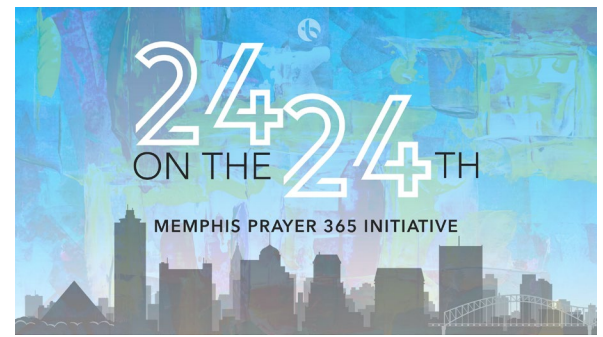


PRAYER GUIDE

NOVEMBER 24, 2022 | BARTLETT BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for your commitment to pray for 30 minutes on the twenty-fourth day of the month.



PRAY FOR A SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Contrary to common belief, Americans did not create Thanksgiving. The act of setting aside a day or extended days to give thanks for the blessings of God has its roots in the Old Testament practice of Israel.

We have much to be thankful for and Scripture reminds us regularly to give thanks. On this Thanksgiving Day take time to Colossians 4:2 *"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving."* (Colossians 4:2)

- Thank the Lord for His good and gracious character.
- Thank God for His salvation in Christ Jesus.
- Thank the Father for His church.
- Thank the King of kings for the freedom we have in America to worship and serve Him freely.

PRAY FOR THE MIDSOUTH

The winter months are exciting for many as they gather with family for Thanksgiving celebrations and begin decorating for the Christmas season. Large numbers of people, however, have no one with whom to gather and many actually live on the streets. Pray for the residents of Memphis and the surrounding areas that they will be warm, fed, and filled with joy.

- Pray for homeless men and women who are exposed to the harsh elements during the winter months.
- Pray for the many people who will go hungry this Thanksgiving because they can't afford a decent meal.
- Pray God will use His people to see the hurting around us and minister to them in and with the love of Jesus.

PRAY FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Unity among believers is a good thing. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 133:1, 2, *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes.*

Unity is also a really big deal to the Lord; so big that in John 17:21 Jesus prayed John 17:21 that they (His followers) may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

God has given us a straightforward, biblical mission to guide generations to experience transformation in Jesus. Pray they Lord will unify and energize us to be about the work He has given us.

PRAY FOR BARTLETT SCHOOLS

Schools were once places of learning and friendships. Today, many schools are like war zones or social experiment labs. Fights are common place and many school administrators force non-biblical beliefs upon faculty and students in an attempt to move culture in a godless direction.

- Pray for superintendent David Stephens. Ask the Lord to give him godly wisdom as he leads BCS.
- Pray for principals as they set the direction for their schools:
 - Marva Johnson** – Alturia Elementary
 - Page Watson** – Bartlett Elementary
 - Katie McCain** – Ninth Grade Academy
 - Cody Duncan** – Bon Linn Middle
 - Ethan Randall** – Elmore Park Middle
 - Sharonda Rose** – Rivercrest Elementary
 - Keshia Y. McMickens** – Appling Middle
 - Tim Jones** – Bartlett High
 - Thomas McClellan** – Bon Linn Elementary
 - Michelle S. Bardos** – Ellendale Elementary
 - Stephanie Beach** – Oak Elementary
- Pray for the safety of teachers and students.
- Pray that Christian educators, administrators, and students would live their faith before unbelievers and use every opportunity to share Jesus.

PRAY FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We have been commanded to pray, *“for kings and all who are in authority”* (1 Timothy 2:2).

- Pray those who are saved will lead with righteous values and will share the Gospel of Christ with other political leaders.
- Pray the pressures of leading will cause lost politicians and judges to call on Jesus to be saved.
- Pray that our leaders will set aside partisan politics and fulfill their roles out of a sense of duty to the American people based upon what is just and right.

PRESIDENT Joe Biden

VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States

Clarence Thomas

Samuel A. Alito

Elena Kagan

Brett M. Kavanaugh

Stephen G. Breyer

Sonia Sotomayer

Neil M. Gorsuch

Amy Coney Barrett

GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE Bill Lee

TENNESSEE SENATORS Marsha Blackburn & Bill Hagerty

WEST TENNESSEE CONGRESSMEN Steve Cohen & David Kustoff

MEMPHIS/SHELBY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:

Jim Strickland

Director of Police:

Cerelyn "CJ" Davis

Director of Fire Services:

Gina Y. Sweat

City Court Clerk:

Myron Lowery

Shelby County Mayor:

Lee Harris

Shelby County Sherriff:

Floyd Bonner, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL

District 1:

Rhonda Logan

District 2:

Frank Colvett, Jr., Chairman

District 3:

Patrice J. Robinson

District 4:

Jamita Swearengen, Vice Chair

District 5:

Worth Morgan

District 6:

Edmund Ford, Sr.

District 7:

Michalyn Easter-Thomas

Super District 8-1

JB Smiley, Jr.

Super District 8-2:

Cheyenne Johnson

Super District 8-3:

Martavius Jones

Super District 9-1:

Chase Carlisle

Super District 9-2:

J. Ford Canale

Super District 9-3:

Dr. Jeff Warren

SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 1:

Amber Mills

District 8:

Mickell M. Lowery

District 2:
David C. Bradford

District 3:
Mick Wright

District 4:
Mark Billingsley

District 5:
Michael Whaley

District 6:
Willie F. Brooks, Jr.

District 7:
Tami Sawyer

District 9:
Edmund Ford, Jr.

District 10:
Reginald Milton

District 11:
Eddie Jones

District 12:
Van Turner

District 13:
Van Turner

BARTLETT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:
Keith McDonald

Police Chief:
Jeff Cox

Chief Administrative Officer:
Mark Brown

Fire Chief:
Terry Wiggins

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Position 1:
W.C. (Bubba) Pleasant

Position 2:
Emily Elliott

Position 3:
David Parsons

Position 4:
Bobby Simmons

Position 5:
Jack Young

Position 6:
Kevin Quinn