

**25 Jeff and Cherie Estes, True Hope Church, Sheridan.** Pray for wisdom, provision of workers, and finances. Ask God to lead them to someone who can do children's ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. Also, pray for the people they have had Gospel conversations with that God will open their eyes and that they will come to know Christ and be fully devoted followers.

**26 Happy Birthday, Kaiesha McGruder! She and her husband are planting Renewed Faith Church in West Memphis.** Pray for her and other church planting wives as they balance responsibilities at home, church, and work.

**27 Happy Birthday, Norberto Gutierrez! He and his wife, Patricia, are planting Iglesia Bautista Woodland Heights En Español in Conway.** Ask God to give them more boldness to share the gospel and wisdom to disciple and counsel couples. Pray for grace, wisdom, and diligence as they continue learning English, getting settled in their new home, and making personal contacts.

**28 Happy Birthday, Nelly Armendariz! She and her husband, Daniel, are planting All Nations Community Church En Español in Siloam Springs.** Pray for them as they follow up with families they met in December and as they continue to grow their core team.

**29 James and Bertha Bell, Victory Ministries Church, Conway.** Continue to pray for Bertha's health and that God will lead and direct them in this new church plant.

**30 Ahmad and Tagel Muqtasid, The City of Mosaic Church, Conway.** Ask God to help them as they develop leaders, grow their core team, and continue to disciple new believers.

**31 Happy Birthday, Missy Worley! She and her husband, Ryan, are planting Rooted Church in Fayetteville.** Pray for their children and their ongoing spiritual development. Ask God to help both their children and this whole church family grow in their faith and learn to walk more closely with Jesus.



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*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.” -Mark 12:30-31*

**1. Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary, Chad and Julie Graves!** The Graves have been sent out by The Compass Church of Batesville to plant Compass Church South in Southside. Pray for them and all the Send Network Arkansas church planting couples that they will seek to **Pray First** and love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength in this new year. <https://www.absc.org/pray-first-2023>

**2 Kyle and Andrea Fowler, The Summit Church NWA, Bentonville.** Pray for physical healing and rest as this new year begins. Ask God to help them as a church to be intentional in their invitations and discipleship. Continue to pray for someone to lead their worship ministry.

**3 Charles and Dee Simmons, Connect Church, Little Rock.** Ask God to send them more volunteers and partners. Pray for core team members who are beginning to pursue part-time and full-time ministry that they will grow in faith and see God accomplish His purposes in and through this church plant.

**4 Robby and Cynthia Tingle, Living Hope Baptist Church, North Little Rock.** Pray that Robby will be able to prioritize essential elements of developing leaders in their church and equipping their church family to reach family and friends. Praise the Lord for those who have been sharing their testimony.

**5 Nate and Mary Smith, New Harvest Community Church, Blytheville.** Pray for them as they update social media networks for better recordings for all events. Ask God to help them follow up with families they connected with over the holidays. Pray also for God's comfort for their family in recent losses.

**6 Demetrick and Patricia Andrews, Faith Outreach Church, El Dorado.** Praise the Lord for the opportunity this couple has to be in The Summit Church residency. Ask God to use this time to grow and equip them to reach more people for Christ.



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**7 Happy Birthday, Chance Watson! He and his wife, Ashley, are planting Drover Cowboy Church in Harrisburg.** Continue to pray for them in this new year that God will help them reach more people within the cowboy and ranching culture with the Gospel.

**8 Pray First: In this second week of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, ask God to help you and church planting couples love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.** Go to <https://www.absc.org/pray-first-2023> for resources.

**9 Chris and Renee DuBose, The Oaks Church, Cave Springs.** Pray for patience, discernment, and wisdom for this family as they navigate the early stages of this church plant. Ask the Lord to begin to build His core team for The Oaks Church and for one to two more ministry partners. Continue to pray for favor with other churches and in their community and neighborhood.

**10 Happy Birthday, Jessie McGruder! He and his wife, Kaiesha, are planting Renewed Faith Church in West Memphis.** Praise the Lord for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Bay and their willingness to partner with this couple to plant this new work in West Memphis. Ask God to guide them this new year in the ways He wants to use them to reach more people with the Gospel.

**11 Blake and Sarah Duvall, Be Church, Austin.** Ask God to continue to guide them as they minister to broken and struggling people. Pray for God's grace to be evident in their lives and in every relationship.

**12 Shane and April Fore, Maple Grove Baptist Main Street Campus, Trumann.** Praise the Lord for those here who have recently accepted Christ. Pray for God to help them continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him as their Lord and Savior.

**13 Jacob and Melly Jones, Hope Church, Ozark.** Pray for Hope Church to continue to be a light in this community. Ask God to give them wisdom and strength as they plan ways to reach more people with the Gospel.

**14 Donnell and Tanya Ford, Full Faith Community Church, Magnolia.** Praise the Lord for the families they were able to connect with and help over the holidays. Ask God to help them follow up with each one and see lives changed by Christ.

**15 Pray First! In this final week of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, ask God to help you and church planting couples love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.** Go to <https://www.absc.org/pray-first-2023> for resources.

**16 Happy Birthday Jon Smeltzer! Jon and Gretchen are planting Summit Bible Church in Summit, Arkansas.** Continue to pray that God will build unity and maturity among this church family and that more people will trust in Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

**17 Torvac and Tasha Amos, Fresh Start Community Church, Sherwood.** Praise the Lord for First Baptist Sherwood and their partnership with the Amos family. Ask God to provide this new church plant with a skilled and dedicated worship leader and for individuals who are tech savvy.

**18 Pranay and Allison Borde, Hillcrest Hindi Church, Little Rock.** Ask God to continue to open doors to reach people within closed circles and communities within the South Asian residential and vocational communities. Praise the Lord for the relationships and Gospel conversations that happened over the holidays. Pray for more people to trust Christ and begin to walk with Him.

**19 Nicholas and Tina Walker, Helm Church, Carthage.** Pray for God's provision and direction in the next steps they must take to reach the lost and the needs of the people. Ask God to provide a building or space they can use for a food pantry. Also pray that Nicholas and Tina will continue to work, pray, and love together as they plant God's church in Carthage.

**20 Anthony and Crystal Banks, New Beginning Church, Marion.** Continue to pray for Crystal's health as she deals with migraines and lupus. Praise God for a partnership with FBC Rogers that allowed this church plant to meet physical needs in December. Pray that these connections will lead people to know Jesus and grow in their walk with Him.

**21 Aaron and Renee Johnson, Story Church NWA, Bentonville.** Pray for the health of their children. Ask God to help them reach five new families in the beginning months of this new year and to give them wisdom and direction for decisions this year.

**22 Manolo and Gaby Vazquez, Iglesia Bautista Bíblica, Texarkana.** Ask God to give Manolo wisdom to guide his family and church this year. Also pray for the health of this family and that God will help them to remain faithful as they share Christ with Hispanics in Texarkana.

**23 ECON. Today and tomorrow, the ABSC Evangelism and Church Health Team will be hosting the Evangelism Conference at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church.** Ask God to use the prayer workshop, messages, worship times, and lunch workshops to encourage pastors, staff, and other Arkansas Baptists to focus on sharing the One Name who can change people's lives: Jesus. For more information & to sign up for workshops, go to <https://www.absc.org/events/evangelism-conference>

**24 Courtney Miller, City of Refuge, Little Rock.** Praise the Lord for City of Refuge Community Church of Little Rock who is sending out Courtney to plant this new work to reach even more people with the Gospel. Ask God to give Courtney wisdom in building a core team, developing leaders, and seeing people discipled.