

# MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDE 2024

YOUR GUIDE FOR WEEKLY  
MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS



COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM

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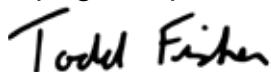
# TOGETHER IN PRAYER

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 2024 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, flowing style.

Todd Fisher

Executive Director-Treasurer  
Oklahoma Baptists

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION FUNDING

Throughout the 2024 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:***

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***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

[anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com)

***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:***

405-942-3800 ext. 4318

[oklahomabaptists.org/smo](http://oklahomabaptists.org/smo)

***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:***

804-353-0151

[imb.org/lottimoon](http://imb.org/lottimoon)

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2024







## Meet Kristin Hesskew

### *Serving in Krakow, Poland*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[thehesskews@gmail.com](mailto:thehesskews@gmail.com)**

Kristin Hesskew and her husband, Albert, are missionaries serving in Krakow, Poland. They have served in Krakow with the International Mission Board (IMB) for 14 years. They are blessed to be part of planting a church in Krakow and other ministries. They also have ministered to their refugee neighbors from Ukraine. The Hesskews especially enjoy the growing relationships they have with national partners in Poland. They have built trust, dependence and accountability in reaching their lost neighbors in Poland.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray the faith of Polish national partners would stand strong amidst trials and shine the light of Christ boldly among the lost.*
- *Pray the IMB team would partner well with national believers in every endeavor in bringing the lost to Christ and planting healthy churches.*

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, CSB**



## Meet Scott Bryan

### *Serving in Tulsa*

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

Scott Bryan planted and is pastoring Cognizant Church in southwest Tulsa. Cognizant means awareness, and the goal of the church is to bring awareness of Jesus Christ—His love and grace—to all people. Scott and his wife, Melissa, work to improve the lives of the people in Tulsa, not only spiritually, but also by meeting immediate needs. The vision is to make Jesus known to all people in all walks of life, one conversation at a time.

### How to Pray

- *Pray the church would obtain more space in which to meet.*
- *Pray for growth of the church's children's ministry.*
- *Pray God will raise up more leaders within the church.*

My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that  
I will not build on someone else's foundation.

**Romans 15:20, CSB**

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Sand Springs, Church that Matters; Tulsa, Cognizant Church





## Meet Tarvoris “Coach Tee” Uzoigwe

### *Serving in Oklahoma City*

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

Tarvoris Uzoigwe serves as an evangelism and apologetics ministry partner. He comes alongside, churches, associations, collegiate ministries, and individual church members, helping them to develop a culture and lifestyle of evangelism. He does this by providing simple tools and helping them develop an evangelism strategy. He delights in seeing his training being reproduced as people step out in obedience, though they may be terrified. It is God’s power being perfected through weakness.

### **How to Pray**

- *Pray Tarvoris would be available for his wife’s personal and spiritual needs.*
- *Pray he would be a faithful model for his children and neighbors.*
- *Pray Tarvoris’s children, extended family members, and neighbors would be saved.*

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

**1 Corinthians 9:16, ESV**

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Oklahoma City, Southern Hills; Mustang, First Baptist Church



## Meet Augusta Smith *Serving in Tulsa*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[nativeamericanlink@gmail.com](mailto:nativeamericanlink@gmail.com)**

Augusta Smith serves as the executive director of Native American LINK, a Baptist ministry focused on helping Native American women grow spiritually. LINK signifies "Living in Neighborly Kindness." Its women-to-women approach links women from one tribal nation to another, non-Native to Native, older women to younger women, always encouraging women to share their gifts and abilities to enhance Christian ministry. Augusta finds pure joy in observing Native women serving together.

### How to Pray

- *Pray for Native American LINK as they seek ways to mentor Christian women.*
- *Pray God will equip the ministry to meet the spiritual needs of Native youth.*
- *Pray believers will remain steadfast in sharing the name of Jesus.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

**Psalm 121: 1-2, KJV**

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Muskogee, All Nations Mission Center; Tahlequah, Cedar Tree Baptist Church; Sapulpa, Native Stone Baptist Church (present)

FEBRUARY  
2024





## Meet Scott Hume

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

As the Baptist Collegiate Ministry director for Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), Scott Hume has the joy of ministering to students, staff, faculty, and administrators at SWOSU. He especially loves helping to train young men for ministry. Watching them grow in their ability to hold the Word of God in high esteem, deliver that Word, live out the Gospel, and minister in the church is a great blessing to him.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God will give Scott wisdom as he leads students to grow in their knowledge of and faith in Jesus.*
- *Pray also that God will give Scott wisdom in his additional roles as chaplain for the university's and the City of Weatherford's police departments.*

If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Romans 12:18, CSB**

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Weatherford, First Baptist Church; Weatherford, Emmanuel Baptist Church



## Meet William & Cindy Hayward

### *Serving in Asian Pacific Rim*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[yellowvelo100@gmail.com](mailto:yellowvelo100@gmail.com)**

William and Cindy Hayward have served in the Asian Pacific Rim with the International Mission Board for the past 22 years. Currently, William helps missionaries obtain visas, housing, cars, and to meet the legal requirements needed to live in their places of service. Cindy helps with language learning and manages a guest house for volunteer teams and missionaries who are traveling. They both enjoy serving other missionaries in these ways.

### **How to Pray**

- *Pray unbelievers in the Asian Pacific Rim will turn from their idols and trust in Jesus.*
- *Pray the many vacant jobs in missionary support services around the world would be filled.*
- *Pray the daughters of William and Cindy, who live in the U.S., would lean into God and follow His leadership.*

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 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? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.

**Romans 10:13-15, CSB**

Noble, Maguire Baptist Church



## Meet Ken Brownd

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Ken Brownd serves as the Associational Mission Strategist of the Craig Mayes Baptist Association in northeast Oklahoma. He works with the leaders of 36 churches, helping them reach their communities with the Gospel. This region of mostly small towns and rural communities includes Amish and Native American groups, along with many others. Ken's greatest joy is helping pastors and churches fulfill their God-given call to reach each community with the message and love of Christ.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God will strengthen and use the churches of Craig and Mayes counties to reach their communities for Christ.*
- *Pray God will unite the widely-varied churches of the Craig Mayes Association around a passion for the gospel.*
- *Pray God will give wisdom and boldness to associational leaders and churches as He opens doors to new ministries.*

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

**2 Corinthians 4:7, ESV**

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Atoka, Farris Baptist Church; Edmond, Coffee Creek Baptist; Oklahoma City, Village Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Northwest Baptist Church





## Meet Cayo Cavalcante

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
***cayocavalcante10@gmail.com***

A native of Brazil, Cayo Cavalcante serves as the pastor of international ministries at Edmond Community Church in east Edmond and is the planter and pastor of Deepen Movement Church in west Edmond. Deepen Movement has services in English that are translated into Spanish and Portuguese. The church ministers to and makes disciples of people from various nations. Cayo feels confident when he hears God's voice and follows His guidance.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God would provide resources for the remodeling of the building Deepen Movement recently rented.*
- *Pray God would give His wisdom to Cayo in the decisions he makes regarding the church.*
- *Pray for the health and well-being of Cayo, his wife, Larissa, and their two young children.*

This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

**Joshua 1:8, CSB**

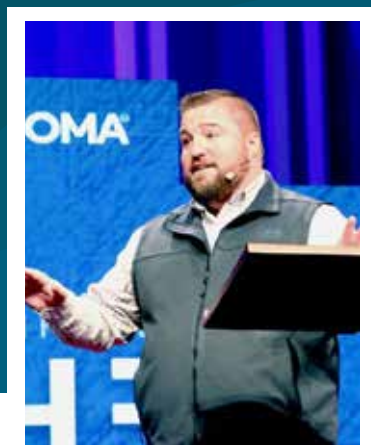
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Edmond, Edmond Community Church; Edmond, Deepen Movement



MARCH  
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## Pray for Advance Conference *Held by Oklahoma Baptists*

Visit online:

[oklahomabaptists.org/advance](http://oklahomabaptists.org/advance)

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists as they come together to attend the Advance Conference, March 4–5 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. During the conference, Oklahoma Baptists will hear speakers who are Oklahoma pastors and leaders as well as national leaders. They will worship and pray together and attend breakout sessions for the many ministry focus groups. The event is free, and no registration is required.

### How to Pray

- *Pray all attendees would feel refreshed, recharged, and equipped as they leave the conference.*
- *Pray all attendees would take new energy home to their churches and their communities.*
- *Pray many fruitful connections will be made at the conference.*

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3, CSB

# March 10



## Meet Ryan Deatherage

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Ryan Deatherage serves as the associate director of Oklahoma Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. Ryan feels it is important that the thousands of disaster relief volunteers be salt and light to victims of disasters, whether that be floods, fire, mudslides, tornadoes, or hurricanes. Besides offering practical help, volunteers meet people at their point of spiritual need and must be ready and able to share their faith in a positive, practical way.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers bring help, hope, and healing to victims of disaster.*
- *Pray for protection of those serving in disaster areas.*
- *Pray Oklahoma Baptists would pray and seek where and how they can serve through Oklahoma Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.*

For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died.

**2 Corinthians 5:14, CSB**

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Kingfisher, First Baptist Church; Goodwell, First Baptist Church; McLoud, Emmanuel Baptist Church



## Meet Gary Dempsey

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

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

Gary Dempsey serves as the Associational Mission Strategist for the Johnston-Marshall Baptist Association in Madill, Oklahoma. He encourages and assists churches as they fulfill their mission. He also helps lead cooperative efforts in ministries such as children's camp, lake ministry, disaster relief and partnership missions. His greatest joy is seeing God work in the lives of people as they step out in faith to follow God's leadership.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God will provide wisdom, resources and leaders for Oklahoma churches.*
- *Pray for the health and well-being of Gary, his wife, Shelia and their three grown daughters.*

Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together.

**Psalm 34:3, CSB**



## Meet Ryan & Brea McMillan

### *Serving in Europe*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[mcmillanfam@protonmail.com](mailto:mcmillanfam@protonmail.com)**

Ryan serves as a church planter in Berlin, Germany. He uses his passion for American football and the Gospel to initiate spiritual conversations. He and his wife, Brea, teach people to read the Bible and follow after Christ. They currently meet weekly in their home with a new church plant. They also engage students through campus ministries and simple conversations at universities. They love German believers and are passionate about serving and encouraging local churches.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God would provide a space for the church plant currently meeting in the McMillan's home.*
- *Pray players from the local football club would repent and believe the Gospel and have a desire to read the Bible for themselves.*
- *Pray the McMillan's five kids would believe that the hope of the Gospel is also for them and that they would grow in godliness and have good friendships.*

Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples. For the Lord is great and is highly praised; he is feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

**Psalm 96:3-5, CSB**

Ardmore, First Baptist Church; Ardmore, Faith Southern Baptist Church; Durant, First Baptist Church; Durant, Silo Baptist Church; Hugo, First Baptist Church



## Pray for American Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in Central and South America, where many have heard of Jesus, but very few have a relationship with Him. Most people in the Americas identify as Catholic. They know the name of Jesus but think of Him as one among many saints. Additionally, the area is experiencing rapid growth in an aggressive form of prosperity theology that causes theological confusion.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God would open the eyes and hearts of people living in the Americas and help missionaries as they convey the truth of the Gospel.*
- *Pray for the health, safety, and well-being of missionaries and their families as they serve in the Americas.*

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, CSB



A photograph of three children in front of a wall with a mural. The mural features a green and blue striped background with the word 'VENTE' in large black letters. Above the mural, various items of clothing are hanging. The children are sitting on the ground in front of a textured, light-colored wall. One child is lying down on the left, wearing a blue jersey with the number 33. Two other children are sitting on the right, looking at a piece of paper together. The child on the far right is holding a blue pen.

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VENTE

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## Meet Karla & Darrell E

### *Serving in Himalayas*

Karla and her husband, Darrell, serve the people of the Himalayas. They work with local churches to disciple believers and make Jesus' name known. Darrell helps with cross-cultural business. Karla uses her nursing skills to teach locals about health and supports women, moms, and babies through various struggles. Karla and Darrell have witnessed people come to faith in amazing ways, which is very encouraging.

### How to Pray

- *Pray the people of the Himalayas will know Jesus and make Him known.*
- *Pray believers will see how God provides for them so they will stay in country despite economic challenges.*
- *Pray local churches will grow in numbers, spiritual maturity, and strength.*

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, CSB**

Oklahoma City, Northwest Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Crosstown Church

# April 14



## Meet Amy Cordova *Serving in Oklahoma*

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

Amy Cordova serves Oklahoma Baptists as the Missions and Women's Ministry Partner, where she encourages women in the local church to advance the Gospel. Amy believes women are essential to the life of the church. When a woman grasps her purpose in Christ and uses her gifts to serve the church faithfully, eternity is impacted for generations.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Amy, her husband, Rick, and their three children will thrive as a family.*
- *Pray Amy's ministry to missions and women will be fruitful.*

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:38-39, CSB**

Oklahoma City, Bright City; Oklahoma City, Quail Springs Baptist Church; Broken Arrow, Battle Creek Baptist Church; Choctaw, First Baptist Church



## Meet Bertholomew 'Prophet' Bailey

### *Serving in Oklahoma City*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
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In Prophet Bailey's role as Young Adult Discipleship Ministry Partner, he meets with pastors and young adult leaders to assist them in reaching and discipling young adults. As the Men's Ministry Partner, he travels around the state learning how churches are reaching men in their context in order to help other men's ministries reach their men. Prophet is encouraged to hear how God is working across Oklahoma in both men's and young adult ministries.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray for the men's retreat as Prophet and his team reach and encourage men.*
- *Please pray the Lord will raise up workers to reach young adults.*
- *Please pray for Prophet as he looks to help both of these unique groups.*

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. CSB**

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Tulsa, St. Andrew Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, St. John Baptist Church; Forest Park,  
Northeast Missionary Baptist Church



## Pray for English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry & Cheryl Wilkinson

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

In both rural and urban communities across Oklahoma are non-native English speakers who need help in speaking English proficiently. They come as refugees, migrant workers, international students, and people simply seeking a better life. Teaching English to these students helps to develop relationships and trust and creates opportunities to share the Gospel, all while meeting a basic need that will enable them to obtain good jobs so they can provide for their families.

### How to Pray

- *Pray for ESL teachers as they share and show the love of Jesus to people who may never have hear of Him.*
- *Pray the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of ESL students so they will see that Jesus is the truth, the way, and the life.*
- *Pray God will use ESL ministries as a pathway to bring internationals into His churches.*

For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God, showing no partiality .... He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing. You are also to love the resident alien, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.

**Deuteronomy 10:17-19, CSB**

MAY  
2024



# May 5



## Meet Frank & Alice Maxon

### *Serving in South Asia*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
***info@birdherd.asia***

Frank and Alice Maxon serve with the International Mission Board in South Asia.

Their ministry focuses on reaching and discipling those who are currently in or have recently left Islam. They do this by partnering with local churches to equip local believers. Presently, they are deep in language learning. Each time they learn a new phrase that can be used to encourage a believer or reach out to the brokenhearted, it's a win.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Frank and Alice would learn their new language quickly.*
- *Pray they would abide well and rest in the peace of the Father.*
- *Pray they would be able to reach out and effectively share the Gospel with those around them.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father .... I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3:14-19, CSB**

Tonkawa, Christian Life Church; Oklahoma City, Bridgeway Church





## Pray for Asian Pacific Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the International Mission Board as they work to bring the Gospel to people of the Asian-Pacific Rim. The Asian-Pacific Rim includes China, Mongolia, the Koreas, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Taiwan. Of the population of 2.3 billion people, 95% are living in spiritual darkness. But because of the hard work of missionaries, thousands are hearing the Gospel and accepting Christ and new churches are being planted.

### How to Pray

- *Pray the advancement of the kingdom of God would continue in the Asian-Pacific Rim.*
- *Pray the Lord will send more laborers into the harvest.*
- *Pray lives will be radically transformed by the Gospel.*

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, CSB**



# May 19



## Meet Sarah Hagar

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Pray for Sarah Hagar as she encourages and equips children's ministers and leaders to enable them to serve kids and families in their communities well. Sarah directs the programming of CrossTimbers Children's Mission Adventure Camp. Her hope and prayer is that kids who attend camp will discover who God is, that He has a plan for their lives, and that He is at work around the world.

### How to Pray

- *Pray for the planning, recruitment, and staff training for CrossTimbers.*
- *Pray that kids who come to camp will hear, understand, and respond to the Gospel.*
- *Pray God will give Sarah wisdom and guidance as she finds the best ways to encourage and equip children's ministry leaders.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Proverbs 3:5-6, CSB**

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Bethany, Council Road; Lawton, First Baptist; Edmond, Waterloo Road;  
Moore, First Baptist



## Meet Todd Sanders

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Todd Sanders serves Oklahoma Baptists as the Falls Creek Program Director and Youth Ministry Partner. As such, he leads the programming for Falls Creek youth camp weeks and serves to help Oklahoma Baptists intentionally advance the Gospel among youth and to make disciple makers. He finds it exciting to help leaders develop and grow and to see God change lives.

### How to Pray

- *Pray for the health and spiritual growth of Todd, his wife, Angela, their two adult children and their grandchild.*
- *Pray God would give Todd clarity, creativity and wisdom in the work.*
- *Pray also that God would provide endurance in faith, life, and ministry.*

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, CSB**

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

JUNE  
2024





## Pray for CrossTimbers *Held in Davis, OK*

Visit online:

[oklahomabaptists.org/crosstimbers](https://oklahomabaptists.org/crosstimbers)

CrossTimbers Children's Mission Adventure Camp is a camp designed to reach and equip children to actively serve others with missional living. Missions education is one of the foundational elements of the camp. Throughout each session of camp, a high priority is placed on Scripture, worship, relationships with camp staff and church sponsors, and opportunities for kids and sponsors to sharpen their skills and prepare to consistently serve God after camp.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God's presence would be felt by each camper and staffer.*
- *Pray for camp staff as they plan theme, curriculum and fun activities.*
- *Pray seeds would be planted in the hearts of campers that they might one day serve God through missions.*

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old  
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6, ESV



## Pray for GoStudents Network

Visit online:

[oklahomabaptists.org/gostudents](https://oklahomabaptists.org/gostudents)

The goal of GoStudents Network is to inspire, equip and empower Oklahoma Baptist churches to adopt and conduct youth mission trips with Southern Baptist missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. In-state projects are for students who have completed sixth through twelfth grade who want to see God's kingdom advance in Oklahoma. Out-of-state projects are for students who have completed ninth through twelfth grade and range from North America to around the world.

### How to Pray

- *Pray students of all ages would develop an awareness of lostness here, near and far.*
- *Pray that through GoStudents missions work, students will be equipped with training and resources.*
- *Pray students will walk in obedience if God should call them to the mission field.*

... The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.

**Matthew 9:37-38, CSB**





## Meet Jane Woodhouse

### *Serving in Europe*

Pray for Jane Woodhouse as she serves with the International Mission Board as a journeyman. Journeymen are young adults in their 20s, who serve as missionaries for a two-year term. Jane is serving in western Europe. She works with North Africans and Middle Eastern (NAME) peoples. She gets excited when the girls she is discipling get a truth from the Word and are excited about it. She loves seeing them grow in their faith.

### How to Pray

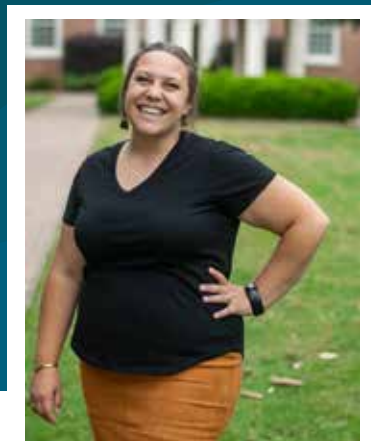
- *Please pray Jo and A (names changed for security) would know the Lord and have an intimate relationship with Him.*
- *Please pray for a current church Jane and her team are hoping to plant in the south of western Europe.*
- *Please pray the NAME women would be freed from the bonds of Islam and find freedom in Christ.*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3, CSB

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Shawnee, Immanuel Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Oakdale Baptist Church



## Meet Caroline Reel

### *Serving in Uganda*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[caroline.elisabeth.reel@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.elisabeth.reel@gmail.com)**

Caroline Reel serves with the International Mission Board in Kampala, Uganda, ministering to refugees from Sudan. She discipless Sudanese believers and spends time with Sudanese Muslims and nominal Christians to help them come to know the Lord. Caroline helps teammates, Ugandans and Sudanese use Bible storying and orality to better reach people. Caroline says, "The life experiences and culture of local believers helps them know God in different and beautiful ways that enrich my walk with Him, too."

### How to Pray

- *Pray the Bible storying project in the Nuba Mountains will faithfully share God's Word in languages it has never been spoken in before.*
- *Pray Caroline would experience consistent and deepening relationships with her Muslim friends so they see and feel Jesus' love for them and decide to follow Him.*
- *Pray Caroline would consistently abide and rest in the Lord so she doesn't rely on her own strength.*

These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**Hebrews 11:13,16, CSB**

Tishomingo, First Baptist Church; Tishomingo, Bullard Chapel Baptist Church; Shawnee, Temple Baptist Church





## Meet Cris Lowery

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Pray for Cris Lowery who serves Oklahoma Baptists as the Collegiate Ministries Director. Oklahoma has ministries on 39 campuses across the state. Cris's goal is to help church-based and campus-based leaders be successful. He does this by providing the training, encouragement, support and resources they need to connect with and impact the students and young adults in their ministries. Cris and his wife, Danisa, have three married kids and four grandkids.

### How to Pray

- *Pray the church-based and campus-based leaders in our state will continue to successfully impact lives for the kingdom.*
- *Pray students and young adults will be receptive to the truth and hope of the Gospel.*
- *Pray God will continue to provide the needed resources to accomplish the task.*

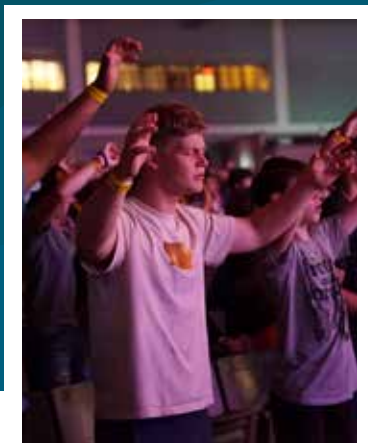
Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.  
**Matthew 5:8, CSB**

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Oklahoma City, Cherokee Hills Baptist Church; Tulsa, Gracemont Baptist Church;  
Cashion, First Baptist Church

JULY  
2024





## Pray for Falls Creek

*Held in Davis, OK*

Visit online:

[oklahomabaptists.org/fallscreekyouthcamp](https://oklahomabaptists.org/fallscreekyouthcamp)

Pray for Oklahoma youth as they experience community-building opportunities and unique camp experiences at Falls Creek in Davis. Individual campers participate in fun, team-building activities and personal spiritual disciplines, such as small-group Bible studies, in-cabin Bible studies, breakouts and community building within their group. These bonding interactions carry over as groups return home and can literally impact the church for months and years ahead.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray youth will gain a new understanding of Jesus this summer.*
- *Pray their relationship with Him will be strengthened.*
- *Please pray for unity, purpose and action in the church through Falls Creek youth camp.*

Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17, CSB



## Meet Jim & Charlotte Whitley

### *Serving in Brazil*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[whitleysj@gmail.com](mailto:whitleysj@gmail.com)**

Jim and Charlotte Whitley serve with the International Mission Board in Brazil. They are church planters working among the Romany-Calón people group. Patience, perseverance and personal relationships are important to gain acceptance and respect. The Whitley's greatest joy comes when they see God's transforming power change the life of a Calón who finally understands and chooses to follow Christ as his or her only Lord and Savior.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God will call Calón men and women to respond to the gospel message, to be discipled, to have a desire to lead others to know Christ and to disciple them.*
- *Pray Brazilian Baptists will heed the call to reach the approximately one million unreached Calón people.*
- *Pray for discernment in God's leading as the Whitleys continue to develop Bible studies for the illiterate and functionally illiterate Calón.*

I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

**Philippians 4:13, CSB**

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Seminole, First Baptist Church; Burneyville, Burneyville Baptist Church; Maud, First Baptist Church; Shawnee, Immanuel Baptist Church; Tecumseh, First Baptist Church



## Meet Danny Toombs

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

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

Danny Toombs serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Cameron University in Lawton. Danny feels that working with college students is a great privilege and joy, though there are challenges. God has given Danny a heart to help students know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and to grow in that relationship. He loves to help students connect God and His Word to their personal lives and situations.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray God will pour out His Spirit on students to empower them to share the hope we have in Christ.*
- *Pray Danny would have the wisdom to lead students in a way that honors Christ.*
- *Pray Danny and his staff would be sensitive and obedient to God's direction for their lives and ministry.*

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**2 Timothy 2:2, CSB**

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Geronimo, First Baptist Church; Lawton, North Side Baptist Church; Lawton, Paradise Valley; Lawton, First Baptist West



## Meet Faye Mueller

*Serving in  
Central Asia*

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:*

***Fayemueller95@gmail.com***

Pray for Faye Mueller as she serves with the International Mission Board in Central Asia. Faye works to empower churches to lead local ministry, share the Gospel with Muslims and disciple new believers. Faye has met people who have survived being stoned for their faith, who have lost their jobs or children for their faith, and who are boldly sharing the Word despite the suffering.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God would grant strong faith, unity and provision for local believers.*
- *Pray Faye's desire to remain in the power of Christ and His Word will be strong.*
- *Pray many new believers will come from Islam and Hinduism.*

And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

**2 Corinthians 5:15, CSB**

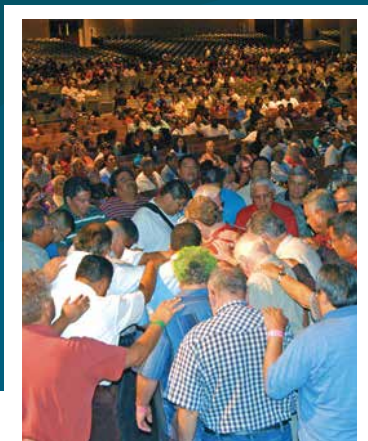
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Bethany, Council Road; McAlester, First Baptist Church



AUGUST  
2024





## Pray for Indian Falls Creek *Held in Davis, OK*

Visit online:

**[indianfallscreek.org](http://indianfallscreek.org)**

Pray for campers who attend the Indian Falls Creek annual meeting. Every year, campers representing more than 50 Native American tribes and more than 250 churches gather at Falls Creek to participate in worship services, classes and activities that are designed to engage people ages preschool to adult. The purpose of this yearly event is to foster and promote Christian training, inspiration, fellowship, evangelism and missionary zeal among the Indians in their Baptist church life.

### How to Pray

- *Pray many campers will receive a calling to reach out and serve in their home communities or into special ministry.*
- *Pray campers will better understand Christ's work in their lives.*
- *Pray campers will address the needs and concerns they find around them at home.*

All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you, Lord,  
and will honor your name.

**Psalm 86:9, CSB**



## Meet Jason Yarbrough

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

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

Jason Yarbrough serves as the Disaster Relief and Chaplaincy Ministry Partner. He strives to enlist people to become involved, to equip them to serve well, to empower them to do the ministry and to encourage them along the way. Disasters or crisis situations open the door for spiritual conversations. Jason says of disaster relief volunteers, "Their willingness and eagerness to serve the Lord is very refreshing and allows us to advance the Gospel with each disaster."

### How to Pray

- *Pray more Oklahoma Baptists will join disaster relief ministry.*
- *Pray volunteers will step into leadership positions to strengthen the ability to respond to disasters.*
- *Pray God will give Jason the ability to balance the demands of work and the need for family time.*

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, CSB**

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Skiatook, Immanuel Baptist Church; Agra, First Baptist Church; Bowlegs, First Baptist Church; Atoka, Harmony Baptist Church; Holdenville, First Baptist Church; Glenpool, First Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Cherokee Hills Baptist Church



## Meet Shannon Cross

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

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**[scross@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:scross@oklahomabaptists.org)**

Shannon Cross serves as the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) director at Rogers State University. He helps students discover where they are in their walk with Jesus and learn to walk closer with Him. He enjoys seeing college students discover through the BCM that God has a much bigger plan for them than they ever thought. He delights in seeing college students take their faith seriously and become faithful witnesses for Christ after college.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Shannon would have godly success and favor on the college campus.*
- *Pray God would give Shannon wisdom and humility in leading the ministry at the university.*
- *Pray God would help Shannon reach out to the international students on campus and that He would send more.*

I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 1:6, CSB**

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Kiefer, First Baptist Church; Tulsa, Garden City Baptist Church; Fairland, First Baptist Church; Claremore, New Life Baptist Church



## Meet Shane Kammerer

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

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**[skammerer@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:skammerer@oklahomabaptists.org)**

Shane Kammerer is the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) director at the University of Oklahoma (OU). He leads a staff team and student leaders to evangelize, make disciples and to mobilize missions. His hope is that through the BCM, leaders can be effectively developed in knowledge, skills, character and vision so they can see lives changed and students investing in their peers because of it.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray God will provide for the BCM's budget and ministry needs.*
- *Please pray student leaders would be faithful to verbally declare the Gospel and that true repentance would sweep across OU.*
- *Pray BCM leaders develop the crucial habits of connecting daily with God, obeying His Word completely, and equipping God's people for the rest of their lives.*

"Follow me," he told them, "and I will make you fish for people."

**Matthew 4:19, CSB**

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Oklahoma City, Crosstown Church; Norman, Providence Road Church



SEPTEMBER  
2024







## Pray for Central Asian Peoples

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. Central Asians are experiencing deep grief and suffering because of war, repressive laws, and natural disasters. Islam is the predominant religion in Central Asia and many who choose to follow Jesus are persecuted for “betraying” their former faith, traditions and family.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray that followers of Jesus throughout Central Asia will love one another well, reflecting Jesus’ sacrificial love as a witness to the unsaved people.*
- *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.*

Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. You’ll recognize them by their fruit.

Matthew 7:15-16, CSB

# September 8



## Meet Joshua & Audrey Parsons

### *Serving in Southeast Asia*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
[\*\*joshua.parsons623@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:joshua.parsons623@gmail.com)

Joshua and Audrey Parsons live near a major city that borders a region that is very restrictive of Christianity. Joshua's background is in petroleum engineering, which gives him access to offices, fields and refineries in the area. He meets with highly-educated people in high-rise offices and with the very poor in slums that have no utilities. He shares the Good News with everyone he encounters. The need for Jesus is the same for all.

### **How to Pray**

- *Pray for the Parsons as they adjust to being a family of five as they recently had their third child.*
- *Pray they would truly love all people and that their hearts would be burdened for them.*
- *Pray the Holy Spirit would move among the people they serve.*

But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:8, CSB**

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Edmond, First Baptist Church

## Pray for European Peoples



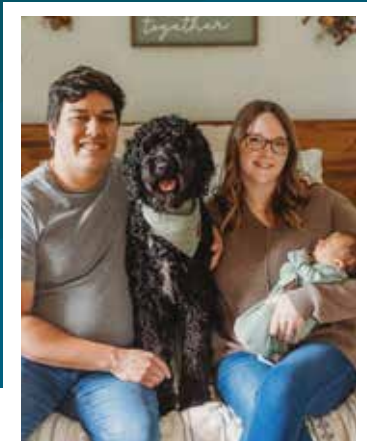
Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in European countries. Europe has more than 800 million people, and fewer than 1% are evangelical Christians. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees have sought asylum throughout Europe. The need for prayer and bold proclamation of the Gospel is evident in this area of the world.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray the new leaders God is raising up will remain faithful in carrying out the missionary task.*
- *Pray God will raise up thousands of new missionaries who will bring Gospel transformation across Europe.*
- *Pray God will guide missionaries as they develop creative strategies for sharing the Gospel.*

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20, CSB



## Meet Taylor Pratt

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**[taylorbpratt@gmail.com](mailto:taylorbpratt@gmail.com)**

Taylor Pratt and her husband, Peyton, live in Tahlequah. Taylor serves as the associate director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Northeastern State University (NSU). She works with freshmen and transfer students who are new to campus, but her main role is in women's ministry where she plans events and meets with several ladies a week. Seeing the ladies grow and mature in their walk with Christ is a definite encouragement to her.

### How to Pray

- *Pray for Taylor and Peyton as they learn to balance life and ministry with a new baby.*
- *Pray Taylor will disciple the young women at NSU well.*
- *Pray the Gospel will flourish among the students at NSU.*

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, CSB**

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Tahlequah, Grace Baptist Church



## Meet Mike

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

Please pray for Mike who serves Oklahoma Baptists as the Director of Global Missions. He has the privilege of helping Oklahoma churches send missionaries and missions teams overseas, whether for short term or for long term with the International Mission Board. Mike loves watching people be on mission, especially for the first time. It is life changing and seems to make them more effective when they come back home.

### How to Pray

- *Mike's wife was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer four years ago. Pray God gives her many more years on this earth.*
- *Pray people will respond to God's call to go to the nations.*
- *Pray God will move across our great state to reach people at home and around the world.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need. He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.

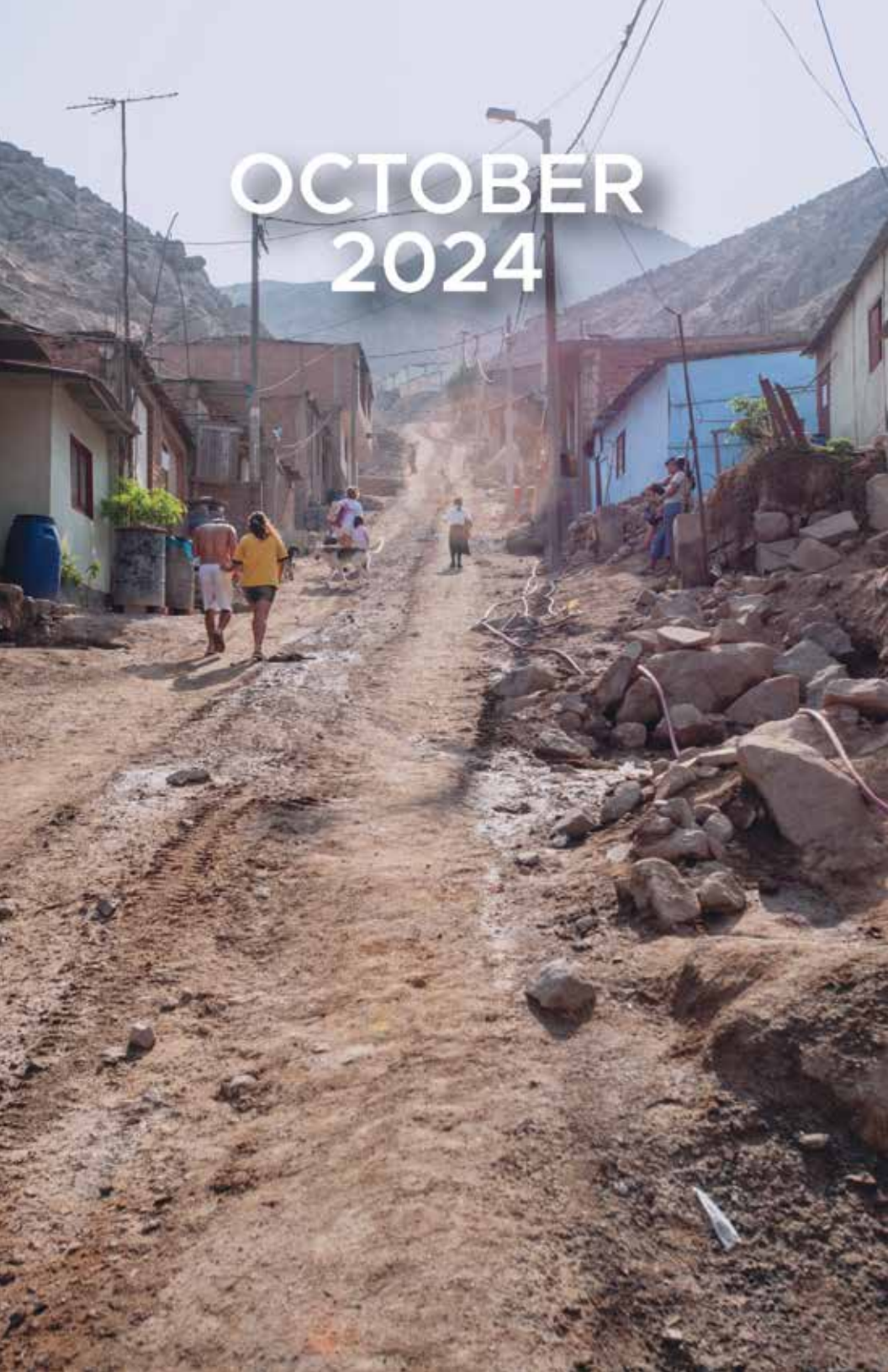
**Psalm 23:1-3, CSB**

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Oklahoma City, South Lindsay Baptist Church;  
Oklahoma City, Henderson Hills Baptist Church



OCTOBER  
2024







## Meet Amy Petersen

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

As the Ministry Wives Ministry Partner, Amy Petersen builds strategies to connect with and support the wives of ministerial staff in the more than 1,800 churches across Oklahoma. Her goal is to encourage and foster the health and wellness of ministry wives, who are integral to the health and wellness of ministers, their families and churches. She finds celebrating the blessings of ministry, as well as normalizing the challenges, and pointing women to Jesus to be especially rewarding.

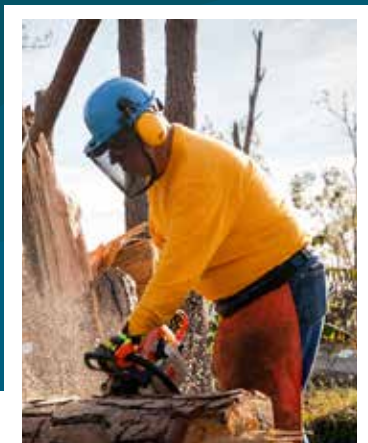
### How to Pray

- *Pray Amy can prioritize the immediate needs of ministry wives in our state and be diligent in addressing them.*
- *Pray God will grant Amy wisdom as a wife, mom, and leader.*
- *Pray Amy will genuinely and consistently pursue Jesus as a priority.*

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, CSB**

Enid, Emmanuel Baptist; Broken Arrow, First Baptist Church; Edmond, Quail Springs Baptist Church; Shawnee, Immanuel Baptist Church



## Pray for Oklahoma Baptists Disaster Relief

Visit online:

**[okdisasterhelp.org](http://okdisasterhelp.org)**

Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief has been serving in some of the most devastating crises in the state and nation for more than 50 years. With more than 5,000 trained volunteers, it is considered to be one of the largest disaster relief ministries in the Southern Baptist Convention. Experienced volunteers working side-by-side stand always ready to help those impacted by the devastating effects of disasters. They offer help and hope, meeting people at their point of greatest need.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray that as disaster relief volunteers go 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 soft toward Jesus and His Gospel of salvation.*
- *Pray victims of disaster would know that Jesus loves them through the actions of disaster relief volunteers.*

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

**Nahum 1:7, CSB**



## Pray for Sub-Saharan Africa Peoples

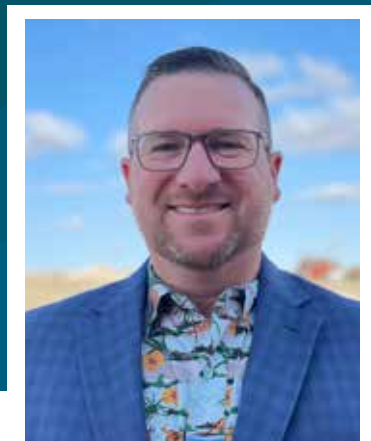
Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving in Sub-Saharan Africa. This large area includes the island of Madagascar and all but 10 countries on the African continent. The primary religions are Islam, Christianity and Animism. Though Sub-Saharan Africa has a growing Christian population, it is still home to more than 1,600 unreached people groups. But because of the consistent presence of Oklahoma Baptists and others, thousands of new believers are confessing faith in Christ, churches are being planted and leaders trained.

### How to Pray

- *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.*
- *Pray for the well-being and safety of missionaries and the Christian population in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

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, CSB



## Meet David Moore

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

David Moore serves as the Associational Mission Strategist for the Panhandle Baptist Association. He also pastors a church of about 140 people in Guymon. David describes the people in the Panhandle as being very independent, which brings both blessings and challenges. David loves to invest in men, whom he believes need to be strong warriors. He enjoys having conversations about what that looks like, seeing it applied, and then seeing victories in the lives of men.

### How to Pray

- *Pray God will protect David's family from the schemes of the enemy so they can have a powerful ministry.*
- *Pray God will deliver the people in David's area from apathy.*
- *Pray men will step up as leaders in the church.*

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people.

**Colossians 3:23, CSB**

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Goodwell, Goodwell Baptist Church; Texhoma, First Baptist Church; Guyman, Sunset Lane Baptist Church

NOVEMBER  
2024





# November 3



## Pray for Hunger Funds

Though difficult to imagine, there are hungry people in the metropolitan areas of Oklahoma as well as the rural areas. According to statistics, 14.5% of Oklahoma households are food insecure. Children are hungry, and parents are rationing food. Jesus himself took care of this basic need of people, and we are to do the same. Through hunger funds, churches are able to satisfy this basic need, do more evangelistic outreach and impact lives.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Oklahoma churches can continue to partner with local school systems to distribute food to Oklahomans in need.*
- *Pray God will multiply resources, so no Oklahoma families go hungry.*
- *Pray those receiving food will know that Jesus loves them.*

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

Isaiah 58:10, NLT





## Meet Walter Wilson

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:  
**w122853@gmail.com***

Pray for Walter Wilson as he serves Oklahoma Baptists as the African American Ministry Partner. He works to strengthen, encourage, and help African American pastors better serve their churches. Walter is very encouraged that, by the help of God, he has seen this ministry grow from 21 to 90 partnering churches. Walter gives God all the glory and attributes the growth to the training provided by the Oklahoma Baptist convention.

### How to Pray

- *Pray Walter will have strength to continue what God has started.*
- *Pray resources would be provided for the convention's black pastors and churches.*
- *Pray there would be growth in numbers of African American churches.*

"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, CSB**

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Lawton, Friendship Baptist Church



## Meet Miles Harris

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Pray for Miles Harris as he serves as the Baptist Collegiate Ministry director at Northwestern State University. He currently ministers to young adults and faculty at the college. He serves in a beautiful small town where the need for the Gospel is immense. He delights in seeing this generation get it. Miles says, "To see all of these young people go and make disciples is the best reward one could ask for."

### How to Pray

- *Pray God would send more laborers.*
- *Pray God would continue to move the hearts of students and faculty to submit to Him.*
- *Pray God would sustain the ministry and those involved in it.*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.  
**Romans 8:1, CSB**

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Jay, First Baptist Church; Commerce, First Baptist Church

## Pray for Literacy Missions



Statistics show that in Oklahoma, 12% of adults function below the basic literacy level. Through literacy missions, English-speaking, low-level adult readers can improve their reading and writing skills and children can be tutored in the academic skills needed for school success. Literacy missions makes an impact in the lives of others by meeting the very practical need of improving literacy skills all while sharing the life-changing truth and love of Jesus Christ.

### How to Pray

- *Pray more churches would participate in literacy missions.*
- *Pray the teachers of literacy missions would be in close relationship to God.*
- *Pray students would be receptive to the truth of God's Word and be excited to read it.*

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105, CSB

# DECEMBER 2024





## Meet Paul Lewis

*Serving in  
Oklahoma*

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

Paul Lewis serves as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Oklahoma State University (OSU). He finds absolute joy in helping students grow in their faith and in reaching the OSU campus with the Gospel, which is his alma mater. He spends his time discipling students and training leaders to get the Gospel to every corner of the campus. He teaches students to love and obey the Lord and what He teaches in the Bible.

### How to Pray

- *Please pray that God would continue to draw college students to himself and keep using the BCM to help students come to know Jesus and grow in their faith.*
- *Pray God would raise up student leaders to reach as many of the 25,000 students as possible.*
- *Pray God would help the staff team grow to meet the needs of the students who are part of the OSU BCM.*

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses,  
commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2, CSB



## Meet Peter & Wendy Dockett

### *Serving in South Asia*

Peter and Wendy Dockett have served in South Asia since 2014. They assist and support project directors throughout South Asia who are using humanitarian or disaster relief projects to accomplish ministry work. Because Islam has such a stronghold in South Asia, one doesn't hear stories of conversion very often. Peter says, "When these new believers are persecuted and walk through trials, hearing them trust in the Lord and praising Him is very rewarding."

### **How to Pray**

- *Pray more laborers will join the Docketts in South Asia, which holds the greatest concentration of lostness in the world.*
- *Pray persecuted believers will stand strong in their faith.*
- *Pray for the Dockett family as they transition to a family of five.*

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.

John 16:33, CSB

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Ponca City, Northeast Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Southern Hills Baptist Church





## Pray for North Africa & Middle Eastern Peoples

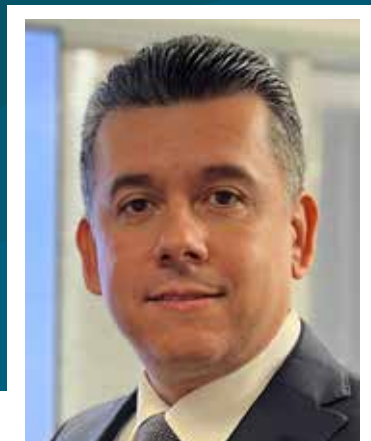
Pray for Oklahoma Baptists as they serve in North Africa and the Middle East through the International Mission Board (IMB). Nineteen mostly Muslim nations make up this area of the world. Sixty-five percent of the world's current conflicts are happening in North Africa and the Middle East. Due to war, persecution and climate disasters, there are also 9.8 million refugees and 22.6 million internally displaced people scattered throughout these countries.

### How to Pray

- *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, CSB**



## Meet Everardo Borunda

*Serving in  
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### How to Pray

- *Pray Hispanic pastors and churches will be strengthened in a society that is becoming less tolerant of the Gospel.*
- *Pray new pastors and church planters will be called to work with Latinos in Oklahoma.*
- *Pray new churches will be planted to reach the fast-growing Hispanic population 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, CSB**

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Oklahoma City, Exchange Avenue Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Rancho Village Baptist Church; Oklahoma City, Redemption Church

## Pray for Global Missions

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Oklahoma Baptists have a heart for evangelism both at home and abroad. The Oklahoma Baptists convention offers missions consultation for Oklahoma Baptist churches. Through a global missions focus and IMB connections, enthusiastic people and churches are connected to significant ministry opportunities that advance the Gospel worldwide. This work will empower and equip Oklahoma churches to send long-term and short-term missionaries overseas.

### How to Pray

- *Pray many Oklahoma churches and missions leaders will participate in global missions training.*
- *Pray what is learned during trainings will help to make overseas evangelism efforts successful.*
- *Pray members of the missions teams will return home with a new fervor that impacts churches and their surrounding communities.*

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

Mark 16:15, CSB

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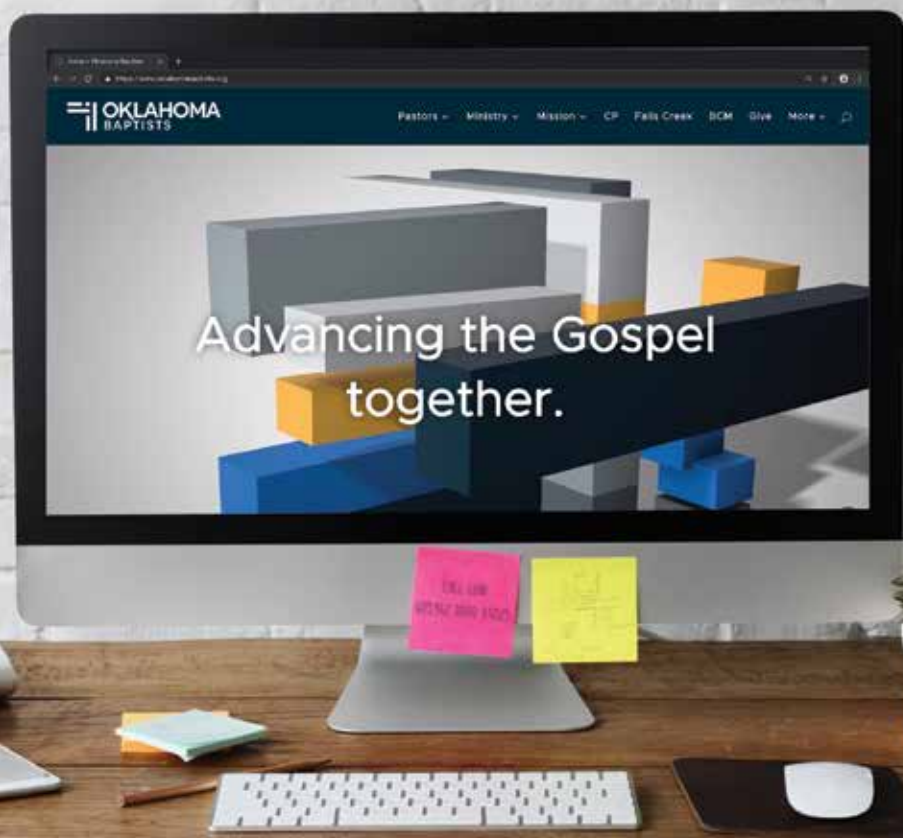
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