

Pray for Planters

October



2019

1 Today is **Shavanda Herron's** birthday. She and her husband, Derrick, are planting Community of Love in England. Praise the Lord for the three recent professions of faith. Ask God to help this church family as they disciple these new believers and see them and others baptized and growing in their faith.

2 **Jordan and Sarah Bowen** are seeking to reach internationals through the church plant Oasis Little Rock. Ask God to give them favor and wisdom as they build relationships with different people groups in the city.

3 Pray for **Brad and Paige Branham** as they invest in college students in the Russellville area. They are partnering with First Russellville to plant Hello Church there. Ask God to help them as they disciple new believers and see those believers baptized and sharing their faith with others. Also, pray for Brad's health.

4 **Calvin and Shameka Frierson** are serving at Second Baptist Church in Marvell. Pray that God will increase Calvin's knowledge of His Word and help this church as they renovate and reach people with the Gospel.

5 Today two events need to be covered in prayer: City Church, a five-year-old church plant, is hosting a **block party** in Conway. Also, today churches from all over the state are gathered in Batesville for the **Acts 1:8 Day**. Ask God to give boldness to His people and use these outreach events to reveal Himself to those in need of a Savior.

6 **Sam and Carie Means** are in the beginning stages of planting Ignite 360 in Fayetteville. Pray for them as they seek to reach the many internationals through meals and family activities with the people in the apartment complex where they live.

7 Pray for **Roderick and Lena Rogers** who are planting Fordyce Community Baptist. Ask God for an outpouring of His Spirit on His people for personal and corporate revival.

8 **Jon and Gretchen Smeltzer** are being sent out by The River Bible Church in Mountain Home to do a replant in the nearby community of Summit, AR. Ask God to continue to move in this new work, Summit Bible Church. Pray that they will have wisdom to balance responsibilities as they disciple new believers.

9 Ask God to protect the **marriages and families** of church planters, pastors, and other ministry staff in our state. Jesus said the world will know we belong to Him because of our love for each other. Pray that this would be true in ministry families and new church plants in AR.

10 Today is **Maria Gomez's** birthday. She and her husband, Francisco, are planting Iglesia Bautista El Centro de Discipulado in Little Rock. Today is also **Donnie and Amy Grigg's** wedding anniversary. They are serving at The Vertical Community Church in Fayetteville. Pray for both church planting families as they minister to the people in their communities.

11 **BT and Vivian Cooper** are thankful to be serving at Eternal Love Fellowship in Forrest City. Vivian's cancer has returned, so pray for wisdom in treatment options. Ask God to continue to meet the needs of this church and help them as they baptize and disciple new believers.

12 Pray for **Brad and Janet Curtis** who are planting Greater Purpose Fellowship in Greenbrier. Praise the Lord for sending them someone to lead in worship. Pray for them as they look for a different location to meet and as they go on a mission trip to New Orleans.

13 Today many church plants are having **Worship Gatherings**. Pray that the leadership of these church plants would "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" and that all of their other needs would be met for building space, children's workers, renovations, persons of peace, those gifted in leading worship through song, and other resources to help them effectively reach the people in their communities.

14 **Francisco and Gabby Vazquez** are planting Misión Bautista Bíblica in DeQueen. Ask God to help them grow as a church in the area of prayer and for wisdom and strength as they disciple those who have recently been saved. Pray for God's protection over and provision for this Hispanic church plant.

15 Pray for **Hunter Thompson** as he has been sent out by Grand Avenue Baptist Church to do a replant in Fort Smith. This replant, Cornerstone, is seeing people saved. Pray for them as they disciple new believers and continue to offer the hope of Christ to those who are lost and without Christ.



The members of your church staff work hard to lead and serve your church every day, not just on Sundays. **October is Pastor-Staff Appreciation month.** Go to the following link to find ways to bless and encourage the church planters and ministry staff of your church: <https://www.absc.org/promotional-campaigns/staff-appreciation-month-2019>

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16 Ask God to give wisdom to the godly men who are **coaches** to planters in our state. Pray that “as iron sharpens iron” that these coaches and planters will abide in Christ more as a result of their relationships with each other.

17 Today is **April Fore’s** birthday. She and her husband, Shane, are planting Maple Grove Main Street Campus in Trumann. Pray for their Celebrate Recovery group and for the leadership team of this church to grow and mature.

18 Pray for **Jeff Deckard** as he celebrates his birthday today. He and his wife Paula are serving the Lord at Damascus Road Cowboy Church. Ask God to use the Wrangler Camp and Round Pen events to reach more people with the Gospel. Pray also for the members of this church plant to be more connected on ministry teams.

19 Today there are two **block parties**: one is in combination with a medical dental clinic hosted by Family Church in Pine Bluff. The other one is in Dermott in partnership with a local community event. Praise the Lord for how He is working in communities across AR to give more people an opportunity to respond to Him.

20 Pray for the **ABSC Pastor’s Conference** which begins tomorrow at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock. Ask God for a fresh Spirit-filled anointing over every message, preacher, time of prayer, and time of singing. Pray that God will truly restore a passion for Christ and for the lost among all those attending.

21 Today is **Kristen Watson’s** birthday. She and her husband, Chance, are planting Drover Cowboy Church in Harrisburg. Ask God to give them much wisdom and guidance as they grow and work on upcoming building projects – that they will stay close to the Lord and focused on reaching people with the Gospel.

22 Pray for the **ABSC Annual Meeting** happening today and tomorrow – that God will be exalted in the reports shared and business discussed. Pray that all of us will fulfill God’s calling and live on mission.

23 Ask God to protect **church planters and their families** as they return home to their places of ministry. Pray that the messages they heard and the times of worship they experienced would continue to encourage and equip them as they serve the Lord across our state.

24 A week from today most communities in AR will be celebrating Halloween. Pray for church plants and sponsor churches as they host **events on or around Halloween** – that they will build relationships with people in their communities and boldly share the Gospel.

25 Nate and Mary Smith are serving at Greater New Philadelphia Baptist Church in Wilson. Pray for the growth of this church and for God to help them in ministry opportunities they have planned and as they renovate the church. Also, ask God to provide musicians and strengthen their music ministry.

26 Pray for **Creston and Alina Thomas** as they are planting Christ the Redeemer Church in Pine Bluff. Pray that this church will be actively sharing their faith and helping people to see what it means to experience a real relationship with Jesus Christ.

27 Ask God to burden more churches to become **partner churches** willing to support, sponsor, and send out church planters across our state. Pray specifically that God will raise up churches willing to be burdened for unreached people groups in their communities.

28 Anthony and Crystal Banks are serving the Lord in two places: Second Baptist Turrell and New Beginnings in Marion. Ask God to strengthen the leaders of these churches and help them be healthy churches that live out the Gospel and share the hope of Christ in Turrell and Marion.

29 Pray for church plants and sponsor churches who are hosting **harvest or fall events** this week – that God will enable churches to be salt and light in their neighborhoods.

30 Today is **Carlos Lozano’s** birthday. Pray for him and his wife, Elizabeth, as they serve the Lord at Independent Baptist Association Hispanic Ministry in Batesville. Ask God to save his two nephews and to strengthen him and his wife as they minister to family members and others.

31 Today is **Chris Larmoyeux’s** birthday. He and his wife, Tonya, are planting New City Church in Little Rock. Also, today there are at least two churches hosting block parties: **The Faith Church** in Maumelle (Charles Helms) and **Fellowship Community Church** in Forrest City (Chanson Newborn).



ABSC Pastor’s Conference: Restore Your Passion
Monday, October 21

ABSC Annual Meeting: Fulfill Your Call
Tuesday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 23

