

September 2010 Prayer Guide
First Baptist Church of Griffin, GA
"Following Christ...Radiating His Love"

***"Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!***

Romans 11:13 NIV

Wed. ____ 1 As **Bible studies for adults and young people** meet tonight as well as **First Kids Club**, pray that God's wisdom and knowledge will flow to each studying and learning His word. Give thanks for the ministerial staff and volunteer leaders that have spent time to prepare for the studies, meetings, and rehearsals.

Thurs. ____ 2 Thank God today for our **Preschool Weekday staff** as they teach and guide two year olds through Kindergarten age students. Pray for Diane Lamb, director, and Lynn Pitts, administrative assistant. Pray for teachers: Betsy Bernier (3's), Linda Caldwell (Pre-K), Jill Matlock-Carter (3's), Jan McLean (K), Angie Michel (Pre-K), Jane Murdock (Pre-K), Diane O'Conner (2's and 3's), Lynn Small (2's and 3's), Daisy Smith (K). Also pray for assistants: Carolyn Bowden, Debra Goodwin, Anna Hooper, Myrna Schultz, and Sharon Brown. Pray that each of these will have patience and Godly wisdom in teaching the precious children entrusted to their care and guidance. Pick several of these to pray for throughout the month.

Fri. ____ 3 Ramadan, the Muslim holy season continues through September 11. Today and throughout the month **pray for Muslim people** around the world that need to know God's love through Jesus Christ. Ask God to guide Christians throughout the world in how we relate to and share God's love with Muslims. Pray that God's kingdom will be increased as Muslims come to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Sat. ____ 4 Today the **Five Loaves Two Fish Food pantry** will be open to assist the hungry in our community. Pray for the volunteers from First Baptist that will work today in providing physical food. Pray that their words and actions will provide food for the souls of those coming.

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:14-16 NIV

Sun. ____ 5 As you prepare for Bible study and worship today read the verses above **give God praise** and glory for his omnipotent, awesome, greatness. Pray that all those leading in our **worship services** will seek to glorify God. Pray that each participant will focus on God not on themselves or the mechanics of worship. Pray for these deacons as they seek God's leading in their lives and follow His direction: **Mitch Gilmer, Brad Glass, Wayne Graddy**

Mon. ____ 6 On this day when we "celebrate" all those who labor **let us give thanks for the work that God has called each of us to do whether as a volunteers or as employees**. Thank God for your work. Ask Him to provide jobs for those in our community, state, and country that are seeking employment. Pray that the leaders of our state and nation will seek in appropriate ways to provide employment for those in need.

Tues. ____ 7 The **Library Ministry team** opens the library every Tuesday afternoon to do work and provide resources to our members and the community. Pray that our congregation will be wise stewards and use the resources available in our church library. Also ask God to help our library reach out to those in our community who may find God's love through all types of media.

Wed. ____ 8 "...Now wherever we go He [Christ] uses us to tell others about the Lord and to spread the Good News like a sweet perfume." (2 Corinthians 2:14 NLT) What an astounding privilege! **Ask God to work within your life guiding and making you into that person who spreads the gospel fragrance** in your daily encounters with others. Pray that same prayer for other FBC members.

Thurs. ____ 9 **McAfee School of Theology**, one of our ministry partners, has begun its fall term. Pray for students as they continue on their spiritual journey learning and seeking God's direction in their lives. Ask God to lead McAfee students into positions of work and service that will expand His work as He leads them. Thank God for the professors who seek to do their best in teaching the students there.

Fri. ____ 10 Pray for the **families and individuals of First Baptist** as each is on a spiritual journey. Pray that persons who know Jesus as Lord and Savior will seek to move forward in their spiritual development. Ask God to convict our congregation in the area of spiritual growth.

Sat. ____ 11 **The leaders of our country at all levels are in need of wisdom and integrity.** Seek the help of the Holy Spirit as you pray for America and her leaders. Paul writes, "We don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us...And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will." (Romans 8: 26-27)

Sun. ____ 12 **Praise God as our church family participates in Bible study and worship** together. Pray for the **Sunday School teachers** of all age groups. Pray that God's Word may be shared in appropriate and meaningful ways. Ask God to use the messages shared by our church staff as well as the lessons by volunteers to convict, encourage, and inspire us. Also **pray that our church family will understand their responsibility to give back to God the resources that he has entrusted to them including money, time, talents, and spiritual gifts.** Help grandparents, parents, and teachers at church to give a Godly example to the children and young people in the area of tithing and giving of our offerings. Pray for deacons: **Laura Guinade, Charles Hammock, Doug Hollberg as they seek God's will and follow His leading.**

"I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints—but let them not return to folly."

Psalm 85:8 NIV

Mon. ____ 13 Ask God to place His watchcare over our **church staff and their families.** Pray that their family times will be blessed. Pray that in the midst of many good activities that each staff person will have time to meditate, study, and reflect on God's word as well as on God himself. This is a long and busy day for our church staff and **deacons** as they meet this evening. May their work and discussions be led by God. Pray that each deacon will seek to know and do God's will.

Tues. ____ 14 Pray for those working in the **Caregivers Furniture and Clothing ministries.** Ask God to lead many to donate the needed items (appliances, beds, sheets, blankets, jeans, men's coats, and tennis shoes, children's clothing). Pray that as deliveries are made that God's love will be shared.

Wed. ____ 15 Pray for **First Kids Club missions groups** as they are learning how the Good News of Christ is shared through medical missions work in Kenya by Cooperative Baptist Field personnel Dr. Tim and Lori Myrick. Pray that the children involved will understand how important it is to pray for those doing God's work. Also pray that the children will understand how God can use them to help and share His love.

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us --yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17 NIV

Thurs. ____ 16 September has traditionally been a month when First Baptist has learned about, given to, and prayed for **state missions.** The state of Georgia needs prayer and the sharing of God's love. Ask God to direct the work today of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of GA and the Georgia Baptist Convention. Pray that our members will actively find opportunities to give to and participate in the work of God throughout our state.

Fri. ____ 17 Pray for the **After School Program at Meriwether Homes**. Thank God for **Mrs. Eula Redding** and ask God to direct her as decisions are made about the program. Pray for Mrs. Redding as she recuperates from surgery and makes plans for the program this year. Another program to assist young people in our community is The Talk House. **The Talk House** is a faith based ministry for middle school aged girls. Please pray that we will be able to be completely obedient to God's direction. Pray for more girls to be reached and draw closer to God. Pray for the fundraiser on Sept. 21st that more girls can be reached.

Sat. ____ 18 Pray for the **Nominating Committee** as they begin the task of enlisting new leaders for the committees, councils and teams of First Baptist. Pray that the committee will not seek to just fill positions, but that as new leadership is found God will do the placement according to His will. Ask God to help the new leadership to understand His vision for the work of First Baptist Church.

Sun. ____ 19 "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking" (James 1:5 NLT). Pray today that God will give you wisdom for your circumstances. Pray that you will embrace that wisdom with whole-hearted trust and obedience. **Worship the Lord with gladness and obedience today**. Please pray for our congregation as we elect new deacons to be servant leaders to our church family and community. Guide those who are elected to be Christ-like in their service in the upcoming years. Pray for deacons **Ronnie Hopkins, Elaine Jackson, Jeff Jacobs asking God to lead and direct their service for Him**.

Mon. ____ 20 **Pray for educators, parents and students who are disciples of Christ**. Pray that they will, as our pastor says, "carve out sacred moments" to nourish themselves with God's word and communication with the Father through prayer. Pray for authentic faith in these disciples that spills over in cheerfulness, integrity, kindness, responsibility and self-discipline. Pray that their lives will positively impact their homes and schools. Also pray specifically for the administration, faculty, and students of **Strong Rock Christian School and Griffin Christian School**. Pray that God's love will be shown to all involved in the educational process taking place in those schools.

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation --- those good things that are produced in your life by Jesus Christ---for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

Philippians 1:11 NLT

Tues. ____ 21 Today is **Spalding Samaritans** intake day in our Family Life Building. In these warmer months the need is great for those needing utility assistance. Pray for the volunteers (many who are First Baptist members) as they receive information, pray with, and minister to those seeking assistance. May God's spirit of love show forth in their actions and words.

Wed. ____ 22 "This one thing I ask of the Lord – the thing I seek most – is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in His temple" (Ps. 27:4 NLT). **Pray this prayer today**: "*Lord, I have to admit that sometimes I feel so frazzled and distracted that I don't know which way to turn. Help me to remember that the road to purpose in life is a one-way street. Holy Spirit, help me to focus all of my energies and desires on pleasing Jesus first.*" (Joni E. Tada in Pearls of Great Price)

Thurs. ____ 23 Thank God for the work and preparation of our **Sunday School leadership**. Pray that the First Baptist Church Bible study leaders will have the uninterrupted time and energy to prepare to teach their classes. Pray that God will give them insight through the work of the Holy Spirit as to what should be presented and how to best communicate with their class members.

"I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints—but let them not return to folly." Psalm 85:8 (NIV)

Fri. ____ 24 Pray for **Baptist and Christian student ministries on Georgia college campuses**. Pray for Lindsey Stevens as she works with Campus Outreach in Augusta. Pray for Stephanie McLeskey and Aimee Day as they work with Cooperative Student Fellowship at UGA and Mercer respectively. Pray for **college students from our own congregation** that they will seek and know God's leading and direction for their daily lives.

Sat. ____ 25 The **Edgewood Church start** in Atlanta will hold their 2nd worship service tomorrow. Pray for the leaders and volunteers of this new congregation as they complete preparations. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in a mighty way on this new group of worshippers and in all of our own services tomorrow.

"God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:24 (NAS)

Sun. ____ 26 Today is a day of **Bible Study and Worship**. Pray that all members of our church family will be led to participate in Bible Study and Worship today. Pray that we will feel God's leading through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for all He will do in our lives today. Pray for the following deacons as they seek God's wisdom and direction as they serve Him: **John Joiner, Harold Jones, Mike Jones**.

Mon. ____ 27 Pray for our **Disaster Response Team**. Pray that they will know God's leading and direction as they think about and plan how our church should be prepared for local disasters as well as assisting with recovery in other places where disasters may occur.

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In His presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared Him and loved to think about Him. "They will be My people," says the LORD Almighty. "On the day when I act, they will be My own special treasure." Malachi 3: 16-17 NLT

Tues. ____ 28 **Praise God that you are His treasure**. Ask Him to guide you to listen to and think about Him as you center your thoughts and prayers on Him. Pray that all members of First Baptist will seek to grow in their relationship with God their Father.

Wed. ____ 29 Jesus said, "... Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." (John 13:34-35 NLT) The world is in need of proof that we belong to Christ and that belonging to Him makes a positive difference in our lives. **Pray that we at First Baptist will exemplify God's love in words and actions toward each other**. Pray that we will be kind and gracious to other believers and non-believers.

Thurs. ____ 30 "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" Gal. 6:9 (RSV). Pray for those at FBC who are growing weary in their service to the Lord. Pray that the Lord will call out new people to help share the load. **Pray that each of us will truly want God's plans to become our plans**.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)