

8 Shane and April Fore, Maple Grove Main Street Campus, Trumann.

Thank God for the people He is sending to the Celebrate Recovery ministry of this church plant. Ask God to break the chains of addiction in the lives of these people as they encounter Jesus and begin to follow Him.

9 Happy Anniversary to Ryan and Melissa Worley! Ryan is the church planter at Rooted Church, Fayetteville. Pray for Rooted Church to be salt and light to those in their workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. Ask God to give them more people to baptize and disciple.

10 Anthony and Crystal Banks, New Beginnings, Marion. Pray for Anthony and his family and for the work in Marion. Ask God to help them faithfully and boldly love and serve this community. Pray for God to send people to be a part of the church planting pipeline Anthony is leading at FBC Marion.

11 Sending Churches. Praise God for the sending churches in our state. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment as they identify, train, and send out men to plant churches in communities needing a Gospel presence.

12 Vincent and Crystal Stroud, New Covenant Fellowship, Fordyce. Pray for the transition back to in person worship gatherings and continued discipleship of believers here. Thank God for their sending church, Second Baptist Arkadelphia, and the ways they are blessing them.

13 Hispanic church plants like Iglesia Bautista El Sembrador in Dumas where Dolores Magana is serving. Praise the Lord for the Hispanic churches across Arkansas. Pray for Dolores and his core team and other Hispanic church planters who are training up believers to reach their neighbors with the Gospel and see them baptized and growing in their walks with Christ.

14 Jeff and Cherie Estes, TrueHope Church, Sheridan. Sunday they will be providing a free meal to the community through a drive-thru dinner. Ask God to continue to bring fruit from this and help them grow in their small groups and for wisdom in student, worship, and tech needs. Also, pray for rest and strength for this family as they battle chronic health conditions.

15 One Day Serve Local. Pray for ministry happening all over the state today neighborhood by neighborhood. Ask God to bring hope and salvation to singles and families as they see and experience the love of Christ. Check out this link: <https://www.absc.org/events/one-day-serve-local-2021/>

16 Julio and Carlana Gomez, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Fort Smith. Ask God to meet the needs of this church plant as they seek to reach Hispanics in their community in partnership with their sending church, Grand Avenue Baptist Church.

17 Feliz Cumpleanos! (Happy Birthday), Paty Garcia! Her husband, **Ildefonso Garcia is the church planter at Mision Bautista Agape in Jonesboro.** Pray that these Hispanic brothers and sisters can stay on the path of God. Also, pray for them as they finish the personal evangelism study so that they can be more prepared to do door to door evangelism.

18 Pranay and Allison Borde, Hillcrest Hindi, Little Rock. Pray for them as they plan monthly outdoor activities to be a constant avenue to bring others into the fold. Ask God to give them boldness and discernment to use these avenues to creatively share the Gospel as well as building fellowship among their core team.

19 Residencies and church planting pipelines. Thank God for the church planting residencies and pipelines which are identifying and equipping future church planters. Continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as men in these groups meet for theological and practical training. Pray for their wives to have a strong sense of God's calling on their family. Also, pray that some will be called and sent to replant struggling congregations.

20 Donnell and Tanya Ford, Full Faith Community Baptist Church, Magnolia. Pray that Full Faith will be what God needs for it to be for his Kingdom and his people. Pray for outreach plans at a local park and that God will help them reach more people with the Gospel.

21 Cowboy Churches. Praise the Lord for His provision of land and building materials. Many of the ABSC cowboy church plants are in the process of constructing facilities to help them do ministry in this context. Ask God to continue to use the cowboy churches to reach people who would not step into a more traditional church building.

22 Jacob and Melly Jones, Hope Church, Ozark. Pray for God's provision as they continue to make renovations on their building. Thank God for the new discipleship groups they began last month and ask the Lord to help them walk with Him daily as they love and serve the community here.

23 Salvations and baptisms. Ask God to open the eyes of the lost, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ. (Acts 26:18)

24 Nate and Mary Smith, New Harvest Community Church, Blytheville. Thank God for personal healing for Nate. Pray for church members recovering from surgery and illness. Ask God to use the prayer walking and care package distribution and for upcoming block parties this summer.



May 2021 Prayer Calendar

25 Creston and Alina Thomas, Christ the Redeemer Church, Pine Bluff. Praise the Lord for how God is opening doors in the community. Pray for continued involvement with the youth basketball league and for more opportunities to share Christ with the hurting and underserved in Pine Bluff.

26 Jon and Gretchen Smeltzer, Summit Bible Church, Summit, AR. Pray for the hearts of people to be open to membership and for unity and maturity as they start community groups and membership. Pray that as they multiply their efforts to make disciples that others are raised up and excited to continue the mission of making disciples.

27 Block parties and other outreach events. Pray that the Gospel will be shared, and that people will respond as church plants love on their communities through block parties and other ministry opportunities.

28 Charles and Dee Simmons, Connect Church, Little Rock. Pray for God to open doors in the neighborhood they are ministering in. Ask for the Lord's provision, wisdom, and favor as they plan a VBS for June.

29 Justin and Katie King, Delta Church, Blytheville. Pray for real multiplying discipleship to happen in their men's and ladies' small groups. Continue to ask God to provide someone to lead singing in their worship gatherings.

30 SBC Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN on June 15-16. Pray for all that will take place at this year's annual meeting. Pray for safety for those traveling and that each person who attends will honor Christ in their words, actions, and attitudes. Ask God to use the time together to encourage planters, pastors, and ministry wives as they connect with brothers and sisters in Christ and hear what God is doing in our SBC churches and entities. Pray for revival and spiritual awakening.

3 | Happy Memorial Day! Pray for church plants who will be out prayer walking and engaging people in their community with the Gospel on this holiday weekend. Ask God to build a strong sense of unity and fellowship among the core teams of church plants and sending churches so that believers can point people to Jesus and see God glorified (Matt. 5:16).

Pray for ABSC Church Planters

Digital resources:

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1 Happy Anniversary to Francisco and Maria Gomez! Francisco is the church planter at Iglesia Bautista El Centro de Discipulado. They are thankful to meet for Sunday worship at their sending church, Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. Pray for continued Gospel impact on Hispanic families they are reaching and discipling. Pray for their weekly worship gatherings, Bible studies, prayer meetings, and for VBS plans this summer.

2 Worship Gatherings. Pray for church plants gathering today to worship. Ask God to provide for the needs they have for people to lead singing, run sound, teach children and youth, and disciple adults in small group Bible studies. Pray for first time guests to feel welcome and find hope in Christ.

3 Dustin and Beth Clegg, The Bridge Church, Wynne. Pray for protection of the staff and people against spiritual warfare. Pray for the people of The Bridge to recognize the "Not Yets" they know, and for God to use them to reach others for His Kingdom. Ask God to strengthen and provide as they finish up things with their building & as their Monday meal ministry grows.

4 Chance and Ashley Watson, Drover Cowboy Church, Harrisburg. Ask God to continue to meet their needs as they go forward financially with the new building construction and fundraisers. Pray for their new elders and the ministries God puts on their hearts to get started and reach the lost. Ask God to bring fruit from the Wild Horse Ministries they hosted on April 25.

5 Jordan and Sarah Bowen, Hillcrest Community Church, Little Rock. Pray for this church family to continue to reach the nations in the city of Little Rock. Ask God to keep them Spirit-filled and prayerful as they build relationships and serve those who don't know Christ yet.

6 Ramadan is celebrated April 12- May 12 this year. As this Muslim holiday draws to a close, continue to pray that God would reveal himself to them in visions and dreams, much like he did to Cornelius who was a religious man that prayed, but who didn't know Jesus. (Acts 10:1-5). Pray for church planters and other believers who are building relationships with Muslims.

7 David and Melody Logan, Connection Church, Rogers. Pray for them to look for ministry opportunities in the everyday busyness of their lives. Ask God to bring five new families across their path to reach and be part of their church family this year. Ask God to help them with plans to build a house for their entire family so they can minister more effectively in this city.