

## ***Prayer Week Bookmark***

### **The Church**

Pray daily for the evangelistic impact, ministry, unity, and spiritual protection of First Baptist Church.

### **Revival Services, February 25-28**

Preaching: Pastor Stuart McNarry  
Orangeburg Avenue Baptist Church  
Modesto, California

### **Upward Basketball**

Pray for players, cheerleaders, & parents who need Jesus. Remember game-day halftime devotionals for parents, mid-practice devotionals for participants, and the February 24 awards program.

### **Building Program**

As the building program continues, ask God to protect the workers, and to prepare this place as an effective tool in disciple-making.

### **Budget**

With the new building, the budget will increase. Ask God to lead us all in our stewardship so that everyone does his share. Ask God to send buyers for the commercial property across the road this year.

### **Teachers**

Pray that God will raise up the right teachers as we move into the new building. We will need new teachers for children's classes and new adult classes.

### **Our Armed Forces in Iraq**

Tracy Jolly, Brad Stevenson, Jeff Totty, Alan Rigsby, Jonathan Braswell, Cory Mitchell, John Atkins, Alfred Brown, Jamie Fortner, Tommy Harper

## ***A Prayer Offensive***

- Pray that the Gospel will spread freely and will prevail in the Tallassee area. Ask God to tear down the walls people have put up to keep Christ out of their lives. Pray that God will overcome with the truth lies people have believed — lies that keep them from Jesus. Ask God to show people their need of Him and to attract people to Himself in powerful ways.
- Pray for our city and county leadership, that God will give them wisdom in structuring plans for the right kind of progress in this area. Pray for an environment that is conducive to the spread of the Gospel and that strengthens churches. Pray that God will keep the wrong businesses away.
- Pray against the people that organize and sell illicit drugs in the Tallassee area. Pray that these people will be converted to Christ, move far away, or be arrested and convicted. Pray that any corrupt law enforcement officers (of whatever agency) will be exposed.
- Pray against the demonic forces that stir up terrorists to harm innocent civilians and against American armed forces. Pray that demonic deceptions will be overcome by the truth. Pray that God will destroy the influence of the Islamic religious leaders who incite terrorism, including those in their schools. Pray against terrorist leaders and recruiters, that they will lose their influence. Pray for young people on the path to becoming terrorists or homicide bombers, that God will intervene in a powerful way to intercept their life-path and bring them to Christ, instead. Pray that God will turn this whole thing on its head, and convert vast multitudes out of Islam.
- Pray that God will send revival to the United States, that He will reawaken His church and renew repentance in His people.

### **PrayerWalk the Tallassee Area**

**Sunday, January 7 3:00 PM**

Meet at Church to Get Organized

***There will be a Bus Prayer Tour for those who cannot walk***

Report Session After the Walk at the Church

Childcare Provided

### **Kinds of Prayers You Can Pray**

**Thanksgiving** (Ephesians 5:20; I Thessalonians 5:18), **Praise** (Psalm 117:1; 150), **Confession** (I John 1:9; Hosea 14:12), **Intercession** (Ephesians 6:18; I Timothy 2:1); **Requests** (Philippians 4:6; I John 5:14)

# **Prayer Week 2007**

December 31—January 7



***Prayer Week is a time for us as a church family to begin our year with vigorous prayer, asking God to mature us spiritually, to lead us in ministry, and to empower our witness.***

### ***Pray In the New Year***

Special Prayer Service

Sunday Night December 31 11:00 PM-Midnight

### ***PrayerWalk Tallassee***

Sunday, January 7 3:00 PM

### ***Pray for Tallassee***

Tuesday, January 2 through Wednesday, January 10

Pray in the Prayer Room for up to one hour

You can pray through the Tallassee Telephone Book,

the Church Roll or Upward Team Rosters

(Sign up sheet for prayer room on foyer desk)

Visit [www.fbctallasse.com/prayerweek](http://www.fbctallasse.com/prayerweek) for more prayer helps

# Praying in the Prayer Room

## What Exactly Am I Being Asked to Do?

You are being asked to take a time slot and spend up to one hour in the prayer room at the church, praying for our church and community. We are asking every member to sign up for one hour-long time slot, but it is OK to sign up for more than one slot.

## Do I have to Pray for an Entire Hour?

You are being asked to take “up to” an hour. If you spend less time, that will be OK. However, several members have reported following the suggestions below, and being surprised at how long they spent praying—and enjoying it!

## What Will We Be Praying For?

We are asking you to select from the church roll, the Upward Basketball rosters, and the Tallassee telephone directory, but you can also choose to use your own prayer list, Sunday School roll, or the Prayer Week Guide.

## How Will This Work?

First, call the church office, identify yourself, and ask for the combination to the prayer room door. It has a keypad lock. Then, you will see a copy of the church roll, Upward team rosters, and the Tallassee telephone directory. There will be a whiteboard showing where the last person left off in praying through each one. When you finish praying, please update the note on the whiteboard to show where you left off.

## Suggestions for Your Time in the Prayer Room

Carry your Bible with you. You may wish to carry a devotional book or a book on prayer. Spend a few minutes reading God’s Word as you prepare to pray. You may want to read the devotional for the day in your devotional book or read a little in your book on prayer. Be careful, though, not to spend too much time reading.

As you pray through the church roll, Upward team rosters, or telephone directory, pray for each person by name whether you know them or not; some people will not have anyone else praying for them all year. At the minimum, mention to God every name you see.

You will know many of the people whose names you see; pray as specifically for them as possible. When you run across names of people you do not know, be still and quiet a few seconds and ask God to impress you with anything He would have you to pray for that person. Don’t worry about praying the wrong thing; just pray it. If you are mistaken, God will know how to “translate” the prayer. If you don’t sense any specific leadership, then pray the name to God and tell Him you don’t know how to pray, but that you are asking Him to work in that person’s life in 2007.

Thank you for helping unleash the most powerful force on earth in Tallassee—the power of God through answered prayer!

# SEVEN MARKS OF A PRAYING CHURCH

*Prayer CD from Navigators*

1. Most members have a strong devotional prayer life and are committed to praying for others.
2. Church members have a biblical understanding of who God is and how they can relate personally to Him through prayer.
3. Leaders are praying people and set an example of prayer for the congregation.
4. Prayer is a way of life throughout the church. Rather than being seen as an isolated program, prayer permeates every ministry within the church and every outreach of the church.
5. Corporate prayer meetings are given high priority in the lives of the church leadership and congregation.
6. Spending time in the presence of the Lord produces humility, purity, unity, and compassion, and Christlikeness in the lives of leaders and the congregation.
7. God’s presence fills His house. Perhaps the single most distinguishing characteristic of a “house of prayer” is that it is filled with the tangible presence of God. A lack of spiritual appetite in the congregation is replaced by spiritual hunger. Unbelievers’ hearts are converted by the life-giving messages preached from the pulpit. The spiritual objectives of the church begin to move forward, not so much by human ingenuity and hard work as by the supernatural assistance of God’s Holy Spirit. Striving ceases; it often seems more is accomplished with less effort.

## There is a Way to Participate in Prayer Week... That Fits You

In addition to the PrayerWalk and spending time in the church Prayer Room, there are ways to participate in Prayer Week that will fit your work schedule and your personality. You could:

- Spend a day (or half-day) alone with God
- Take a lunch break alone with God (one or more days during the work-week)
- Spend a day in prayer & fasting—or fast from watching television
- Go spend an afternoon on the prayer trail behind the church
- Do your own personal PrayerWalk
- Spend the week “souping up” your devotional times, getting your time alone with God up to speed.

# Prayer Week Bookmark

## Daily Scripture Readings for Prayer Week

Sunday, December 31	Romans 8
Monday, January 1	Romans 12
Tuesday, January 2	Ephesians 5
Wednesday, January 3	Ephesians 6
Thursday, January 4	Philippians 1
Friday, January 5	Philippians 4
Saturday, January 6	Colossians 1
Sunday, January 7	Colossians 3-4

## My Prayer Week Goals

### What I Would Like to See God Do

In my life, in my family, in my friends / sphere of influence, and in the church.

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