

2024-25 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associational Missions

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Evangelism begins with the Gospel being shared in a loving way so that it engages people, right here in the Cincinnati Area. Each of us has a community: our neighbors, our workplaces, and even our families from one corner to the other of our nine southwestern Ohio counties. We are each called to engage our world; the whole world. This year, the prayer emphasis for Southern Baptist associations, churches, and church members is on Community Engagement. Each of us can strengthen the work of the Gospel with a simple commitment to pray and engage others.

“Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God’s words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen”
(1 Peter 4:8-11, CSB).



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Day 1: Vision for Community Engagement:

"Without revelation, people run wild" (Proverbs 29:18).

Pray today that our Lord grants the pastors of our association a clear vision to lead their congregations to engage their communities. Pray the Lord helps all of us understand the needs and opportunities for sharing the Gospel in love.

Day 2: Unity and Collaboration

"How delightfully good when brothers live in harmony! (Ps. 133:1)

Pray today that the Lord would encourage the pastors of our association to foster unity within their community, encouraging collaboration and, if possible, in partnership with other churches in the association for more significant kingdom impact.

Day 3: Boldness and Courage

"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Pray today that the Lord would grant the followers of Jesus in our churches the boldness and courage to step outside their comfort zones, fearlessly engaging communities with His transformative message.

Day 4: Listening to the Community

"My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger" (James 1:19).

Pray today that the Lord grants pastors the patience to listen attentively and understand their community's unique challenges and joys.

Day 5: Building Bridges

"To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Pray today that the Lord would help our churches build bridges, seize every opportunity to connect with diverse members of their neighborhoods, and become effective at sharing Jesus' message of love, hope, and salvation.

Day 6: Servant Leadership

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Pray today that the Lord would instill in our pastors a heart of servant leadership that humbly guides their churches to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of their communities. Pray they would lead their people to serve beyond the walls of the church as a lifestyle.

Day 7: Sustaining the Mission

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Pray today asking the Lord to sustain every church in its mission to engage the Cincinnati Area in new ways. Ask Him to provide endurance. May they rejoice as they witness the fruits of their efforts.

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Associational Offering Goal: \$5,000
Offering to be used to provide mission trip scholarships to pastors.