

25 Today is the ABSC Pastor's Conference at FBC Cabot. This year's theme is COMPELLED. Pray those who attend will go back to their churches and communities and be "compelled by the Spirit . . . to testify to the Gospel." (Acts 20: 22, 24).

26 The ABSC Annual Meeting is today and tomorrow. As the business of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is discussed, sermons preached, and reports given, ask God to move among us. May we be compelled by His Spirit to boldly proclaim the Good News and bring glory to His name in all we say and do.

27 Chad and Julie Graves, The Compass Church of Southside, Batesville. Praise the Lord for their first service last month. Pray for them as they follow up with families and continue to invest in this community and share Jesus here.

28 Jarvis Smith, Second Baptist West Helena and ministries in the Delta. Pray for Jarvis and other pastors in the Delta that God will use them to raise up godly men who can be trained and sent out to do evangelism, relief ministry, and plant churches among this part of our state.

29 Jon and Gretchen Smeltzer, Summit Bible Church, Summit. Ask God to break the strongholds of the occult and addiction in this rural community. Pray for continued maturity and unity of the church and wisdom for Jon as they hold on to Jesus in each part of this church planting journey.

30 Fall and Halloween Outreach Events. Pray for church plants and sending churches who are hosting outreach events this weekend. Ask God to pervade each activity and event with His Presence and that people will experience the hope and truth that only Jesus can give.

31 Sunday Worship Gatherings. Many Sundays, new church plants are gathering for worship either with their core teams or in a preview service. Pray for God's provision of nursery workers, worship leaders, and sound and technology needs. Pray for God's anointing on each area and on the message and messenger.

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October 2021 Prayer Calendar

**PASTOR
+ STAFF
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1 Happy Birthday, Ahmad Muqtasid! He and his wife, Tagel, are being sent out by New Generation Church in Conway to plant New Generation Church in Maumelle. Pray that they will have increased Gospel conversations within the Maumelle area and that God will bring much fruit from the monthly Apartment Life activities they are doing at River Pointe Apartments.

2 October is Pastor + Staff Appreciation Month. Take time each day this month to pray for each pastor, church planter, and their families. Pray for them to daily abide in Christ and put on the full armor of God. Ask God to work in their lives and thoroughly equip them to serve Him faithfully where they are.

3 Today is Creston Thomas's birthday. He and his wife, Alina, are serving at Christ the Redeemer Church in Pine Bluff. Pray for many more opportunities to share the gospel in their community.

4 Nate and Mary Smith, New Harvest Community Church, Blytheville. Pray for them as they do prayer walks in neighborhoods throughout Blytheville. Ask God to give them physical strength, peace, and good health as they seek to reach people with the Gospel during these uncertain days.

5 Roderick and Lena Rogers, Surrender Church, North Little Rock. Ask God to open doors with persons of peace. Pray that they will listen to the Lord as they plan next steps for this church plant and for God to use the Bible study class they are hosting in North Little Rock.

6 Wednesday Night Outreach and Discipleship opportunities. Most Wednesday nights, churches are hosting some kind of ministry to children, students, and adults. Pray for church plants who are using these times to train their core team and disciple new believers. Pray for those who are looking for places to meet on a more permanent basis.

7 Ildefonso and Paty Garcia, Mision Bautista Agape, Jonesboro. Pray for the believers in this new church plant to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord their labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).



8 Blake and Sarah Duvall, Be Church, Austin. Pray for God to continue to move in their midst and help them develop discipling relationships with new families and individuals that have been coming to their worship gatherings and other events. Ask God to help them make major progress on their monthly meeting space and for plans with their monthly Kids Saturday outreach event.

9 Tomorrow, Fellowship Southern Baptist Church of Hardy, will be hosting a block party in their community. Pray for Terry and Sandra Linderman as they serve here and help this new church reach people with the Gospel.

10 Feliz Cumpleanos, Maria Gomez! Maria's husband, Francisco, is planting Iglesia Bautista El Centro de Discipulado in Little Rock. They are thankful for First Baptist Church Geyer Springs where they meet for worship on Sundays. Pray for these gatherings and for their Wednesday night Bible study and prayer gatherings that meet in the Knollwood community.

11 Anthony and Crystal Banks, New Beginnings Church, Marion. Pray for this couple's health and ministry in both Marion and Turrell. Ask God to give them wisdom as they plan more outreach visits with people in the area. Also, pray for daily strength and endurance as they face the enemy's attacks.

12 Happy Birthday, April Fore! April's husband, Shane, is the church planter at Maple Grove Main Street Campus in Trumann. Pray for God's provision as they continue to make progress on the homeless shelter. Ask God to use the discipleship group and the Celebrate Recovery ministry to continue to bear fruit.

13 Charles and Dee Simmons, Connect Church, Little Rock. Praise the Lord for a mission team from Maple Grove Main Street Campus who helped do some much needed work on the building at Connect Church. Ask God to continue to meet needs of this young church and to follow up with contacts made at their preview service last month.

14 Julio and Carlana Gomez, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Fort Smith. Pray for them to stay healthy and able bodied this season. Also, pray that they will continue having a numerous turn out during their food bank giveaways and a positive response to the sharing of the Gospel.

15 Ryan and Missy Worley, Rooted Church, Fayetteville. Pray for more churches to be planted in the Northwest region of our state. Ask God to strengthen and encourage Ryan and Missy and other planting couples like them as they seek to reach the rapidly growing population in Fayetteville with the Good News.

16 Donnell and Tanya Ford, Full Faith Community Church, Magnolia. Pray for their weekly children and youth meetings that have started on Wednesday nights. Ask God to use these times to change families. Also, pray for God's continued protection over this congregation.

17 Jeff and Cherie Estes, True Hope Church, Sheridan. Ask God to help them build relationships through today's third Sunday community dinner. Also, pray for God to supply them with worship, students', and children's leaders and for help with remodeling projects. Continue to pray for their family's health needs.

18 Dustin and Beth Clegg, The Bridge Church, Wynne. Monday nights each week are opportunities for this church plant to serve a community meal and share the Gospel. Pray for God's protection over this young church, their marriages, and their children as they face the attacks of the enemy. Continue to pray for growth and unity in their home groups.

19 Residencies and Sending Churches. Praise the Lord for sending churches who are in the process of developing residencies where they can train up men and their families to be sent out to do ministry across our state and beyond.

20 Jacob and Melly Jones, Hope Church, Ozark. Ask God to continue to grow their team and guard against division in this young church. Pray that families would become engaged through their Connect lunches and other outreach events they host in the community of Ozark.

21 Ben and Cill Stiles, Circle Church, Russellville. Ask God to help them reach the community and continue building relationships. Pray for them as they begin doing home Bible studies and move forward with their new vision and mission. Praise the Lord for a new family He sent to be a part of this new church.

22 Pranay and Allison Borde, Hillcrest Hindi Church, Little Rock. Pray for growth in their Discovery Bible Studies and for God to use their involvement with the International Friends Outreach to make new connections with international students at the local college. Also, ask God to remove barriers and to continue to work in the lives of those seeking to know Jesus.

23 Feliz Cumpleanos, Ana Vazquez! Her husband, Manolo, is the church planter at Iglesia Bautista Biblica, Texarkana. Praise the Lord for the environment He has been creating in the community and that people have been more receptive to them. Ask God to bring people to the church and to help them find a radio station they can work with in sharing the Gospel with Hispanics. Pray also for God's provision of transportation for them.

24 Tonight is the Mission Connection Dinner hosted by the ABSC Missions Team. Pray that churches will connect with church planters and missionaries in our state, across our nation, and around the world. Ask God to use these partnerships to help Arkansas Baptists have a greater burden for the lost in their communities as well as bless and encourage the missionaries and planters they are praying for and serving.