

**MEMO: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—CALL TO A DAY OF PRAYER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

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TO: Pastors, Directors of Missions, Directors of Evangelism, Association Prayer Coordinators, WMM/WMU Leaders

RE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010—CALL TO A DAY OF PRAYER

Dr. Johnnie Hunt, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, has issued a call across the Southern Baptist Convention for **Sunday, January 31, 2010** to be a **Day of Prayer** for our nation and for the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. You can read the call to prayer in the *Florida Baptist Witness* (December 24, 2009 issue) or online at <http://www.goflow.com/news.asp?Id=11158>.

Note these words from the call to prayer: “Since God requires humility, confession, and complete dependence on Him before granting healing to a land (2 Chron. 7:14), it is time to ramp it up a notch by inviting all SBC churches to set aside Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, to pray specifically for our denomination.” How true that is.

PrayerLink, the work group of state Prayer Coordinators across North America along with the Prayer Leaders of NAMB, IMB, WMU, and Lifeway are joining in calling for this Day of Prayer for our churches, our nation, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The call is for churches to set aside time that day for prayer, fasting, and repentance focusing on brokenness and the need for Revival in our churches and Spiritual Awakening in our land.

We will also be praying for the work of the national Great Commission Resurgence Task Force along with the Florida “*Imagine If... Great Commission Resurgence Task Force*,” as well as the search committees of the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, and the SBC Executive Committee as each looks for new presidents. Helpful guidelines and resources for prayer can be found on www.pray4GCR.net plus www.namb.net and www.gps2020.net as well as www.imb.org.

To help our churches in the Florida Baptist Convention, we are attaching a printable Bulletin insert as a guideline for personal prayer. You can also use this for a Sunday School class or small group prayer time, or as part of the worship services that Sunday. How you devote time to prayer is up to you as the Lord leads. If you would like a copy of *Guidelines for Fasting and Prayer* or a copy of a *Call to a Sacred Assembly* call Kathy Walker at 1-800-226-8584, ext 3098.

TIMELESS WORDS—*“I have often said it would be a thing very desirable, and very likely to be followed with a great blessing, if there could be some contrivance, that there should be an agreement of all God’s people in America... to keep a Day of Fasting and Prayer to God; wherein, we should all unite on the same day... It seems to me, it would mightily encourage and animate God’s saints, in humbly and earnestly seeking God, for such blessings which concerns them all; and that it would be much for the rejoicing of all, to think, that at the same time such multitudes of God’s dear children, far and near, were sending up their cries to the same common Father for the same motives.”*

—Jonathan Edwards, 1742

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