

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2014

PRAYER  
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BAPTIST CHURCH

## Dear Church,

The Fall season is on us. With the changing colors of the leaves and the cooler weather that sets in, we are all reminded of our great God and His beautiful design. As you make your way through the next three months of prayer, look for ways God is working in you as well as through you. We all get caught up in praying for those who are sick or praying for God to fix some situation. I challenge you to make this a season of personal reflection where you ask God to continue to conform you into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Be open to God's calling and instruction to you. Ask Him what is your next step. Perhaps there's someone you need to forgive. Perhaps it's something you need to pray for. Perhaps it's being obedient to something specific like being baptized. Whatever it is, be obedient and trust Him. He will not forsake or leave you. He is our King, and He has your best in mind.

Blessings!

### **James Roberts**

*Minister of Global Missions & Evangelism*

## JOIN A PRAYER GROUP

- ◇ ***GAPS (Growing a Praying Shandon)***  
Weekly, Wednesdays at 6:35pm in room B202
- ◇ ***Sunday Morning Prayer Team***  
Weekly, Sundays at 8:30-8:45am in room B129
- ◇ ***Kids Prayer Team***  
Weekly during the school year, Wednesdays at 6:45pm in room B103 (The Zone)
- ◇ ***Men's Prayer Breakfast***  
Weekly, Mondays at 7am at the Lizard's Thicket on Beltline Blvd.

## JOIN OUR ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY

Shandon has a great, easy way to pray for your fellow church members. It's accessible, up-to-date, and just plain cool. If you are interested in serving your church through prayer, sign up today by contacting our Minister of Young Adults & Prayer, Mat Saxon: (803) 782-1300 or email [msaxon@shandon.org](mailto:msaxon@shandon.org).

## USE OUR 24-HOUR PRAYER ROOM

Shandon has a 24-hour prayer room. With secret codes to open doors, touch screen computers and 24-hour access, you can feel like a secret prayer agent.

You can be a prayer warrior at Shandon through a number of ways. For more information about any of the following opportunities, contact Mat Saxon: [msaxon@shandon.org](mailto:msaxon@shandon.org) or (803) 782-1300.

# OCTOBER

What an opportunity you have this month to share the gospel and build relationships with your neighbors! At the end of this month, our nation will celebrate Halloween. Although Halloween has dark roots, it's still the day that the Lord is made, and He owns it! He wants us to use everyday given to us to spread His fame and glory around the planet. I encourage you to take every opportunity throughout this month, especially Halloween when your neighbors are out and about, to share the love of Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 5: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

God will be bringing new people to your doorstep. . . right to your door! You have no idea of their background or what's going on in their life. Make sure to let your light shine.

//////////////////// OCTOBER 1-5 //////////////////////

## WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Spend this time in prayer simply praising the names of Jesus. He is the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, and the Alpha and Omega. For more names go to [shandon.org/prayer](http://shandon.org/prayer).

## THURSDAY

- ◇ Thank God for the blessings in your life.

## FRIDAY

- ◇ Pray for our pastor, Dr. Dick Lincoln and his family.

## SATURDAY

- ◇ Thank God for always hearing our prayers.

## SUNDAY

- ◇ Pray for millions of people around our globe who will go to bed hungry.

WHAT HAS GOD SHOWN YOU IN PRAYER THIS WEEK?

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//////////////////// OCTOBER 6-12 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Pray for our IT Director, Giles Phillips, and his family.

## TUESDAY

◇ Thank God for sending Jesus to bring us salvation.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray for our Executive Pastor, Brandon Petersen, and his family.

## THURSDAY

◇ Pray that God would grow godly men here at Shandon.

## FRIDAY

◇ Ask God to open wide highways so that the gospel can get to the hard places on our planet. Often, an unreached people group is unreached, because they are hard to get to.

## SATURDAY

◇ Pray that God not lead you into temptation. God is not the one who tempts, but he does allow it in our lives to strengthen our faith and discipline.

## SUNDAY

◇ Pray for Dr. Lincoln's message and the worship service as we seek to glorify God this morning.

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//////////////////// OCTOBER 13-19 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Pray for our ushers.

## TUESDAY

◇ Ask God to give you a chance to interact with a first-time guest this Sunday and invite them to your Sunday School.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray our church would have a heart to tell their neighbors about the gospel.

## THURSDAY

◇ Pray for our College Ministry.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Children's Minister, Mimi Brookshire, and her family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Pray that your heart would be sensitive to how God is leading you today.

## SUNDAY

◇ Pray for Dr. Lincoln's message and the worship service as we seek to glorify God this morning.

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//////////////////// OCTOBER 20-26 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Pray for our Communications Director, Renae Nicholes, and her family.

## TUESDAY

◇ Spend time today simply praising God for the great things He's done in your life.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray for our Single Adult and Married Adult and 60+ Ministries.

## THURSDAY

◇ Pray for those around the world who need justice.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Associate Pastor, Barry Gray, and his family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Spend this time in prayer simply praising the names of Jesus. He is the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, and the Alpha and Omega. For more names go to [shandon.org/prayer](http://shandon.org/prayer).

## SUNDAY

◇ Pray for Dr. Lincoln's message and the worship service as we seek to glorify God this morning.

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//////////////////// OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 2 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

- ◇ It's the beginning of a work week. Thank God for the physical and mental ability to get done what you need to get done.

## TUESDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Operations Director, George Phillips, and his family.

## WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Pray for the Pastor's Bible Study tonight.

## THURSDAY

- ◇ Pray for our our Orchestra Director, Dacey Bell, and his family.

## FRIDAY

- ◇ Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with your neighbors that you'll see tonight.

## SATURDAY

- ◇ Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage and challenge the members of our church to be living examples of Jesus Christ to a dying world.

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## NOVEMBER

Some people deny that there is a spiritual world. They deny that there is a spiritual battle happening every day for the souls of men and women who are on their way to hell. From my experiences in different parts of our nation and world, I can tell you that there are demons and angels just as the Bible describes. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Many people have described prayer as God's ammunition in this war, and I would agree with that.

We are commanded to pray, seek God's face, intercede for the saints, etc. Although our prayers are unseen, that doesn't mean they are not effective. Be encouraged today that your prayers matter! Pray according to God's will. Ask Him to give you His heart that your prayers may be more effective, and believe that God will hear you and answer you.

//////////////////// NOVEMBER 3-9 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Ask God that He would create in you a servant's heart.

## TUESDAY

◇ Pray that the gospel would go to all the people groups and nations of the world.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray that God would strengthen the saints of our church to reach the people in their circles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## THURSDAY

◇ Pray for our Single Adult Ministry.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our minister's wives and families.

## SATURDAY

◇ Pray for the Music & Worship Arts Ministry.

## SUNDAY

◇ Thank God for rescuing us when we couldn't rescue ourselves.

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//////////////////// NOVEMBER 10-16 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Thank God for the blessing of changing seasons.

## TUESDAY

◇ Pray for the families of our church that the parents would be the primary faith trainers of their children.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Thank God for giving us the Holy Spirit.

## THURSDAY

◇ You're almost at the end of the work week! Thank God for rest and *shalom*, His peace.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Director of Finance & Administration, James Bagwell, and his family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Praise God for His provision in your life.

## SUNDAY

◇ Pray for Dr. Lincoln's message and the worship service as we seek to glorify God this morning.

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//////////////////// NOVEMBER 17-23 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

- ◇ Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage and challenge the members of our church to be living examples of Jesus Christ to a dying world.

## TUESDAY

- ◇ Think about how many times you've never missed a meal. Praise God for His provision.

## WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Student Ministry.

## THURSDAY

- ◇ Pray that God would open hearts of unbelievers to receive the gospel.

## FRIDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Scott Lee, and his family.

## SATURDAY

- ◇ Pray for the families of our church that the parents would be the primary faith trainers of their children.

## SUNDAY

- ◇ Pray that God would strengthen the saints of our church to reach the people in their circles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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//////////////////// NOVEMBER 24-30 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

- ◇ Pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done in your life, the life of your family, at your work, and in your home as it's done in heaven.

## TUESDAY

- ◇ Ask God's forgiveness of your sins that you have not confessed yet. He will forgive us as we forgive those who've sinned against us.

## WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Thank God for the beauty of His creation.

## THURSDAY

- ◇ Thank God all day long. Happy Thanksgiving!

## FRIDAY

- ◇ Ask God for His daily provision in your life, reminding yourself that God is the one who provides daily.

## SATURDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Minister of Young Adults, Mat Saxon, and his family.

## SUNDAY

- ◇ Ask God to bless those working as missionaries around our nation and world.

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# DECEMBER

Praise God for sending Jesus to us! The long-awaited Savior was born at the declaration and celebration of the angels. The unstoppable force of saving grace came, and we celebrate Jesus' birth near the end of this month.

Oh Christian, be sure to keep Jesus center not only everyday of your life but especially during this season. Our sinful culture has Jesus-phobia, and it's easier for them to talk about an imaginary man than acknowledge the real person of Christ.

Celebrate Christmas, give gifts, eat a lot, watch some football with family, and enjoy this precious time of year. Above all, keep Jesus central to everything you do this Christmas season. Find ways to speak His name. Lead your family in reading the Christmas story, or better yet, read a little of Jesus' birth leading up to Christmas morning. Worship, praise, and declare the name of Jesus. He is more than worth it!

//////////////////// DECEMBER 1-7 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Thank God for the provision of food, water and shelter.

## TUESDAY

◇ Ask God to give you a more compassionate and loving heart.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray for Shandon's administrative assistants who support the ministry we do here.

## THURSDAY

◇ You're almost at the end of the work week! Thank God for rest and shalom.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Worship Arts Center Director, Sally Tackett, and her family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Christmas shopping got you stressed? Pray for peace in your heart and choose to rely on Jesus.

## SUNDAY

◇ Thank God for gift of His Word that He has given to us.

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//////////////////// DECEMBER 8-14 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Pray for the volunteers who sacrificially give of their time to serve at Shandon.

## TUESDAY

◇ Pray for our 60+ Adults Ministry

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray that the parents in our church would be the primary faith trainers of their children.

## THURSDAY

◇ Praise King Jesus today!

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Minister of Global Missions & Evangelism, James Roberts, and his family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Thank God for our country where we can freely worship Him.

## SUNDAY

◇ Pray that God would strengthen the saints of our church to reach the people in their circles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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//////////////////// DECEMBER 15-21 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

◇ Think about how many times you've never missed a meal. Praise God for that blessing.

## TUESDAY

◇ Pray for our Business Office staff.

## WEDNESDAY

◇ Pray for tonight's Pastor's Bible study that people would hear the word of God and respond appropriately to it.

## THURSDAY

◇ You're almost at the end of the work week! Thank God for rest and shalom.

## FRIDAY

◇ Pray for our Middle School Minister, Chad Moore, and his family.

## SATURDAY

◇ Pray for our Care & Support and Counseling Ministries.

## SUNDAY

◇ Praise King Jesus today!

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//////////////////// DECEMBER 22-28 //////////////////////

## MONDAY

- ◇ Spend time in prayer praising the names of Jesus. He is the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, and the Alpha and Omega. For more names go to [shandon.org/prayer](http://shandon.org/prayer).

## TUESDAY

- ◇ Pray that God would open new partnerships with unreached people groups around the globe.

## WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Pray that God would strengthen the saints of our church to reach the people in their circles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## THURSDAY

- ◇ Praise God for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Merry Christmas!

## FRIDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Modern Worship Leader, Andrew Carr, and his family.

## SATURDAY

- ◇ Pray for our Children’s Ministry.

## SUNDAY

- ◇ Pray for Dr. Lincoln’s message and the worship service as we seek to glorify God this morning.

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//////////////////// DECEMBER 29-31 //////////////////////

# MONDAY

◇ Pray for the families of our church that the parents would be the primary faith trainers of their children.

# TUESDAY

◇ Pray for David Taylor, our College Minister, and his family.

# WEDNESDAY

◇ Thank God for the new beginnings He gives us.

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