

When you give to MMO, you're a partner in the gospel

Writing from prison, likely in Rome, Paul thanks believers in Philippi for meeting his physical needs. They send Epaphroditus to assist Paul and repeatedly contribute money to ensure he has adequate care while incarcerated. Even more important to Paul is the Philippians' eagerness to be partners with him, both in his imprisonment and in the defense of the gospel (Phil. 1:7).

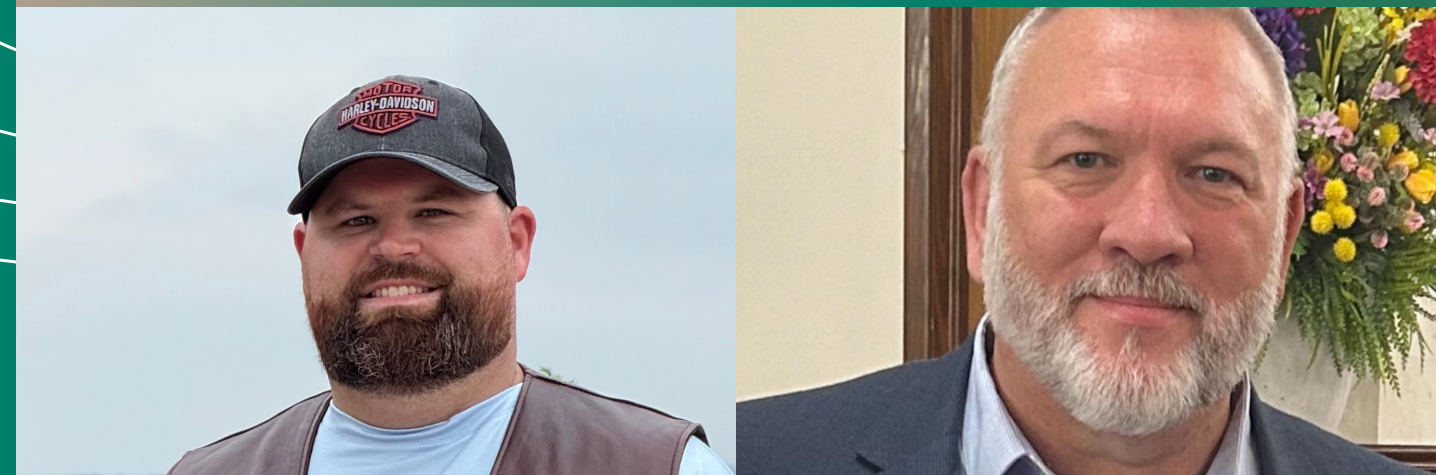
Paul wants to maintain Christian unity, and he thanks God for every memory of his Philippian brothers and sisters because of their "partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:5). He expresses his confidence that the Lord, who started a good work in the Philippian church, will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

"Indeed," he writes, "it is right for me to

think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel" (Phil. 1:7).

Like the Christians in Philippi, Missouri Baptists have the privilege of being partners in the gospel with one another by contributing to God's work across our state.

As you support more than two dozen ministries and 40-plus 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 (Sept. 13-20). These eight stories represent countless more people who benefit from your prayers and sacrificial giving.



Day 1

FAITH RIDERS SHARE THE GOSPEL

Prayer & Evangelism Grants

Jayme Milam is the director of Fellowship Baptist Church FAITH Riders Chapter 408. His chapter led a gospel outreach event during the Cotton Carnival in Sikeston, Mo., that was funded by a Prayer & Evangelism Grant. To enter a drawing for a minibike, participants each listened to a three-minute gospel presentation. One hundred sixty people heard the gospel, and 32 responded with professions of faith.

One participant was a child diagnosed with cancer. Members of Fellowship Baptist had been faithfully praying for him but had never met him. After hearing the gospel, he gave his life to Christ.

PRAY FOR:

- Growth of FAITH Riders so that more people hear the gospel and believe
- More churches to utilize Prayer & Evangelism Grants

DAY 2

GOSPEL MENTORSHIPS YIELD FRUIT

Summer Missions

"I love mentoring young people," says Paul Reams, missions strategist at Black River Baptist Association (BRBA). It's that mentorship that makes Reams's internship for mbCollegiate's summer missionaries so effective. In fact, incoming interns request a spot at BRBA, and six former interns have returned to continue ministry under Reams's guidance.

God's work is evident not only in the mentorships but in the work. Interns help run the association's summer camp, assist VBS programs, and support other church events. Since Reams began hosting interns, camp attendance has grown from fewer than 200 to around 500 campers. Over the four years of camp, they saw 125 professions of faith.

PRAY FOR:

- Financing and vision-casting to churches for missions, mentoring, and discipleship
- Mentorships across the state, so interns give their all and receive the best from their mentors



DAY 3

FROM A PARKING LOT TO A HOME

Missouri Baptist Children's Home

For months, Victoria and her son lived in their car, seeking the relative safety of parking lots. Fearing she might lose her child, Victoria turned to the Missouri Baptist Children's Homes' Stronger Family Services (SFS), which provides trauma-informed support to keep at-risk families safely together.

The SFS team provided relentless advocacy, bridging the gap from homelessness to hope. By Christmas, Victoria moved into her own home. This MMO-supported miracle was made possible by believers fulfilling the mandate to be the hands and feet of Christ, transforming biblical compassion into tangible action for a stable future.

PRAY FOR:

- Stability and safety for SFS families
- Wisdom by the SFS staff as they seek to keep families together



DAY 4

CRITICAL THINKING AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Center Cross Academy

Center Cross Academy (CCA) is an answer to prayer for Charles and Shirl Sills. They wanted their daughter, Michelle, to have a Christian high school education, but there were no options in their county in eastern Missouri until CCA opened their doors to high school students.

Shirl says "the classes are uniquely tailored" to each student's needs, and Michelle has thrived under the guidance of teachers like Mrs. Heeb, who helped Michelle's grade rise from a D to an A in just one quarter.

At CCA, students learn critical thinking through a biblical lens so that they might navigate the lies of the world and live victoriously in Christ.

PRAY FOR:

- God to provide the right people as CCA hires additional teachers
- At least 10 new freshmen for the 2026-27 school year



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DAY 5

HELPING LEADERS FIND BALANCE

MBC Leader Care Network

Exhausted from a year of ministry with no breaks, Trent and Dana Young needed help. The MBC Leader Care Network connected the Youngs with Standing Stone Ministry at no cost to them. Through counseling and coaching, they discovered how to set healthy boundaries, create margin, better manage their time and energy, and prevent burnout.

“They reminded us that God did not call us to be a savior for anyone because Jesus is the only one who saves,” Dana says. She adds, “We all need a good counselor if we are going to be able to care well for our church members.”

PRAY FOR:

- The MBC Leader Care Network to serve more Missouri Baptist ministry families
- The Youngs as Trent serves as director of missions in Gasconade Valley Baptist Association



DAY 6

EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

Larry Lierman has volunteered with Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MODR) for a few years. He says, “I aspire to be an instrument of [Christ’s] compassion ... aiming to empower those I assist through both words and actions so that they may experience His presence in their lives.”

Despite serious health issues, including a brain tumor, Larry volunteers when he’s able. Last August, MODR helped repair a woman’s house after it was destroyed by flooding. Despite not feeling well, Larry found joy in staining wood.

Larry’s dedication is an inspiration and a reminder that volunteers don’t have to be in peak physical condition to make a difference.

PRAY FOR:

- More volunteers like Larry, who find joy in service
- The efforts of MODR to result in the spread of the gospel



DAY 7

STANDING IN THE GAP

Christian Life Commission

Jayson Hoagland serves as chairman of the Missouri Baptist Convention’s Christian Life Commission (CLC). A biblical worldview concerning abortion, marriage, and family motivates him “to stand in the gap and make an eternal difference.”

At the CLC booth at the 2025 MBC Annual Meeting, Hoagland helped people see what’s at stake when it comes to abortion. One couple held a model of a six-week fetus in their hands, and that tactile example was a “game changer.” It prompted a strong emotional response to the value of human life.

A Missouri Baptist pastor, Hoagland also encourages his small congregation to “make a big difference toward the spiritual trajectory of [Missouri],” especially when it comes to abortion.

PRAY FOR:

- More Missouri Baptists to be active in the state’s prolife movement
- Spiritual fortitude and clear direction for the CLC in the face of moral decay



DAY 8

BROTHERS ACROSS NATIONS

Missions Mobilization

Cory Majors, pastor at First Baptist Church in Meadville, Mo., has participated in international training for pastors since 2019. He has served on short-term training initiatives in Zambia and Malawi, impacting more than 150 pastors in Africa.

Understanding the importance of his own theological training, Majors views training other pastors as an opportunity to invest in the church and “guard the purity of the gospel.”

The African pastors Majors encountered were hungry for theological education. Despite intense persecution and displacement that most of them endured, they praised God passionately and allowed their suffering to bring them closer to Him.

PRAY FOR:

- Pastors to be raised up and trained globally
- Pastors who equip other pastors to preach biblically



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from the first day until now.

— Philippians 1:5 (CSB) —

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