

# Pray for Planters

## August



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**1** Today we have two birthdays being celebrated:

**Jordan Bowen** who with his wife, Sarah, is planting Oasis Little Rock, and **Carie Means** who is helping her husband, Sam, plant 360 Ignite in Fayetteville. Both church planting couples are seeking to reach internationals in their cities. Ask God to give them wisdom in relationship building, Gospel conversations, and in discipleship of new believers.

**2 Armando and Elizabeth Acevedo** are planting Casa de Dios y Puerta de Cielo in Springdale. Ask God to provide and protect them as they minister to Hispanics there.

**3 Partnerships** are what make church planting possible. Second Baptist Conway is partnering with two church plants in the Delta. Yesterday, they partnered with The Bridge in Wynne to host a block party, and today they are partnering with Christ the Redeemer in Pine Bluff. Ask God to use these events to give these new church plants more open doors in their communities.

**4** Two church plants are hosting VBS this week: Fordyce Community Baptist in Fordyce and Summit Bible Church in Summit, AR. Pray for these churches and volunteers as they share the hope and truth of Christ with children and their families.

**5 School** is starting back this month, and many of our church planters will be hosting special events and seeking ministry opportunities with families and teachers. Pray for them as they plan, prepare, and host these events.

**6** Today is **Maurice Brister's** birthday. He and his wife are serving at Unity Bible Baptist in Little Rock. Pray for the church to be healthy and to grow spiritually and numerically and for Maurice's wife, LaDina, as she starts back to work as a classroom teacher.

**7 Brad Curtis** is celebrating his birthday today. He and his wife, Janet, are planting Greater Purpose Fellowship in Greenbrier. Ask God to continue to bless the Celebrate Recovery Ministry of this church and to encourage and strengthen this couple and church as they serve Him.

**8** Today is **Paula Deckard's** birthday. Her husband, Jeff, is planting Damascus Road Cowboy Church. Pray for them as they break ground for a church building and arena. Ask God to provide all the people and other resources needed in a project like this.

**9** Today is day one of the **Hispanic Church Planting Retreat**. Pray for Francisco Gomez and the other Hispanic pastors and their families as they gather for training, fellowship, and encouragement. Ask God to use this time to revive and equip those serving in Arkansas Hispanic Church plants.

**10** There are four **block parties/back to school events happening today**: **Faith Church** in Maumelle, **New Faith** in LR, **Community of Love** in England, and **Tabernacle Baptist** in Dermott. Ask God to move in a powerful way and save people and transform families through these ministry opportunities.

**11 Brad and Paige Branham** are planting Hello Church in Russellville. Pray for them as they make connections with college students who are moving into dorms and starting back to class. Ask God for more students to be saved, discipled, and connected to a local church this year through the ministry of this church plant.

**12** Pray for **Norman McCray** and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in West Helena as they follow up with those who attended and made decisions at the Medical/Dental Clinic and block party earlier this summer. Ask God to continue to bring fruit from this ministry event in the community.

**13 Mitch and Lynnlee Meaders** are serving at Settlement Baptist Church, a replant in Shirley. Pray that God will give them wisdom as they look for and choose a worship leader. Pray as well for Settlement's ministry at the RV park and local nursing home.

**14** Pray for **Roderick and Lena Rogers** as they are planting Fordyce Community Baptist. Ask God to help them as they follow up with the people they met during a week of ministry with Geyer Springs Baptist Church in July, VBS last week, and for continued ministry to students and families as the school year begins.

**15** Today a representative from the North America Mission Board is in AR leading a **coaching training** for those partnering with Arkansas church planters. Praise the Lord for these training opportunities and for those who are willing to invest their time in others for the sake of the Gospel. Pray that God will raise up more coaches and mentors in sending churches who can come alongside planters as they faithfully serve in new places.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. . . .” – Colossians 4:1-2

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**16 Anthony Banks** is celebrating his birthday today and praising the Lord for the Louisiana mission team who helped New Beginnings in Marion with VBS and for the six children who were saved. Ask God to help **Anthony and Crystal Banks** and this church family as they follow up with these children and their families.

**17 Nate and Mary Smith** are serving at Greater New Philadelphia Baptist Church in Wilson. Today, they're hosting a back to school event, and all summer they have been providing Bible training, sports, craft work, and skills training for youth this as well as meeting physical needs through the food pantry and clothes closet. Ask God to bring fruit from these ministries.

**18** Last Saturday, Community of Love in England hosted a back to school bash. Pray for **Derrick and Shavanda Herron** as they follow-up with this ministry opportunity and share the Gospel with the families in their community.

**19** Pray for **Creston and Alina Thomas** who are planting Christ the Redeemer Church in Pine Bluff and for the economic woes in Pine Bluff that limit families from providing for their loved ones. Pray that Christ the Redeemer Church will be a light in this city.

**20** Since 2017, over 70 new Arkansas Baptist churches have been added to the ABSC. Praise the Lord for what He is doing in these new works, replants, and affiliations! Pray for these pastors today as some of them are gathering for **Connection Day**. Ask God to encourage their hearts and strengthen them daily.

**21** Today is **Dustin Clegg's birthday**. He and his wife Beth are planting The Bridge Church in Wynne. Ask God to multiply their home groups and that the core team and staff would daily put on the armor of God and be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power as they seek to build bridges to the Gospel in Wynne.

**22** Pray for **Hunter Thompson** who is serving in a replant in partnership with Grand Avenue Baptist. Ask God to help this replant, Cornerstone of Fort Smith, to make disciples who worship, grow, and go.

**23 Francisco and Gabriela Vazquez** are planting Mision Bautista Biblica in DeQueen. Pray for them as they follow-up on contacts made during VBS this summer and that God will give them more favor in the Hispanic community and beyond.

**24 BT and Vivian Cooper** are serving at Eternal Love Fellowship in Forrest City. Praise the Lord for the fourteen people who came to Christ this summer at a block party and the five who have already been baptized. Pray for this church body as they follow-up with and disciple these new believers.

**25** Today is **John Spencer's** birthday. Pray for him & his wife Julie as they minister in El Dorado at Betel Iglesia. Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they pray, plan, and prepare to see new works started in southern Arkansas among Hispanics and other ethnic groups.

**26** The sixth annual **Statewide Prayer Gathering for Ministers** is tonight and tomorrow. Ask God to move in a powerful way in these times of prayer – revealing more of Himself and His plans for His church and giving pastors and other staff members a fresh vision and renewed strength to fulfill the Father's purpose.

**27** Today is **Calvin Frierson's** birthday. He and his wife Shameka are serving at Second Baptist Marvell. It is also **Justin and Katie King's** wedding anniversary. They are planting Delta Church in Blytheville. Ask God to encourage and strengthen both couples as they share the love of Christ in their communities.

**28** Every Wednesday & Sunday evening Drover Cowboy Church hosts "Church in the Dirt." Pray for **Chance and Kristen Watson** as they give leadership to these evenings and to the arena ministry of this church. Also, pray for wisdom in their church building project.

**29 Church plants in Northwest Arkansas** are seeking to reach internationals, families, and young couples with the Gospel. This heavily populated area has people from a wide variety of backgrounds. Ask God to give planters here wisdom as they engage the lost with the Gospel.

**30 Jon and Gretchen Smeltzer** are in the beginning stages of planting Summit Bible Church in Summit, Arkansas. Pray for them as they seek to share the Gospel among the poverty, addiction, and lostness that are very evident in this small community near Yellville.

**31** Tomorrow church plants all over Arkansas will be gathering to **worship** in a variety of locations. Ask God to speak powerfully through His servants as they boldly proclaim His Word. Ask God to grow and unify His church.

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