and deploy church planters and church planting teams. Rusty, his wife, Megan, and their four kids live in Sand Springs.

How to Pray

- Pray more people will answer the call to plant churches.
- Pray more churches will catch the vision and passion for church planting.
- Pray for the Gunn family and their local church as Rusty is often on the road working in this great ministry.

My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

| **Philippians 1:20** |

Sand Springs, Church That Matters; Cushing, Oak Grove; Shawnee, Rock Creek; Duncan, First



Pray for Missions Partnership

*Serving in
around the world*

Oklahoma Baptists offers missions consultation for Oklahoma Baptists churches. Through a Global Missions Focus and IMB connections, enthusiastic people and churches are connected to significant ministry that advances the gospel worldwide. This work will empower and equip Oklahoma churches to send long-term and short-term missionaries overseas. Oklahoma Baptists have a heart for evangelism both at home and abroad.

How to Pray

- Pray Oklahoma churches will have the vision, creativity and courage to take the gospel around the world.
- Pray missionaries from Oklahoma will go to the nations and share the love of Christ.
- Pray hearts would be open and receptive to accepting God's love.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—whom should I dread? ... Though an army deploys against me, my heart will not be afraid; though a war breaks out against me, I will still be confident.

| Psalm 27:1-3 |



Meet Jason Yarbrough *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
vjyarbrough@yahoo.com

As the director of Oklahoma Disaster Relief and Chaplaincy, Jason Yarbrough has the privilege of leading an incredible group of trained disaster relief volunteers from across Oklahoma, as they respond to disasters of many types. He also oversees the various chaplain ministries across our state. Jason firmly believes that when we meet the practical needs of people, their hearts are open to hear and embrace the gospel of Jesus.

How to Pray

- Pray God would give Jason wisdom as he leads these ministries.
- Pray the Yarbroughs' marriage would grow ever stronger as they balance the demands of ministry.

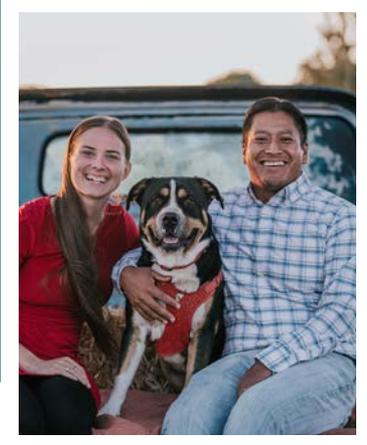
My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death.

| **Philippians 3:10** |

Glenpool, First; Holdenville, First; Atoka, Harmony; Bowlegs, First; Agra, First; Williams Road Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas

APRIL
2023





Meet Miguel Vasquez *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
migelop721@gmail.com

Miguel Vásquez and his wife, Rachel, in partnership with Shawnee, Immanuel, are working to plant Iglesia Bautista Emanuel in Shawnee to minister to the Hispanic population in the area. Currently, they offer a live interpretation of the service, Spanish-language Sunday School classes, ESL classes and Wednesday night discipleship. They hope to have 400 gospel conversations and church invitations before their official launch, which is scheduled for Easter 2023.

How to Pray

- Pray Miguel will lead and love his wife well.
- Pray the Holy Spirit will draw the hearts of Hispanics in the Shawnee area to Him.
- Pray for the Lord's provision in the immigration process and in the growing of the Vásquez family.

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.

| Ephesians 2:8-9 |

Shawnee, Immanuel

April 9



Meet Logan Key Serving in Oklahoma

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
logan@teamrefuge.com

Logan Key is the church planter and pastor of Mustang, Refuge Church. The church meets at Riverwood Elementary School in Mustang and sets up and tears down everything every week. It takes effort to keep that going, but the Keys think that seeing people make decisions to follow Jesus, who in turn changes their lives, makes the effort worthwhile. Logan and his wife, Kelsey, have three young children.

How to Pray

- Pray God would continue to grow Refuge Church.
- Pray more lives would be changed by the power of the gospel.
- Pray for the continued spiritual growth of the Refuge leadership team.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ... the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

| 1 John 2:15-17 |

Yukon, Bethel Community; Mustang, Refuge



Meet Tyler Barnes

*Serving in
Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
tyler@thriveokc.church

Tyler is the lead pastor and planter of Thrive Community Church in Oklahoma City. He and his team work primarily with unchurched and de-churched young adults in the Oklahoma City metro, connecting them to gospel communities and challenging them to grow spiritually. He feels most blessed when seeing a person with a past find a new and radically changed life in Christ. Tyler and his wife, Chotsie, have two children, Bishop and Bella.

How to Pray

- Please pray the people in our church plant would burn with passion for the mission of God.
- Pray our church would be able to reach the lost in our neighborhood.
- Pray the Lord would protect our family from spiritual opposition outside the church.

“Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told Simon. “From now on you will be catching people.” Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

| Luke 5:10-11 |

Yukon, Canadian Valley; Claremore, First

April 23



Meet Griff Henderson *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
ghenderson@oklahomabaptists.org

Griff Henderson is the Northwest Regional Ministry Partner, serving the directors of missions in seven Baptist associations in northwest Oklahoma. He ministers to pastors and their churches in order to help them advance the gospel in a great way. This involves helping with spiritual, emotional and mental health. Griff and his wife, Shari, live in Edmond.

How to Pray

- Pray for the health and well-being of the Henderson family.
- Pray Griff would be wise in planning the best choices for ministry, as opportunities change week-to-week.
- Pray Griff would love God deeply and share that with others.

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

| [Matthew 22:37-40](#) |

Edmond, Henderson Hills; Mustang, Chisholm Heights; Tulsa, Calvary; Newalla, First; Edmond, Waterloo Road; Hennessey, First; Yukon, Yukon Church



Meet Kevin Ngyuen *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
Kevin@BrokenRiceBaptist.Church

Kevin Nguyen is the lead planter for Broken Rice Baptist Church in Bixby. The vision of the church is to connect all unbelievers to God through the Savior Jesus Christ, starting in Tulsa County. They have a particular burden to reach Asian Americans. Kevin enjoys pouring God's love on hurting people by pouring his own love on them. Kevin and his wife, Qua, live in Tulsa.

How to Pray

- Pray for faithfulness and perseverance to continue the work of church planting during the slow starting phase.
- Pray faithful people will come alongside the church plant to serve and reach the Asian American community.
- Pray God would raise up ministry partners who will invest in kingdom building work.

Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

| 1 Timothy 4:12 |

Broken Arrow, Tulsa Vietnamese; Bixby, Riverview; Bixby, Broken Rice

MAY
2023





Pray for OK Disaster Relief

*Serving around the
United States*

Oklahomans are no strangers to natural disasters, whether they come in the form of tornadoes, hurricanes, fire or flood. Experienced volunteers stand always ready to help those impacted by the devastating effects of disasters in Oklahoma and beyond to clear debris, mud-out homes, wash clothes, offer hot meals and help to rebuild, among other things. Compassionate chaplains offer spiritual care, meeting people at their point of greatest need.

Please pray that as disaster relief volunteers go from Oklahoma to wherever they are needed across the country and around the world, they would be safe and effective. Pray those impacted by natural disasters would have hearts that are softened toward Jesus and His gospel of salvation.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of distress; he cares for those who take refuge in him.

| Nahum 1:7 |

May 14



Meet Alfred Biswas *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
alfredmithu@gmail.com

Alfred Biswas is the planter and pastor of First Bangla Baptist Church in Edmond, which serves the Bengali-speaking people living there. Alfred has planted 13 churches in Bangladesh and now Bangala, First, which is the first Bengali-speaking church to be planted in Oklahoma. Alfred hopes to plant another church in Tulsa. Alfred and his wife, Cicilia, have two sons, Jeffery Pronoy Biswas and Jeff Soumen Biswas.

How to Pray

- Pray God will bless Alfred's church planting efforts in Tulsa.
- Pray God will provide a ministry related job for Cicilia.
- Pray God will provide for the ministry and personal needs of the Biswas family.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

| Matthew 28:19 |

Edmond, First



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Central Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving in Central Asia through the International Mission Board. Central Asia is comprised of Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The combined population of these countries is 385,314,150 people. The people groups of Central Asia are mostly Muslim and have little knowledge of biblical Christianity. Sadly, 6,615 Central Asians are dying daily without Christ. But God is working in these countries.

In 2021, 50,882 people heard the gospel and 2,142 became believers. And though there has been no church planting efforts made among 39 percent of the people groups in Central Asia, 45 new churches were planted. Please pray God would make bold the new believers in Central Asia as they try to live out their faith in adverse and many times dangerous circumstances. Pray God would protect and provide for missionaries serving there.

Then he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

| Mark 16:15 |

May 28



Meet Derek Crawford *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
derek@enonok.org

Derek Crawford serves as the director of missions in Enon Association, which is an association of 36 Southern Baptist churches in south central Oklahoma. One of his jobs is to connect church congregations with missions opportunities. Currently the association is in three international partnerships and is pursuing three more. Derek lives in Ardmore with his wife, Charli, and three sons, Braiden, Scout and Sawyer.

How to Pray

- Pray Derek's sons would grow spiritually, especially the youngest two as they travel with Derek to various churches and are often away from their home church.
- Pray God will provide the missions partnerships being pursued by the Enon Association of churches.
- Pray God will give Derek wisdom as he leads the Enon Baptist Association.

He must increase, but I must decrease.
| John 3:30 |

Ardmore, First

JUNE
2023



June 4



Pray for Falls Creek *Serving in Oklahoma*

Each year nearly 50,000 campers gather in Davis, Oklahoma, for Falls Creek Youth Camp. The camp will host 8 week-long sessions this year from June 5 to July 28. This year's theme for the camp is "Jesus Period" This summer, leaders of the camp programming will challenge students to live a disciple-making lifestyle by practicing personal evangelism. One thing matters. One thing lasts. One thing will genuinely change the culture. One answer. One difference. One provision. One way. Jesus is all. Jesus is the statement. Jesus is enough.

How to Pray

- Pray that youth will respond to the gospel & know Jesus.
- Pray that believers learn more about the gospel.
- Pray that students at the camp will become bold to speak the gospel.

This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed a herald, an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), and a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

| 1 Timothy 2:3-7 |



Meet Todd Sanders *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
tsanders@oklahomabaptists.org

As the program director of Falls Creek Youth Camp and as Oklahoma Baptists' Youth Ministry Partner, Todd Sanders has a front-row seat in seeing God work in the lives of leaders and students. His ministry is to assist Oklahoma Baptist churches in advancing the gospel among Oklahoma youth through training, leadership development and camp programming. Todd considers it a privilege and a blessing to serve Oklahoma Baptists in this way.

How to Pray

- Pray for guidance and clarity in youth leadership.
- Pray God will move in churches across Oklahoma to reach this generation and the ones to come.
- Pray God will do what only He can do—save souls and change lives.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these.

| Mark 12:30-31 |

Oklahoma City, Cherokee Hills; Duncan, First; Cushing, First; Oklahoma City, Village;
Tulsa, Parkview



Meet Charlie Gatton

*Serving in
Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
cgatton@oklahomabaptists.org

As Oklahoma Baptists' Children's Ministry Partner, Charlie Gatton is committed to developing successful children's ministry leaders by providing training and other resources that can be used easily and effectively. He also serves as the program director for CrossTimbers Children's Missions Adventure Camp. Camp staff and volunteers work hard to educate campers on the evangelistic work that is going on in Oklahoma, our country and our world.

How to Pray

- Pray as Charlie and his team recruit and train staff for summer camps.
- Pray the children and their sponsors who come to camp will hear, understand and respond to the gospel.
- Pray God will guide Charlie and his team as they select resources and develop training to offer churches and ministry leaders.

As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.
| Joshua 24:15 |

Oklahoma City, Southern Hills



Meet Joe Ligon *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
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Joe Ligon is senior associate executive director for Oklahoma Baptists, serving as chief of staff for Executive Director-Treasurer Todd Fisher. His duties include providing oversight for the day-to-day operations and the conference centers and assisting most Oklahoma Baptist groups. He and his wife, Gayla, have been married 38 years and have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and twin granddaughters.

How to Pray

- Pray for the gospel to be advanced around the world.
- Pray that Joe's family stays connected to the Lord and His church.
- Pray for Oklahoma Baptists to unite as they encourage one another to advance the gospel.

Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus.
| Romans 8:1 |

Marlow, First; Ada, Oak Avenue; Konawa, First

JULY
2023





Meet Julie Espeland *Serving in Madagascar*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
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Matthew and Julie Espeland and their two young daughters, Jasmine and Tiana, live in the highlands of Madagascar. They help the local church reach the Tanala people who live in the rural, mountainous rainforest. There are very few believers among this people group of more than 1 million. They are deeply rooted in ancestral worship and have little to no access to the gospel. They need our prayers.

How to Pray

- Pray God will give the Espelands wisdom in knowing how and where to minister.
- Pray Jasmine and Tiana will make friends and learn the local language so they can be part of the community.
- Pray God will bring national partners and friends for Julie and Matthew.

We wait for the Lord; he is our help and shield. For our hearts rejoice in him because we trust in his holy name. May your faithful love rest on us, Lord, for we put our hope in you.

| Psalm 33:20-22 |

Duncan, Western Heights; Shawnee, Rock Creek; Oklahoma City, Northwest

July 9



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving in Sub-Saharan Africa.

This large area includes the island of Madagascar and all but 10 countries on the African continent. The primary religions are Islam, Christianity and Animism. Though Sub-Saharan Africa has a growing Christian population, it is still home to more than 1,600 unreached people groups. Among the 939,967,015 people living there, 17,886 people are dying daily without Christ.

But there is hope as the gospel is being advanced. In 2021, the gospel was shared with 73,863 people, 19,288 of whom became believers. Thirty-four churches were planted, and 3,199 people were baptized. Pray for missionaries as they serve in this huge area and among so many millions of people. Pray the people of Sub-Saharan Africa will hear and accept the words of Jesus so His kingdom will grow.

And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.

| Romans 10:15 |



Meet Justin Kunis *Serving in North Africa*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
thefam@pobox.com

Justin* and his wife, Winona, have served with the International Mission Board for the past 15 years. They served in East Asia until they were recently forced to leave. God has now called them to serve in the North Africa/Middle East region of the world, where they are working to share the gospel and plant a church in a city of millions of people.

*Names changed for security purposes.

How to Pray

- Pray for a local pastor and his wife, who lead house churches across the city and work tirelessly to share the gospel.
- Pray the Kunises can quickly learn a new language and culture.
- Pray the good news of Jesus will change hearts and minds and that the city will be transformed.

How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? ... faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.

| Romans 10:14-17 |



Meet Chris & Jamie Schilt *Serving in Malawi*

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[***jamieschilt@gmail.com***](mailto:jamieschilt@gmail.com)

Chris and Jamie Schilt and their five children serve in Lilongwe, Malawi. Chris teaches at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi, and Jamie manages the guest house where volunteers stay. Chris and Jamie together disciple a group of men and women on their front porch each week and facilitate healthy partnerships between U.S. churches and the Baptist Convention of Malawi. Currently, they are the only IMB missionaries serving in Malawi.

How to Pray

- Pray more laborers would see the need and be called to serve in Malawi.
- Pray the Schilts will continue to depend on the Lord in every area of life.
- Pray the Malawian Baptist Church would be healthy and strong and engaged in making disciples and planting healthy churches in Malawi and beyond.

Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

| Hebrews 12:1-3 |

Tulsa, Plainview; Adair, First; Claremore, Relevant Worship; Grove, First



Meet Andy Taylor *Serving in Oklahoma*

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As the regional ministry partner for east-central Oklahoma, Andy Taylor serves to encourage, resource and support pastors and congregations in the Tulsa, Washington-Osage, North and South Canadian, Rogers, Cimarron, Banner and Pott-Lincoln Baptist associations. He travels many miles to make sure no pastor ever feels lonely in ministry. Andy and his wife, Laurie, reside in Broken Arrow and have three older children: Seth, Cole and Lexie.

How to Pray

- Pray for Laurie as she balances caring for a special needs adult child, working for a great ministry and being a great mom and wife.
- Pray for Seth and his special needs, Cole as he studies at Oklahoma Baptist University and Lexie as a sophomore in high school.
- Pray Andy would be safe as he travels and that he would experience great fruitfulness with pastors.

Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me."

| Luke 9:23 |

Tulsa, Trinity; Tulsa, Riverside; Moore, Regency Park; Chickasha, Trinity; Ponca City, First; Broken Arrow, Arrow Heights

AUGUST
2023





Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving Deaf Peoples*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving the Deaf around the world.

An estimated 72 million culturally deaf people have almost no access to God's Word in their heart language and few of them have ever been exposed to the gospel. Most of the deaf people around the world have never seen Jesus' name signed in their language. Often ignored and oppressed, the Deaf are some of the least evangelized people on earth.

Oklahoma Baptists are working to reach the Deaf around the world. Pray God will help them reach this global population of 71,844,450 people who need to know about the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Pray each one will want to know the God who loves them and that missionaries to the Deaf will have the resources they need to reach them.

Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples.

| Psalm 96:3 |

August 13



Meet Miles Harris *Serving in Oklahoma*

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Miles Harris serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Miles ministers to both students and campus staff. The BCM serves meals to students on Wednesdays, has many Bible studies through the week and hosts events as often as possible. Miles and his wife, Abby, have been married for 11 years and have two children, Cooper and Molly.

How to Pray

- Pray God would bring harvesters.
- Pray people would recognize their lost state and see the need for Jesus.
- Pray God would guide the Harris family and direct them in all things that they may bring glory to Him.

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

| Ephesians 4:32 |

Alva, First; Jay, First; Commerce, First



Meet James Brown *Serving in Oklahoma*

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James Brown serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Langston University. His goal is to guide and come alongside students to encourage, mentor, disciple and equip. He is in the business of planting seeds, watering and feeding. James mostly serves the students of Langston, but also has opportunities to serve school administrators. James lives in Langston with his wife, Tyink.

How to Pray

- Pray for the Brown family, Greater Shiloh Baptist Church and the students at Langston University.
- Pray students will come to understand the importance of being part of the BCM.
- Pray students will realize that outward appearances don't reflect the eternal security of a soul.

... those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.

| Isaiah 40:28-31 |

Langston, Greater Shiloh



Meet Kyle Thomas *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
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Kyle Thomas leads the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). His job as director focuses on accomplishing seven priorities: evangelism, discipleship, missions, recruiting, leadership development, faculty relations and church relations. Kyle and his team believe that by focusing on fulfilling these seven priorities throughout the year they can have an impact on students on the UCO campus. Kyle and his wife, Nikki, have two young children.

How to Pray

- Pray students who are believers will have a burden for the lost on the UCO campus.
- Pray for the faculty, staff and students at UCO and Oklahoma Christian University.
- Pray for BCM staff as they invest in students. Pray they will have a heart to fulfill the Great Commission all their lives.

When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.”

| Matthew 9:36-37 |

Grove, First; Stillwater, Hillcrest; Mannford, Lakeside; Tulsa, Evergreen

SEPTEMBER

2023



September 3



Meet Brandon Allen *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
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Brandon Allen and his wife, Jennifer, serve as the Baptist Collegiate Ministry directors at Western Oklahoma State College and Southwestern Oklahoma State College Sayre. They also lead the college and young adult ministry at their home church. The Allens feel honored to disciple this incredibly important age group of people who are responsible for growing the body of Christ. The Allens live in Altus with their three children.

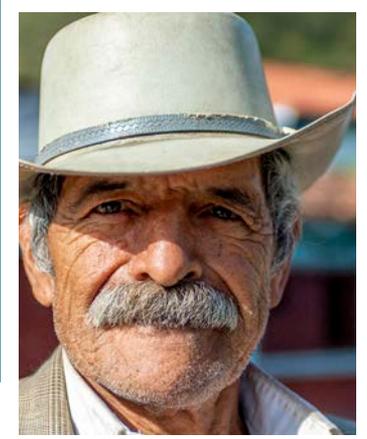
How to Pray

- Please pray the churches in the Southwest Baptist Association will continue to support this ministry by providing and serving noontime meals to the students.
- Please pray the Allens will soon be able to deliver a podcast to share with on-campus students.
- Pray the podcast will reach on-campus students who are not yet believers.

Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

| James 1:2-4 |

Altus, Martha Road



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in the Americas*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in Central and South America where in a population of 669 million 10,297 are dying daily without Christ, despite their rich heritage of missions. Of the 1,047 people groups living in the Americas, 338 have little to no evangelical influence.

Oklahoma Baptist missionaries are working hard to change these dire statistics. In 2021, 77,768 people heard the gospel. From among those, 22,173 became believers and 1,072 were baptized. Additionally, 16 new churches were planted and 483 people received leadership training. Pray God would continue to provide for the needs of these missionaries and that their efforts would produce fruit that advances the kingdom of God.

Above all, fear the Lord and worship him faithfully with all your heart; consider the great things he has done for you.

| 1 Samuel 12:24 |

September 17



Meet Jimmy Glock *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
jimmy@oubcm.com

Jimmy Glock is a collegiate missionary working with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at the University of Oklahoma (OU). His focus is on campus evangelism, discipleship of students, missions mobilization and equipping students to go out and do the same. Jimmy finds great joy in seeing his efforts reach fruition as students become effective laborers for the harvest by sharing the gospel with others.

How to Pray

- Please pray Jimmy would experience peace in trusting God to provide for him as he surrenders his desire for control (Matthew 6:33-34).
- Please pray God would help Jimmy abide in Him and work from that (John 15:5).
- Please pray God would help Jimmy become skilled in ministry and what the focus of ministry should be (Ecclesiastes 10:10).

I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

| John 15:5 |

Norman, River Church



Meet Bailey Robinson *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
brobinson@oklahomabaptists.org

Bailey Robinson serves as the women's ministry coordinator for the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM). She works to build women leaders through personal discipleship, planning events that cultivate community among women and by sharing the gospel across the OSU campus and the city of Stillwater. She hopes to build leaders who invest in the lives of others both now and after they leave college.

How to Pray

- Pray for Bailey and the BCM staff as they minister to students on the OSU campus.
- Pray Bailey will continue to work from God's strength and not her own.
- Pray the young women Bailey is personally discipling will continue to follow the Lord and teach others to do the same.

Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

| Colossians 3:16-17 |

Stillwater, Countryside; Edmond, Frontline

OCTOBER
2023





Meet Alexander Monteros Serving in Oklahoma

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With the help of his Sending Church, First Baptist Church Muskogee, Alexander Montero is planting First Hispanic Baptist Church Muskogee. He serves primarily the Hispanic population of Muskogee. His work includes personal evangelism and discipleship, home Bible studies, preaching God's Word, conducting prayer services and pastoral counseling. He finds joy in knowing he is obeying God's call to plant a Hispanic church in Muskogee and watching as He provides.

How to Pray

- Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual health of Alexander and his wife, Lastenia.
- Pray the Lord will add to the church those who are to be saved.
- Pray the Lord will cause a movement of prayer, evangelism and discipleship that makes Muskogee a city of peace.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.

| Psalm 37:4 |

Oklahoma City, Iglesia Bautista Central; Tulsa, Iglesia Bautista Palabras de Vida; Muskogee, First



Meet Drake Bendabout *Serving in Oklahoma*

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Drake Bendabout serves as the Murray State College (MSC) Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) director. His job is to develop and implement a clear and specific strategy regarding student leadership development, discipleship, evangelism, missions, recruitment, administration and local church relations. He has the unique opportunity to minister to college students, faculty, staff and associational church partners. Drake and his wife, Katie, live in Tishomingo.

How to Pray

- Pray that the Lord sends strong student leaders to the MSC BCM.
- Pray the hearts and minds of those on the MSC campus will be open to the gospel.
- Pray God would grant wisdom to BCM leadership as they plan for the future of MSC BCM.

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

| Romans 8:28 |

Claremore, First; Wainwright, First; Tishomingo, First



Meet Pauline Boren *Serving in Oklahoma*

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Pauline Boren serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC). Her calling is to share the gospel and to disciple students, training and equipping them to reach others with the gospel while encouraging them along the way. She loves to see students grow in their walk with God and live it out in their everyday lives.

How to Pray

- Pray that the BCM continues to have favor with the school administration.
- Pray the partnership between the BCM and the International Student Association will bring more international students into the BCM.
- Pray new student leaders will step up to replace leaders who graduate or move on to other colleges.

But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God's grace.

| Acts 20:24 |

Oklahoma City, Exchange Avenue



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in North Africa and the Middle East*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists as they serve in North Africa and the Middle East through the International Mission Board. Nineteen mostly Muslim nations make up this area of the world, where the population is roughly 568,555,425 and an estimated 8,812 people are dying daily without Christ. Due to war, persecution and climate disasters, there are also 9.8 million refugees and 22.6 million internally displaced people scattered throughout these countries.

Pray missionaries and fellow believers in this area of the world would have opportunities to share the gospel and that they will be salt and light to those living in spiritual darkness. Pray hearts and ears would be open to hear and accept the message of salvation through Christ. Pray God will protect and provide for missionaries as they serve.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

| Matthew 28:19-20 |



Meet Clay Phillips *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
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Clay Phillips serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Carl Albert State College in Poteau. He helps students grow in their faith through discipleship and evangelism as they reach their campus for Christ. Clay loves seeing students come to Christ and watching the trajectory of their lives change as they embrace their new calling in Him. Clay and his wife, Lindsey, live in Heavener and have three young children.

How to Pray

- Pray the gospel would shine brightly to those on the Carl Albert State campus who are lost.
- Pray believers on campus would be bold in their faith as they live out and share the gospel with their peers.
- Pray the Phillips family would be strengthened as they labor in ministry together.

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

| Galatians 2:20 |

Paul's Valley, Beaty; Tecumseh, First; Heavener, Big Creek

NOVEMBER

2023





Meet Emerson Falls *Serving in Oklahoma*

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As the Native American Ministry Partner for Oklahoma Baptists, Emerson Falls partners with the 189 Native American churches who are affiliated with Oklahoma Baptists. His ministry focuses on encouraging pastors, strengthening churches, planting churches and developing leaders. He feels blessed to spend time with pastors and congregations many of whom are laboring faithfully in difficult environments. Emerson and his wife, Shirley, have two children and three grandchildren.

How to Pray

- Pray Oklahoma Baptists will find the missional code for reaching unchurched Native Americans.
- Pray Native churches will be healthy and will effectively reach the unchurched in their communities.
- Pray new pastoral leadership will be discovered and equipped for ministry.

You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

| John 15:16 |

Little Springs Church; Glorieta, Central; Oklahoma City, Circle of Life Native Fellowship

November 12



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Annual Meeting*

Every year Oklahoma Baptists representing churches from all over the state meet to celebrate milestones, encourage one another, worship God together, present various ministry reports, elect officers and discuss issues facing churches today. This year's annual meeting will be held November 13–14 at First Southern Baptist Church in Del City.

Pray all attendees at the main meeting and the auxiliary events will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in a mighty way and be unified under His leading. Pray attendees would leave this meeting refreshed, energized and inspired. Pray the Lord will continue to use Oklahoma Baptists to advance the gospel in our state and around the world.

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

| Hebrews 10:24-25 |



Meet Ever Borunda *Serving in Oklahoma*

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According to the 2020 Census, 11.7% of Oklahoma residents are Hispanic or Latino. Everardo Borunda, as the Hispanic Ministry Partner, provides quality training for Hispanic leaders, facilitates connections around the state of Oklahoma and offers pastoral care to Oklahoma pastors and their families. He works with local pastors to identify leaders, who will be future church planters. Everardo and his wife, Dania, have two children and live in Oklahoma City.

How to Pray

- Pray more men will be willing to become equipped for service in the local church.
- Pray God would raise up more church planters.
- Pray there would be more healthy Hispanic churches planted in Oklahoma.

I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

| John 15:5 |

Oklahoma City, Exchange Avenue; Oklahoma City, Rancho Village; Oklahoma City, Redención



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in South Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in South Asia. Approximately 1.8 billion people live in this area, which includes the countries of Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. South Asia is the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism and is home to nearly one-third of the world's Muslims. Of these 1.8 billion people, only 1.85% are evangelical Christians. Our hearts should be broken that 35,835 South Asians are dying daily without Christ.

Because of the prayers of God's people, between the years of 2017 and 2021, 21,047 new churches were started, and 223,075 South Asian people heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray missionaries can gain traction as they serve among this people group and that many would confess Jesus as Lord.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

| Acts 1:8 |

DECEMBER
2023



December 3



Meet Ronnie Payne *Serving in Oklahoma*

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As the director of missions for the Sans Bois Baptist Association (SBBA), Ronnie Payne serves alongside churches in southeast Oklahoma. Through the SBBA, he supports and encourages 30 churches and pastors as they strive to advance the gospel. Ronnie feels privileged to serve Jesus by serving His Church and sharing His gospel with the world. Ronnie and his wife, Marian, are the parents of four and the grandparents of 10. They live in Kinta.

How to Pray

- Please pray for the pastors and churches of SBBA.
- Pray more laborers will be called to pastoral ministry.
- Pray God will be glorified and the gospel preached in southeast Oklahoma and that His servants would be found faithful.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

| 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 |

Crescent, Oak Valley; Tishomingo, Bullard Chapel; Alva, First; Quinton, First



Meet Mark & Aimee Phillips *Serving in Madagascar*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
mphillips@imb.org

Mark and Aimee Phillips, along with their three children, are working to plant churches among the Betsimisaraka people of eastern Madagascar. They strive to share the gospel with the Betsimisaraka people in their own language and disciple new believers while partnering with existing churches so they can one day see the Betsimisaraka people sending missionaries of their own to the ends of the earth.

How to Pray

- Pray all the churches and believers of Madagascar will catch a vision to reach their own people with the gospel.
- Pray God would show the Phillips family the best way to take the gospel to the Betsimisaraka people, who live in the dense rainforest.
- Pray God's truth will break through the traditional ancestral beliefs of the Betsimisaraka and the cultural Christianity that has been fused with them.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

| 1 Corinthians 10:31 |

Fort Gibson, First; Muskogee, Emmanuel; Muskogee, Boston Avenue; Muskogee, Mountain View; Claremore, Eastern Hills



Meet Shawna Davis *Serving in Sub-Saharan Africa*

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Shawna Davis and her husband, Daren, serve with the International Mission Board (IMB) as the Sub-Saharan Africa global engagement leaders, providing leadership to IMB missionaries and ministries in Sub-Saharan Africa. They identify strategic initiatives like urban and refugee engagement, theological education and engaging unreached peoples. They live in the bustling city of Nairobi where they train IMB missionaries and partners in how to share the gospel, disciple individuals and start churches.

How to Pray

- Pray God would call more missionaries to Sub-Saharan Africa to evangelize the lost among unreached, unengaged people groups and to disciple believers.
- Pray the Holy Spirit would refresh the hearts of missionaries and African believers and work in the hearts of the lost.
- Pray for Shawna and Daren as they lead, encourage, serve and assist believers in Sub-Saharan Africa to share the gospel and make disciples, resulting in healthy, multiplying churches.

... he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you.
| Hebrews 13:5 |

Marlow, First; Shawnee, Immanuel



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Asian-Pacific Peoples*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the International Mission Board as they work to bring the gospel to the Asian-Pacific people group. This people group includes those living in China, Mongolia, the Koreas, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Taiwan. Fifty percent of the world's largest cities are located in the Asia-Pacific Rim, where of the population of 2.3 billion people, 95% are living in spiritual darkness. Every day 46,851 of this group of people are dying daily without Christ.

But because of the hard work of missionaries, last year 71,345 people heard the gospel, 12,356 people accepted Christ and 1,442 new churches were planted. Pray this advancement of the kingdom of God would continue.

Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

| Mark 16:15 |

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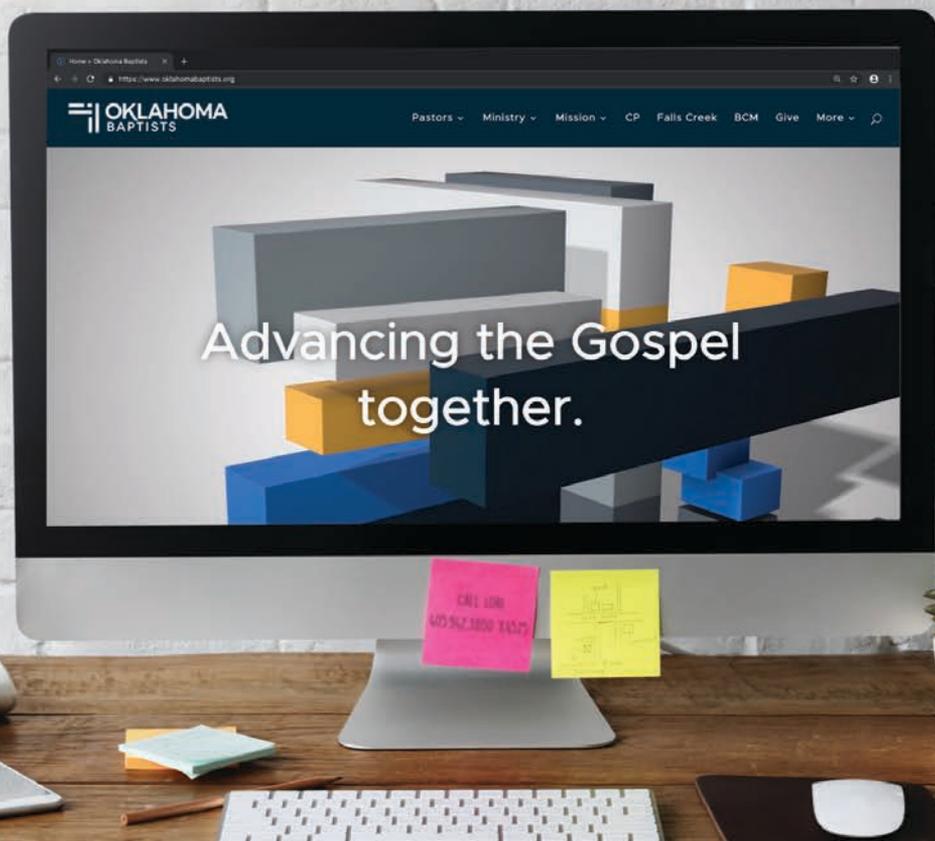
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