

Lord the glory and praise to building of your kingdom through unity of faith and hope for there is but one gospel one truth one savior Jesus of Nazareth who is the Christ, and lord it is into your Hands that we commit our leaders to fulfill your ministries through them. To share your truth your grace and your undying Love. In Jesus name we pray.

"one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:5-6

Day 6- Families

Pray for our homes to be filled with love for one another in all situations. A home that offers forgiveness to each other.

Pray to be a home that extends love to all our neighbors.

Pray to be a home that attends church and worships together. That we will trust God with all of our problems.

Pray to be a home that keeps the faith and never gives up!

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b

Day 7- Revival in the Church

Revival is a matter of spiritual renewal and refreshment in the lives of Christians and church bodies. When this "revival" happens, believers regain the passion for Christ they had when they were initially redeemed and excited about their salvation. There is a renewed love for the lost, a hunger for the presence of the Holy Spirit, a dedication to discipline fellow believers, and a boldness in sharing the word of God with others (witnessing to those who need Christ). Followers of Christ once again begin to push back the spiritual darkness that surrounds their communities.

It is unfortunate that some believers may think that time of genuine revival has past. There is nothing in Scripture to support this claim. In the book of Acts when the church was birthed in Jerusalem and began to grow, Peter and John were arrested by the Jewish chief priests and elders and warned not to speak about Jesus. In Acts 4, fellow believers prayed for strength despite persecution and the Lord sent a powerful renewal of His Spirit to settle on them. The church marched forward in "boldness" and continued to increase in the name of Christ.

Prayer: Father, we ask that you bring biblical revival to all our 20 churches in the Salem Association. We ask that the hearts of believers would experience a renewal of the power of the Holy Spirit in order that we cry out to you with effective prayers, recommit our lives to loving and serving you, and witness with

boldness to the redemption and eternal life offered to every person through your Son, Jesus Christ.

"When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31

Day 8- Lost

Pray for the lost in the communities of the Salem Association. Every Sunday 88% of the people in our community do not attend church. Pray that the hearts of the lost will be open to discovering Jesus as the only way, the truth and the life. Pray that members of Salem Association of Baptists will be able to touch the hearts of the lost. Pray for God to open doors and hearts that the Lost will be receptive to the gospel.

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

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Daily Prayer Guide

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

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Day 1- Unity in the Church

One of the most remarkable circumstance in the Bible occurs in the New Testament. The story begins when two disciples come to Jesus and ask Him if they could set themselves aside or above the other disciples by requesting that they be placed on either side of Christ when He comes into his Kingdom. The stubbornness of Peter seems to separate him from the others as well. But in the midst of adversity in the church, Christ Jesus was there to set everything straight and according to His purpose. God the Father receives all the glory.

Today, we find that nothing has changed. God is still at work in our churches. The TRUTH never changes. We read in the Book of Acts that when the Holy Spirit fell on those that heard the Word, things began to happen. From the mouths of the Apostles to the ears of all those people, one message was declared, one message was received. The Spirit of God made unity possible when each person heard God's Word. What the story in Acts suggests to us today is simply this. When we unite together with one purpose, one vision, one goal..one church, then God will be able to work through us. There will be lost souls won and God will receive the Glory...not the church!

Prayer: Father in heaven we come to you asking that you unite each church in our association with the same vision and goal. Our vision is to reach all the lost in our county and our goal, is to glorify You. Amen

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." NKJV

Day 2- Salem Associate Teams

Please join us in prayer that our Association will be a tool to reach more people for the sake of the gospel. Pray for the Administrative Team, Resource Team, Connection Team, Prayer Team and the Association Mission Strategist.

Almighty God by your grace alone we are asking you to grant our Association Mission Strategist new vision that God had given for the mission and to continual spiritual growth in our Salem Association.

Pray that God will provide resources for us to effectively serve in this association. Pray for us that the Lord will crush every opposition and obstacle to the ministry of the churches in this association. Pray for guidance that God will guide the connection

team to provide and maintain an associational calendar and quarterly planning. Pray for strength and boldness to continually serve member churches by communicating prayer needs among churches and leading prayer ministry in accordance.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." 1 John 5:14-15

Day 3- Pastors

Pray God will protect their families. If Satan can cause problems in the pastor's home, he will cause them to be less effective in ministry.

Pray your pastor will preach and teach the truth of the scripture with boldness, while listening to the voice of God. Pray your pastor will not give in to discouragement received through Satan's many different venues.

Pray for your pastors spiritual life. The pastor spends all of his time working with the needs of the church and the congregation and doesn't have an opportunity to get fed himself. Who feeds the pastor? Who visits the pastor in the hospital? Who does the pastor turn to for counseling or spiritual guidance? Who encourages the pastor when Satan is attacking his home? Pray strength against burnout. Being a pastor is not easy and when a person continues to give without a place to turn for support, burnout is normal.

Pray your pastor will make wise use of their time. Pray they will seek God's guidance for their schedule and that they would guard against unnecessary interruptions.

Pray for unity among the church leadership. Satan attacks the church by creating divisions and misunderstanding among the church leadership.

Pray for the financial needs of the pastor and his family. Pray they will be wise stewards of what God has blessed them with. Pray the church is willing and able to take care of them financially.

Pray that God will put a hedge of protection around your pastor's marriage and that he and his wife will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected.

Pray that God will put people in your pastor's family who will be friends and sources of encouragement to help them in the ministry.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

Day 4- Schools

Pray that God will move in the minds and hearts of government officials to release the schools from unreasonable expectations.

Pray for the administrators, that God will raise up more believing administrators and that they will act with courage, creativity, and wisdom.

Pray for the teachers who are Christ-followers, and that they will love their students so that even without a word, they might display the light of Christ to those who are searching. That they will have strength, endurance, and wisdom.

Pray for revival among the students. Pray that God will grab hold of the hearts of those students who have already learned the art of evil and transform them into God-fearing teens. Pray for the many "good kids" to remain on the path of righteousness, to be strong in Christ, but to also be humble and loving to those that aren't.

Pray for Christian parents who will also mirror Christ to teachers, administrators, and other students.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Day 5- Church Leaders

The warning that James gives in James 3:1, should be a sobering thought to all of us about the trials our Pastors, Deacons, and church leaders all face. They are ever under the watchful eyes of everyone in the community. If one of the church leaders should fall into sin in this age everyone leans in to watch and ridicule not only the one who fail but the whole church.

In the early church the leaders asked for others to pray for them. In Hebrews 13:17-18. After telling us to obey our leaders we are instructed to pray for them. "The more earnestly the people pray for their ministers, the more benefit they may expect from their ministry." The more we pray for our church leaders the more we can expect God to use our churches to impact the kingdom for the Gospel. So therefore, we should pray that our church leaders would live out 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer: Abba Father we come to you in humble submission, Lord we ask that you keep all our pastors, deacons, teachers, WMU and all our church leaders in the Salem association, walking in your light and your will. We seek to lift them up for protection from the enemy that they may stand firm adorned fully in your

armor to stand firm against the tactics of the enemy. Lord we pray
that they acknowledge 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. That they give you oh