

Church

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7

- Thank God for the rich blessings poured out on us in the past; the promise of the present as we seek His face; the joy set before us as we obediently follow His leading to accomplish His kingdom purposes.
- Pray for the dual worship services that God will be glorified as we worship Him. Pray for the greeters, tech support, musicians, ministers, ushers, invitation counselors, and all who make the services go smoothly each week.
- Ask God to give you opportunities and boldness to invite others to Bible Study and Worship.
- Pray for Pastor Darren that God will anoint his preaching, bless his pastoral ministry, and guide him as he leads.
- Pray for all of the community outreach ministries as they gear up this fall: Good News Clubs, Angelfood, Evangelism, Homebound Ministry, Handyman Team, Upward Sports, GriefShare, DivorceCare, Be the Church, etc.
- Pray that God will protect and bless our fellowship so that a spirit of love and unity will rule, and disruptive individuals and harmful attitudes will not hinder the true mission of God's church.
- Ask God to mold us into a church that is extraordinary in its devotion to the Great Commandment: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* **Matthew 22:37-39**

Family

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am among them.”
Matthew 18:20

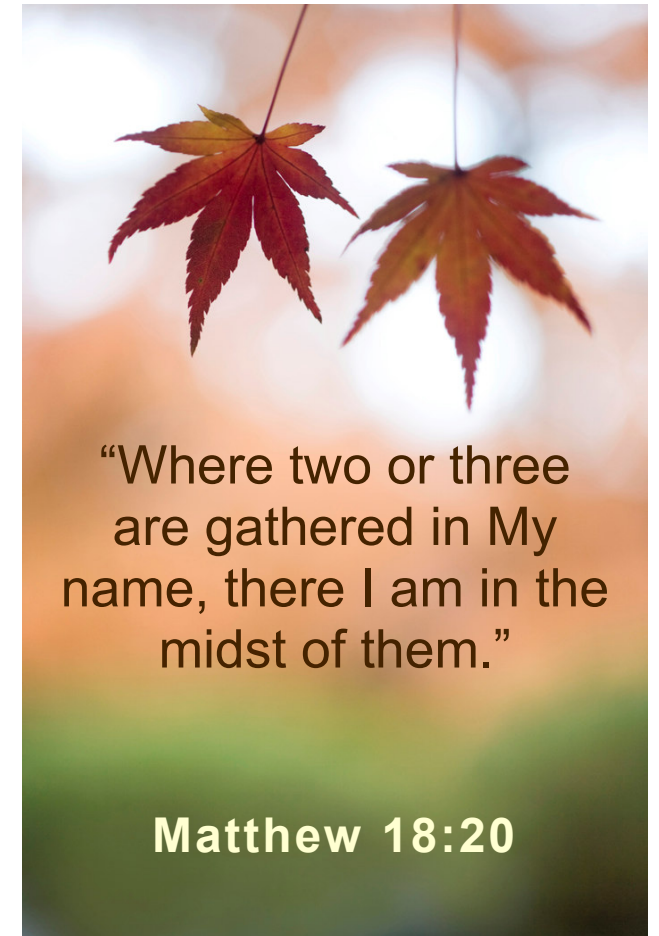
- Pray for students to be salt and light as they return to school, are engaged in learning, and interact with others.
- Pray for Christian teachers to demonstrate in word and deed the redeeming love of Christ to their students.
- Pray for our young people who are leaving for college, entering the world of work, or joining the armed forces. Remember their parents in prayer.
- Pray for those in our congregation who are suffering economically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- List in the space below family members, friends, or acquaintances who need a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for them with fervency:

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The passion of our church is to
Experience God in Worship,
Equip followers of Christ with His Word, and
Engage our culture with God's love.



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A Symphony of Prayer

Fall 2011 Prayer Guide



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Prayer Ministry

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Adoration, Praise, and Thanksgiving

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.
Psalm 105:3-4

- Glory in the name of Almighty God, our strength and our shield.
- Praise and adore the One who chose you and desires to reveal Himself to you as you seek His face.
- Rejoice in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart as you follow Christ as Lord and Savior.

Confession and Preparation

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let Him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on Him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
Isaiah 55:6-7

- In the light of God's awesome holiness, urgently confess, repent, and turn from sinful thoughts, words, or deeds that separate you from a right relationship with your heavenly Father and your fellow man.
- Rejoice and accept with a thankful heart the Father's compassion and forgiveness extended to those who call upon Him with humility and a contrite heart.
- Praise Him for His abundant pardon and ever-lasting love.

Harmony of Voices

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7

Spiritual Vision & Growth

Meditate on these scriptures as you pray for spiritual vision and growth:

- *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* Psalm 51:10
- *Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.* Psalm 25:4-5
- *Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and your faithfulness!* Psalm 115:1
- *But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.* Isaiah 64:8
- *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12
- *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.* John 15:5
- *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.* Jeremiah 29:11-13

Missions/Evangelism/Discipleship

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

- Pray that God will continue to produce fruit for the Kingdom in all the areas of the world where missionaries from First Baptist have served this year: Tallahassee, Alaska, Jamaica, Uganda, Haiti, Peru, parts of the U.S experiencing disasters.

- Pray for opportunities to mentor and help brothers and sisters in Christ to grow as disciples.
- Ask God to open your eyes to avenues of service for Him in your everyday walk in life right here in Marion County.
- Pray for missionaries at home and abroad who serve in difficult places where little fruit is evident. Pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Pray that they will receive encouragement from the Holy Spirit to faithfully persevere.

Community, State, Nation

*The LORD is high above all nations;
and his glory above the heavens!*
Psalm 113:4

- Praise God that His glory is eternal and unchanging and all nations are ultimately subject to His judgment, reign and rule.
- Pray for men and women serving our country in the armed forces. *(A list of names of soldiers is published each week in our **Prayer Connection**.)*
- Pray for Christians throughout the world who are suffering persecution for their faithfulness to Christ. Choose a nation or people group and pray for believers in that country.
- Pray for the economy of our nation and those who are without work. Pray that our government leaders will be responsive to the needs of the people.
- Pray for the election of leaders who will demonstrate integrity, morality, and faith in God.
- Pray for families throughout the world who are living in the midst of war, famine, plague, and displacement from their homes. Pray for the relief workers, missionaries, and volunteers who minister to them. Ask God to send a worldwide revival.