

**8 Roderick and Lena Rogers, Surrender Church, North Little Rock.** Ask God to open up doors with persons of peace and to lead each step of the way in this new plant. Also, pray for a new Bible study they have started in a North Little Rock community. Ask God to change people's lives with His Word.

**9 Ryan and Missy Worley, Rooted Church, Fayetteville.** Continue to pray for the members of Rooted Church that they would pray earnestly, walk wisely, and speak graciously (Colossians 4:2-4) as they seek to make disciples in Fayetteville.

**10 David and Melody Logan, Connection Church, Rogers.** Praise God for the relationships being built among families with disabilities. Pray that these connections will help people to know and love Jesus and experience forgiveness and hope.

**11 Ildefonso and Paty Garcia, Misión Bautista Agape, Jonesboro.** Ask God to help them put Him first and that other families will join the mission. Also, pray that the leadership and core members will continue to grow in Christ and remain faithful in the Lord as they reach others with the Gospel.

**12 Today is Blake Duvall's birthday. He and his wife, Sarah are serving at Be Church in Austin.** Pray for them as they begin this church planting journey. Thank God for Keo Baptist Church and their partnership in the Gospel that makes it possible for Be Church to reach people in Austin.

**13 Happy Birthday to Charles Simmons! He and his wife, Dee, are serving at Connect Church, Little Rock.** Ask God to help them as they build and train their core team and follow up with contacts made at Vacation Bible School this summer.

**14 Ahmad and Tagel Muqtasid, New Generation Church, Little Rock.** Tomorrow & next Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, New Generation is hosting block parties. Ask God for many Gospel conversations and that as people experience the kindness of God through these believers that lives would be changed.

**15 Today is Chad Graves birthday.** He and his wife Julie have been sent out by Compass Church of Batesville. Chad is planting **Compass Church of Southside**. Pray for their four home groups and the couples who lead them and for Sundays this month as they train and prepare for a preview service in September.

**16 Happy Birthday to Anthony Banks!** He and his wife are serving at **New Beginnings Church in Marion**. Pray for them, the pipeline team, and the work in both Turrell and Marion – that God will strengthen them and give them much wisdom in every conversation and relationship.

**17 Donnell and Tanya Ford, Full Faith Community Church, Magnolia.** Praise the Lord for the five baptisms last month and for contacts made at an ice cream social last month. Pray for continued growth in this new church plant and for courage to walk through open doors the Lord is giving them.

**18 Jeff and Cherie Estes, True Hope Church, Sheridan.** Ask God to provide strong believers to join this replant to help in reaching this community for Christ. Ask God to provide Spirit-filled people to help in children and student ministry. Also, pray for this family and their daughter's chronic illness.

**19 Vincent and Crystal Stroud, New Covenant Fellowship, Fordyce.** Praise the Lord for their sending church, Second Baptist Arkadelphia, and the success of their VBS in the park last month. Ask God to help them as they continue to follow up with the families who attended.

**20 Sending Churches.** Praise God for churches who plant churches. Pray for wisdom as pastors and other staff identify potential men in their churches whom God has gifted and is calling to be sent out. Ask God to provide both people and financial resources needed to see more churches started.

**21 Happy Birthday to Dustin Clegg!** He and his wife are serving at **The Bridge Church in Wynne**. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and spiritual protection for people writing devotions for a podcast they are releasing this month for parents and children to listen to on their way to school each day. Ask God to use this tool to help parents disciple their children.

**22 Jacob and Melly Jones, Hope Church, Ozark.** Ask God to continue to bless the fellowship and community within this church body. Pray for those who were baptized last month that they will stay connected and grow in their walk with Jesus as they are disciplined in this new church family.

**23 Church Planting Pipelines.** Praise God for a new church planting pipeline in the Delta. Ask God to use this and other pipelines to identify, train, and develop Spirit-filled men who can follow the Lord as He leads them to plant churches all over our state.

**24 Creston and Alina Thomas, Christ the Redeemer Church, Pine Bluff.** Pray for them to reach hard areas in Pine Bluff with the gospel. Also, pray for God to provide men in the church who have a desire to grow in their walk with Christ. Ask God to give Creston wisdom as he develops leaders.

**25 Small group Bible studies.** On Wednesday nights and at various other times during the week, church plants are hosting small group Bible studies – in their homes, at coffee shops, and in church classrooms or lobbies. Pray for God to change people's lives as they encounter Jesus in His Word.

**26 Manolo and Ana Vazquez, Iglesia Bautista Bíblica, Texarkana.** Ask God to open doors for a jail ministry. Thank God for opportunities to preach in hospitals. Pray for continued wisdom and provision as this Hispanic church plant pursues these ministry opportunities.

**27 Happy Birthday to Allison Borde! Her husband, Pranay, is planting Hillcrest Hindi Church in Little Rock.** Pray for connections made at outreach events. Ask God to soften hearts to the truth of the Gospel. Pray for those interested in being a part of a Discovery Bible Study.

**28 Church Planting Residencies.** This fall several church planting residencies will be starting with new men who are preparing to plant or who are already in the beginning stages of planting. Pray for those giving leadership to these residencies and that God will use them to equip men and their families to plant their lives in the communities God is calling them to.

**29 Worship Gatherings today.** Pray for church plants who are gathering to worship today. Pray for people to fill the many volunteer teams from welcoming guests to running sound and teaching in the nursery and leading songs of worship to our King today. Pray that guests will feel welcome, hear the Gospel, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

**30 Francisco and Maria Gomez, Iglesia Bautista El Centro de Discipulado, Little Rock.** Pray for weekly Bible study and prayer gatherings on Wednesday nights, Sunday worship service and its transmission using Facebook live, discipleship groups via zoom, and visitation of those in the community. Ask God to grow new believers in discipleship groups and for people to say yes to baptism.

**31 Jon and Gretchen Smeltzer, Summit Bible Church, Summit.** Pray for unity, maturity, discipleship, and salvation for several who attend. Also, pray they can reconnect with some young couples who have stopped attending regularly. Ask God to help them to continue to press into Jesus and give them good health as they plan and prepare for ministry this fall.

Back  
To  
School!



**Church Planting**  
ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

**August 2021**  
**Prayer Calendar**

**1 Happy Birthday to Jordan Bowen! He and his wife, Sarah, are serving at Hillcrest Community Church in Little Rock.** Ask God to continue to help them build relationships with internationals in the city of Little Rock, especially as students return to classes this fall.

**2 Back to school events.** Many church plants will be hosting outreach and ministry opportunities as school starts back. Pray for strong relationships with the schools, teachers, parents, and students and that God will bring much fruit from these open doors and relationships.

**3 Shane and April Fore, Maple Grove Main Street Campus, Trumann.** Pray for a new Celebrate Recovery at Three Trees and the couple leading it. Also, pray for opportunities for Shane and April to tell the story of church planting and Celebrate Recovery and seeing God multiply these ministries in AR.

**4 Happy Anniversary to Julio and Carlana Gomez!** Julio has been sent out by Grand Avenue Baptist Church to plant Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza in Fort Smith. Pray for continued discipleship with new believers there.

**5 Nate and Mary Smith, New Harvest Community Church, Blytheville.** Starting tomorrow this church plant will be kicking off back to school ministry events with health screenings, vaccinations, haircuts, and fun stuff for families. Ask God to use these as opportunities to share Jesus in Blytheville.

**6 Tomorrow is Ben and Cill Stiles wedding anniversary!** Ben is being sent out by First Baptist Church Russellville to plant Circle Church in another community in Russellville. Pray for their marriage and family to stay strong in this church planting journey.

**7 There are two block parties today! Pray for Morning Star Baptist Church** who is hosting their first one in El Dorado. **Also, pray for Second Baptist Church of West Helena** as they take a team to Forrest City to host an outreach event in that community.

## Pray for ABSC Church Planters

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