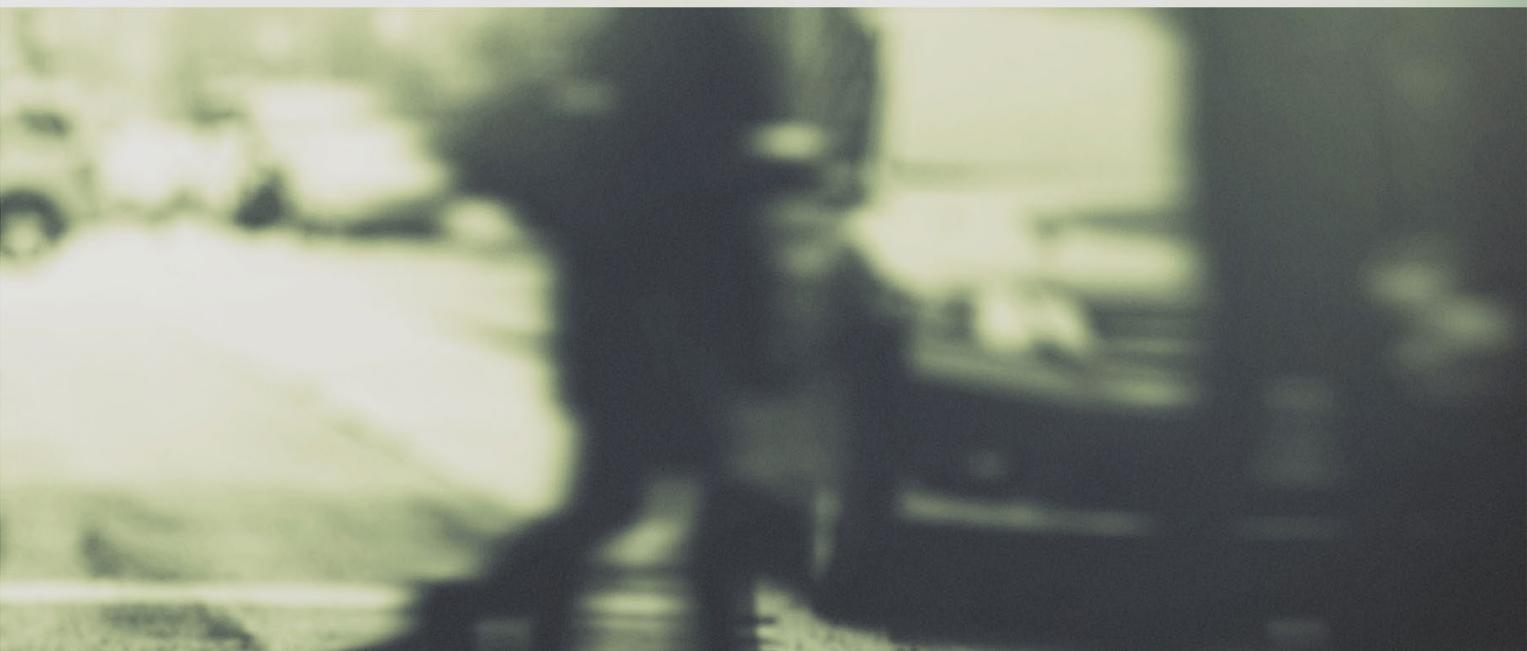


BEYOND THE OPEN DOORS



2020 PRAYER GUIDE

We communicate with God through prayer. All other spiritual practices also begin with prayer. Prayer is the only way to let God know your intentions and to ask His help in any situation where we need His help.

Begin your prayer time by thanking your Heavenly Father for your Salvation that was made possible by the sacrificial death of Jesus and His resurrection. He is the reason we have peace, hope and eternal life.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

I. ADORATION AND PRAISE: Give God praise and honor for who He is as Lord over all.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

PRAISE GOD, THE FATHER, FOR HE IS:

The Word	King	Healer	Comfort	Redeemer	Restorer
Sustainer	Refuge	Emmanuel	Savior	Messiah	Faithful

II. CONFESSION: Honestly deal with the sin in your prayer life in silence.

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13

III. THANKSGIVING: Verbalize what you are grateful for in your life.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Visitors who came throughout the holiday season
- Dr. Carney as our transitional pastor during this time
- God providing the finances for our income to exceed expenses
- New ministries to women and men that developed in the last portion of 2019
- People coming to know Christ and following in believers' baptism
- God's provision of many Senior Pastor candidates who are willing and desiring to participate in our search process
- Giving time and opportunity for the Pastor Search Committee to make phone calls, interviews and church visits
- God's many provisions and protection of Millbrook Baptist Church during this time without a Senior Pastor
- The beginning of the update and transition of ShelbyNext, our membership database system
- The churchwide signage project completion and that it has helped with churchwide navigation
- The success in determining what channels of communication (print and digital) work best for our ministry areas, community, and congregation as we continue to pursue excellence in all of these areas

If only we knew what was happening when we pray, we would never cease to pray. -Louis Giglio

IV. SUPPLICATION: Pray for the needs of others and yourself.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7

TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE MINISTRY AREAS, INDIVIDUALS, AND PRAYER NEEDS LISTED.

PERSONAL

Bring to God all of the requests that you have on your heart:

Examples: Family, Unsaved Love Ones, Finances, Relationships

CHURCHWIDE

Dr. Ed Carney, Robbie Yarborough, Karen Myers, Jody Whisenant

- Spiritually healthy staff
- Allocating staff to the needs of the congregation
- Becoming disciples who make disciples

CHURCH COUNCIL

Gary Stooksbury, Jeff Langford, John McMichael, Blanche Conger, Nancy Padgett, Clay Pearson, Jimmy Scott

DEACONS

Gary Blackwell, Matthew Broach, Carl Bryan, Jim Childress, Richard Church, George Clary, Kenny Cook, Warren Corbett, Jeff Courtney, Paul Cox, Harry Harmon, Steve Jerger, Russell Johnson, Raully Judy, Mike Low, Mike Martin, Eden Merchant, Jimmy Miles, Tracy Riley, Angel Rodriguez, Raymond Roseberry, Gary Stooksbury, Hal Tate, James Young

- Wisdom and courage for each deacon to combat division and disharmony among the brethren
- Stamina and commitment for each deacon to perform assigned visits and calls to MBC membership

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Susan Reck, John McMichael, Carl Bryan, Paul Grant, Harry Harmon, Michelle Cole, Jim Schiele

- Budget and finance planning for each area of ministry
- Our congregation to be faithful and give what God directs
- Monthly finance review

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Jeff Langford, Kenny Cook, Cindy Abshire, Michelle Cole, Owen Heyward, Mike Low, Mary Orander

- That we seek and follow God's will in the work and decisions our committee makes
- For wisdom and insight in all issues before the Personnel Committee
- For a spirit of unity among committee members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eric Johnson, Darla Corley, Evelyn Goodhead, Pam Harmon, Curtis Nappier

TRUSTEES

Danny Brown, Dan Clayton, Gene Hendrix

WEEKDAY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mary Beth Whitlaw, Nancy Bolin, Nancy Hendrix, Stephanie Krebs, Grady Whitlaw, Cheryl Roseberry

ADULTS

- Connect Group leaders
- Wednesday evening prayer leader

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Katherine Granillo, Brena Cameron

- Pray as we continue to streamline and update additional parts of our membership database system in the coming months
- Pray as we communicate and present ShelbyNext in stages and ultimately use it churchwide
- Pray for continual implementation of the standards we have set for churchwide and community communications

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Abbi Puckett, Kim Woiczehowski

- Partnering with parents in training their children
- For our children to come to know Christ and grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord
- Spiritual discernment for teachable moments for each child and the extent of each child's readiness for salvation
- Volunteer base to effectively serve the children of our congregation
- Outreach Events: Midweek, C2, Princess Ball, Easter Egg Drop, VBS, Christmas celebration

STUDENTS

Jason & Marsha Hall, Adam Tomberlin

Interns: Jordan Rogers & Maddie Whitaker

- Reach every student in Aiken County with the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Midweek: Safety of students and volunteers, sufficient volunteer base to effectively serve the students of midweek; Continued cooperative agreement with Aiken County Public Schools
- Outreach Events: Student Basketball & Cheerleading Teams, Beach Week

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Ryan & Laura Masse, Matthew & Amanda Broach

- Healthy relationships with peers and making Godly decisions
- Time management
- God's favor on college exams and future plans
- Outreach Events: Mission trip

SINGLES MINISTRY

Gary Farina, Shelly Yon

- Spiritual growth in their relationship with Christ
- That God would help the heart to be content in all situations during this season of life - remembering His Sovereignty and His goodness. (not seeking ungodly relationships)
- That singles will acknowledge to the Lord that He knows the plans He has for them- plans to prosper them spiritually, and not to harm them; plans to give them a hope and a future
- That singles would faithfully use their lives in service to Christ, seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, trusting that God will meet their every need

DEAF MINISTRY

Allen Franklin, Jan Kuhns

- Healthy spiritual growth
- Minister to the deaf community needs

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mary Boswell, Alicia Howard

- For God to bring the women of Millbrook into a closer relationship with Him
- Help the women of Millbrook build relationships with each other that will help encourage, mentor and hold accountable each woman in their daily lives as they seek to follow Christ
- For the Women's Ministry to be a blessing and come alongside our Leadership and other ministries within Millbrook as we seek to bring others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ

MEN'S MINISTRY

Dave Deal, Jeff Boswell, Chris Ewing, Ken Roberts, John McMichael

- Guidance for our Christian men into spiritual maturity and helping them to be role models

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Bill Howard, Skyler Ortega, Diane Atkinson

- For Millbrook to be a place of authentic worship where God is honored and lifted high
- That the focus will be on God, not on individual desires or preferences
- For our Worship Ministry to be led by the Holy Spirit as they lead us into the presence of God and that our worship truly focuses on God and His attributes
- For the praise team, choir, orchestra, and tech team as they lead the congregation into worship

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Blanche Conger, Lib Scott, Zelda Clayton, Harry Harmon, Kenny Cook, Jim Childress, Houston Brown

- God's enabling to keep Christ at the center of all discussions and decisions
- God's continued enabling of the committee to work in spiritual unity to reach a unanimous decision in their final recommendation for Senior Pastor, in God's timing
- God's empowering to keep the committee's discussions and decisions confidential
- Pray for our next Senior Pastor:
 - God's clear calling and preparation of his life to shepherd the flock at Millbrook Baptist Church
 - God's growth of his passion for preaching the Word of God
 - God's preparation of the hearts and the lives of his family for a move, in God's timing
- Pray for our church:
 - God's wisdom and discernment for Dr. Carney, our church staff and our church leaders, as they seek to prepare our church for the next Senior Pastor
 - God's preparation of our hearts and our lives for the next Senior Pastor
 - God's continued calling and empowering of many in our church to pray for our church and our Pastor
 - God's continued provisions and protection of our church during this time of transition

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Gary Farina, Shelly Yon

- For God to move on the hearts of His people so we might have great compassion for those without Christ
- Building of an outreach team to follow up with those who visit Millbrook

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Blanche Conger, Seth Campbell, Steve Corley, Jim Pruitt, Jean Ridley, Anita Stokes, Ann Story

- Pray for our missionaries serving on the mission field around the world.
- For discernment as we develop how to support our missionaries in a more relevant fashion based on the missionary evaluations
- That God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
- That those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open door opportunities
- That God will lead his people past barriers to hearts ready to receive his Word
- For strength and stamina as missionaries encounter antagonistic spiritual forces and that people will resist Satan's plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel
- That God's Word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes
- MISSION TRIPS FOR THE YEAR:

April 4-11: Spring Break trip to Somotillo, Nicaragua with Because We Care Ministries

June 13-21: Trip to Rio Blanco, Nicaragua

July 3-10: Spain trip

October: Mexico Mission Trip

Vision trip to the Dominican Republic

