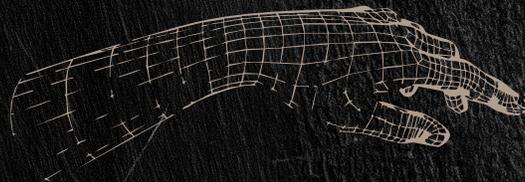




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2025 PRAYER GUIDE



GOD'S { Eph 2:10 (CSB) }
WORKMANSHIP

"FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP,
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS:
September 7-14



WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE MISSOURI MISSIONS
OFFERING, YOU SHARE CHRIST'S BLESSINGS.

Writing from prison in Rome, Paul reminds Christians in Ephesus they are blessed with “every spiritual blessing in the heavens with Christ” (Eph. 1:3). These blessings include being chosen, adopted, redeemed, sealed, and given an inheritance (vv. 4–14). In turn, followers of Jesus are instructed to share this wealth with others by walking in unity, praying for spiritual power, living faithfully, and engaging in spiritual warfare.

Paul reminds us of the marvelous truth that we are saved by grace through faith, not works. Even so, God has designed us to testify about his redeeming grace through our words and deeds:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do (Eph. 2:10).

Missouri Baptists have the privilege of sharing Christ's blessings with others by contributing to God's work in the hearts of people across our state.

As you support more than two dozen ministries and mission projects in Missouri, use this prayer guide in your daily devotions, or with your church or Bible-study group, during the eight days of prayer for Missouri missions. These eight stories represent countless more people who benefit from your prayers and sacrificial giving.





LIZZIE CROUCH

Day 1

EXPERIENCING CREATION, MEETING THE CREATOR

Redemption Ranch

Last summer, Lizzie Crouch served as a camp counselor at Redemption Ranch, a 100-acre property in Lincoln County, Mo., where young people experience creation and are introduced to the Creator. Lizzie taught kids about Christ, and she forged lasting friendships with other camp counselors while gaining the confidence to share the gospel.

In training, she learned how to present the gospel to different types of people and how to teach others to pray and read the Bible, Crouch says. She learned how to help teens face challenging questions about the Bible by digging deeper into Scripture.

Redemption Ranch hosted 267 students in 2024 and saw 25 professions of faith.

PRAY FOR:

- Counselors to remember that Jesus is the one saving souls
- Campers to focus on the gospel



BEV NULL (LEFT)
& KAREN SHANK

DAY 2

ONE OF THE GREATEST OUTREACH TOOLS

VBS regional training

Vacation Bible School (VBS) regional training events help MBC churches prepare for their VBS programs. Attendees are given resources and taught strategies to make their VBS more effective.

Bev Null helps lead these training events, traveling to different regions to teach local VBS leaders how to follow up with kids and families after VBS concludes.

Null also co-directs VBS at First Baptist Church in Braymer, Mo., along with Karen Shonk, who says the training “gets you motivated.... VBS is one of the greatest outreach tools we have. The exchange of ideas and learning [about VBS] is always very good.”

PRAY FOR:

- Safe travels and smooth preparation for those who lead VBS regional training
- Attendees to use what they learn and be encouraged





Day 3



OMAR SEGOVIA

DAY 4

HOPE, HEALING, AND RESTORATION

Missouri Baptist Children’s Home

In Kelsey’s first month of service at the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home (MBCH), she met a client who shared a story of relapse, shame, and regret. Kelsey shared Jesus at the Holy Spirit’s prompting. Through the power of the gospel, the client faced reality and took responsibility for her situation.

MBCH enables employees like Kelsey to respond to God’s guidance as they work with people in dire circumstances. Through obedience and prayer, they witness the light of Jesus shining into the darkness.

MBCH provides a multitude of services with the purpose of connecting children, youth, and families to hope, healing, and restoration.

PRAY FOR:

- God to bring Christian staff to the MBCH team, that they might minister to clients
- Opportunities to openly share the gospel to receptive clients

“WE’RE AN ANSWER TO PRAYER!”

Partnership missions in Mexico

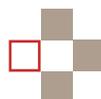
The partnership between the MBC and the Regional Baptist Convention of Puebla–Tlaxcala, Mexico, is thriving. Omar Segovia of the Missions Mobilization Group led a team to Puebla. The mission was to train pastors in leadership development, unity, conflict resolution, and church planting.

God also worked to begin a conversation about founding schools in Puebla through that partnership with additional help from Bethlehem Christian Academy, a network of international disciple-making schools.

One church was already asking God to help them start a school. Segovia says, “We’re an answer to prayer!”

PRAY FOR:

- Churches in Puebla to plant new churches
- Schools to be established with teachers who have a vision for making disciples
- Missouri Baptists to engage in this partnership and make it stronger





GREG XANDER

Day 5

DEVELOPING GOSPEL-CENTERED RELATIONSHIPS

Collegiate interns & apprentices

Greg Xander has been the campus missionary at the Truman State Baptist Student Union for more than 14 years. God's work among the international community on campus has grown immensely. The Truman BSU is the first to welcome an international student on staff as an apprentice, and all Xander's apprentices (students training for future ministry) have been developing gospel-centered relationships with students from around the world.

Last fall, the BSU saw three students come to faith in Christ, six students baptized, and more than 40 engaged in spiritual conversations.

PRAY FOR:

- The annual spring break trip, which includes community service and is attended by nonbelievers and believers alike
- More gospel conversations at Truman State and other college campuses across Missouri



ANN STEVENSON

DAY 6

"I WAS AT MY LOWEST POINT"

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

A flood destroyed Nancy Warrick's home. Overwhelmed, hopeless, and frightened, she called the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They referred her to Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief.

Ann Stevenson was assigned to lead the incident management team for Warrick's case. Team members removed appliances, sinks, flooring, and at least three feet of walls and insulation throughout the house. Later, they replaced all the insulation, walls, and floors.

Warrick says, "I can't put into words [what this means to me]. I was at my lowest point ... and these wonderful people came down to help me."

Stevenson, who in 2024 received a national distinguished service award from Send Relief and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, stresses the goal of serving the Lord by ministering to those in need, like Warrick: "You see the smile on her face, and that's what it's all about."

PRAY FOR:

- Continued funding to carry on the ministry of Missouri Baptist DR
- More volunteers to help people like Nancy





Day 7

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE

SBU Center for Global Connections

Colleen and Henry Shuler lead a ministry team of college students from Southwest Baptist University (SBU) every year. Colleen, a professor at SBU, and Henry, who's retired, serve at a camp called Baptist Hill Assembly near Mt. Vernon, Mo., by landscaping, painting, cleaning, and more. They also serve as assistants and counselors at summer camp.

Community building starts long before summer. They meet for fellowship, Bible studies, and local missions projects. The Shulers focus on spiritual development and learning to share the gospel.

During camp, they put their training into practice. Campers leave knowing they are loved, and the team shares the gospel and leads kids to Christ. They learn they can make a difference wherever they are.

PRAY FOR:

- Team members to learn to share the gospel, stay focused, and be open to God's calling
- God to continue calling students to the team



DAY 8

"WE'RE NOT IN THIS ALONE"

MBC's New Pastors Retreat

Pastor Colten Wright of Linn Creek Baptist Church and his wife went into the New Pastors Retreat worried that their toddler and newborn would be distractions. To their relief, they saw that retreat leaders and attendees were kind to their children. That allowed them to relax and soak in renewal.

Worship, fellowship, breakout sessions, and time to share with other ministry couples in their region left the Wrights with a sense of community. Colten was reminded that his calling was not primarily about leading a church but following God.

He says, "It was a moment for me to reset in the midst of a struggle, to refocus on God's calling, and to remember we're not in this alone."

PRAY FOR:

- Pastors to make lasting friendships for continued mutual support
- Pastors and their wives to experience renewal and rest





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