

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

2023 PRAYER DIRECTORY



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Thank you for picking up this 30 Day Prayer Guide for our Church Venture Northwest region of Conservative Baptist churches! As a covenant community of believers in Jesus Christ, we partner with one another to see God's work done in the Pacific Northwest. One of the most significant spiritual activities we can do for one another is to pray, and this booklet will give you details on each of our associations so you can pray for your fellow believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Charles Spurgeon said, "True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that. It is a spiritual transaction with the creator of Heaven and Earth." Your prayers for our pastors, churches, and associations are vital to their ministry endeavors. As I learned from Pastor Dee Duke years ago:

Much prayer, much blessing.

Little prayer, little blessing.

No prayer, no blessing.

May your faithful prayers draw you closer to Christ and strengthen the hands of those who are active in the ministry of the Gospel.

~ James Gleason, Church Venture Northwest Executive Director

*Rejoice always,
Pray without ceasing,
Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

ALASKA ASSOCIATION

Anchorage, AK – Radiant Church Anchorage (James Marchetti)
Cooper Landing, AK – Kenai Lake Baptist Church (Rob Nelson)
Eagle River, AK – Radiant Church Eagle River (Josh Richardson)
Fairbanks, AK – Bethel Baptist Church (Eric Johns)
Fairbanks, AK – Radiant Church (Ben Widman)
Juneau, AK – Radiant Church Juneau
North Pole, AK – Community Baptist Church (Don Ernst)
Palmer, AK – Radiant Church Mat-Su Valley (Caleb Richardson)
Sitka, AK – Grace Harbor (John Long)

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Geographically speaking, Alaska is a beautiful and yet harsh environment. The same can be said of its spiritual atmosphere. Our Alaska Association consists of eight churches that spread across a region of over 660,000 miles. If you think your state is big, consider this: You could fit Texas in Alaska two times over! Major cities are spread out and in the long winter months can only be visited by boat or airplane. The sheer size of this region makes fellowship challenging.

Tourism, industry, and military presence cause many of our churches to experience a high turnover, with many people staying only one or two years. The average Alaska church experience a 50% turnover in three to five years. How does this affect our churches?

- Making disciples is difficult in such a short time.
- There is a leadership vacuum as trained people move quickly.
- Tourism creates a massive summer mix of influx and movement.
- Sermons must be often be stand-alone because of the large influx of tourists and their need to quickly connect with the church.



- Military families often experience either a father or mother deployed.
- Church planting in Alaska is difficult because the areas that need church plants cannot adequately fund a pastor. The small size of the church and the lack of strong income cannot support a pastor.
- Alcoholism is rampant. Twenty-five percent of all children born experience some level of fetal alcohol syndrome.
- Work among Alaska natives is extremely challenging.
- Discouragement is often felt by our pastors and church leaders.
- With all of this in mind, churches are being planted, and the gospel is advancing! Alongside our Plant Alaska and Acts 29 brothers and sisters, we have seen nine new church plants in the past few years!
- Safe Families is a growing ministry that attempts to keep children from moving into the foster care system. As the church comes alongside parents and serves them in their moments of crisis by providing short-term surrogate care, family structures are rescued and often redeemed!

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BLUE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

Baker City, OR – Calvary Baptist Church (Karl Wittich)
Cove, OR – Calvary Baptist Church (Phillip O’Reilly)
Enterprise, OR – First Baptist Church (Justin Peters)
Enterprise, OR – Summit Church (David Pendleton)
Haines, OR – First Baptist Church (Benjamin Janzen)
Halfway, OR – Pine Baptist Church (Shawn Thatcher)
Hermiston, OR – New Hope Community Church (Christopher Hankel)
Hermiston, OR – Victory Baptist Church (Nick Coleman)
John Day, OR – Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (Levi Manitsas)
Joseph, OR – Joseph Baptist Church (Stephen Bartlow)
La Grande, OR – First Baptist Church (Mark Claudson)
La Grande, OR – Homestead Country Gathering (Brock Ewing)
Lexington, OR – Lexington Baptist Church
McEwen, OR – McEwen Bible Fellowship (Dan Martin)
Milton-Freewater, OR – Bethel Baptist Church
Pendleton, OR – Pendleton Hope Venture (Aaron Umpleby)
Prairie City, OR – Prairie Baptist Church (Keith DeHart)
Stanfield, OR – Stanfield Baptist Church (John Hurty)
Union, OR – Union Baptist Church

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Our Blue Mountain Association currently consists of nineteen churches spread out across rural northeast Oregon. While some of our churches are in smaller towns (18,000 and below), most are situated in really small towns (2,000 and below). Most of our region is made up of tradition Caucasian residents, yet others are up to fifty percent Hispanic. We are also religiously diverse with both a large Mormon and Catholic influence. Many people claim a religious adherence, but actual church attendance is lower than we would like. Communicating the gospel to religious people is difficult.



- Blessing for the church plant in Pendleton. Pendleton Hope Venture has begun meeting in a home in the area. Please pray for Aaron Umpleby and his family as they reach people for Christ.
- Direction and blessing for Camp Elkanah as it moves into its next season of ministry. Our association of churches have a joint stewardship of Elkanah and our churches possess a deep loyalty to the camp that has been formed over many years.
- Protection for pastors and church leaders against discouragement.
- Reaching the growing Hispanic population, the native American community, and the Mormon community with the gospel.
- Greater discernment in knowing how to communicate the gospel even when there is entrenched resistance against it.
- Decreasing populations in some of our most rural areas make it difficult to see any church growth.
- Compassion balanced by wisdom in ministering to people enslaved to drugs and alcohol as substance abuse continues to take a heavy toll in all of our communities.
- Wisdom for dealing with unhealthy forms of patriotism or nationalism that impact our churches and are out of sync with our greater allegiance to Christ and His kingdom.

CENTRAL PUGET SOUND

Auburn, WA – Gateway Chapel (Chris Lumsden)

Auburn, WA – Grace Community Church (Jesse Bradley)

Federal Way, WA – Soma Federal Way (Justin Westcott)

Graham, WA – New Life Fellowship (Robert Meaden)

Kent, WA – Cornerstone Community Church

Kent, WA – Eastridge Baptist Church (John LeProhon)

Puyallup, WA – Sufficient Grace (Noah Winningham)

Renton, WA – East Renton Community Church (Jeremy Roh)

Seattle, WA – Grace Church (Ryan Faust)

Tacoma, WA – CenterPoint Christian Fellowship (Bill Herried)

Tacoma, WA – Soma Tacoma (Dawson Jones)

Tacoma, WA – Summit Christian Fellowship (Ryan Beardsley)

Tukwila, WA – Grace Point Community (Kent Murahashi)

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The Central Puget Sound is a diverse association stretches across King and Pierce counties in central eastern Washington. Major industries in this area range from professional and business services to healthcare, government, and education, as well as hospitality and manufacturing services. The culture in this association elevates community and social justice; however, do not see involvement in church or faith is as important. This mindset makes ministry difficult for the 13 CB churches in our association. Please join us in prayer as we continue to try to minister to the people in our communities where they are and lead them towards the loving Gospel of Jesus Christ.



- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the elders and leadership in some churches that are facing leadership transitions.
- Pray that we would see people and respond to the gospel and that new, adult conversions would be our desire.
- Pray for the marriages, parenting and jobs in our church. Many families work hard and have long commutes, leaving them weary when arriving at home. Pray that they would grow in their love for their spouses and commitment to leading their families.
- Pray that our mission to go and make disciples who hear, love and obey Jesus would bear much fruit.

CENTRAL WILLAMETTE NORTH

Aumsville, OR – Bethel Baptist Church (Dwight Bales)
Carlton, OR – Grace Baptist Church (Alan Hurty)
Dallas, OR – Grace Baptist Church (Russ Hilsinger)
Dayton, OR – First Baptist Church (Matt Jensen)
Keizer, OR – Dayspring Fellowship (Christopher Voigt)
Lafayette, OR – Lafayette Community Church (Jared Schroeder)
Lincoln City, OR – Faith Baptist Church (Ryan Harkey)
McMinnville, OR – Baker Creek Community (Dax Garlinghouse)
Newberg, OR – Grace Baptist Church (Jonathan Brewer)
Salem, OR – First Baptist Church (Mark Hanke)
Salem, OR – Grace Baptist Church (Pierre Rosa)
Salem, OR – Iglesia Bautista Cristo Vive (Jesus Cordova)
Salem, OR – Immanuel Baptist Church (Dale Cardwell)
Salem, OR – Way of Life Fellowship (Chris Robertson)
Salem, OR – West Salem Baptist Church (Sergio Aguirre)
Silverton, OR – First Baptist Church (Thomas Smith)
Turner, OR – Turning Point Community Church (Brad IIs)
Woodburn, OR – Christ Baptist Church (Jonathan Doty)

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The Willamette Valley lies at the center of the cultural and political heart of Oregon. Seventy percent of Oregon's population lives within a two hour drive of one another. In fact, eight of Oregon's top ten most populated cities reside in the Willamette Valley. The Willamette River flows the entire length of the valley and creates some of richest agricultural area in the state. In the 1800's this area was advertised as a "promised land of flowing milk and honey."



The challenges of changing church culture weigh heavy on the hearts and minds of the pastors in this association, and the challenges of church culture makes it difficult to impact the community for Jesus Christ.

- Pray for a desire for genuine community among believers. We wish to share life together and not just participant in events.
- We need more elders functioning as shepherds. We see the church as a family, not a business.
- We need to covenant together in the priority of prayer.
- We need to be more concerned with the gospel than our political views.
- We need more women functioning in ministry in the local church. Pray that we would value and celebrate women in a way that is biblical and builds up the Body of Christ.
- We want to become as biblical and fruitful as possible. This will mean leaving behind some of our traditions for the sake of the gospel. Pray for grace and truth of Christ to rule in our hearts. The world is lost and broken and needs Jesus Christ!

CENTRAL WILLAMETTE SOUTH

Albany, OR – Agape Family Fellowship

Albany, OR – Hub City Church (Matt Campbell)

Albany, OR – Iglesia Nueva Esperanza (Williams Velez)

Albany, OR – North Albany Community Church (Thom Turner)

Albany, OR – Willamette Community Church (Scott Miller)

Corvallis, OR – First Baptist Church (Barry Cole)

Corvallis, OR – Northwest Hills Community Church (Josh Carstensen)

Independence, OR – First Baptist Church (Michael Parks)

Jefferson, OR – Jefferson Baptist Church (Mike Dederer)

Lebanon, OR – Crowfoot Baptist Church (Jeremy Zderad)

Lebanon, OR – First Baptist Church (Terry Larkin – Interim)

Lebanon, OR – Lacombe Bible Church (John Stackhouse – Interim)

Lebanon, OR – Waterloo Chapel (John Wilgus)

Lyons, OR – Canyon Bible Fellowship (Joshua Van Vlack)

Newport, OR – First Baptist Church (Glen Small)

Philomath, OR – First Baptist Church (Clay Carlisle)

Scio, OR – Scio Baptist Church (Mike Sprague)

Stayton, OR – Grace Bible Fellowship (Sam Duke)

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The Central Willamette South consists of over 18 churches from Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Polk, and Marion Counties. Our churches are placed in many different settings. We have churches in the coastal setting that face challenges associated with low income, depression, and substance abuse. Benton County has a higher average education and income level and tends towards humanism and an openness to everything. In Linn County there are broken families, drug addiction, and a sense of hopelessness that things will change. The schools in our region are an area of concern as they attempt to educate kids from



difficult homes. There is great opportunity for the church to bring the Gospel to our valley.

On a positive note there is a strong unity between pastors here. In Corvallis, Albany, and Lebanon, pastors from many denominations meet regularly to pray. Some of these prayer times have been going on for over 30 years!

- Please pray that the church in our area will be trained and empowered to bring hope to our communities.
- Please pray for strong marriages and families in the church so we can honor God and show God's plan for family to those who are watching.
- Please pray for continued unity between the churches in our valley.
- Please pray for wisdom as we seek to understand the different cultures we are in and how we can communicate the Gospel in ways people can embrace it.

DESCHUTES ASSOCIATION

Bend, OR – Eastmont Church (Blaine Braden)

Bend, OR – Foundry Church (Trevor Waybright)

Crescent, OR – First Baptist Church (Gil Ernst)

Hines, OR – Faith Baptist of Harney County (Stuart Boyer)

La Pine, OR – Living Water of La Pine (James Hofman)

Madras, OR – Cornerstone Baptist Church (Jeffrey Freshour)

Madras, OR – Iglesia Bautista Conservadora (Miguel Castillo)

Prineville, OR – First Baptist Church (Mike Phay)

Redmond, OR – Grace Bible Church (John McKay)

Redmond, OR – Redmond Community Church (Moises Viramontes)

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The Deschutes association spreads across Crescent, Harney, Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties displaying God's beauty in His creation from the vast high desert, deep desert canyons and river gorges to the peaks of the Cascade Mountains, ski resorts and hiking trails. Each town has a particular beauty to behold in not only its natural surroundings, but also its deep heritage. Our churches have the privilege of serving these communities.

The challenge we face as an association is that because we are so spread out geographically, it can make collaborative efforts more difficult. Fortunately, our communities find great value in community involvement and in some ways, open to the Gospel message.



- Pray for spiritual growth within our congregation and community that we work together as a unified body with a mission to spread the Gospel.
- Pray for our churches to proactively and intentionally engage the youth in our communities and share the love of Christ with them.
- Pray that we prioritize identifying, raising up, and equipping next generation leaders.
- Pray for our pastors and leadership teams to be unified in the vision and mission of the church and seek God's guidance and wisdom in developing and equipping staff teams.
- Pray that our churches intentionally seek to serve the needs of our communities and follow God's guidance in meeting those needs.

EMERALD ASSOCIATION

Cottage Grove, OR – Cottage Grove Bible Church (Ron Harris)
Eugene, OR – First Baptist Church (Keith Potter – Interim)
Eugene, OR – Redeemer Fellowship (Dan Glockle)
Eugene, OR – River Road Baptist Church (Marc Strobel)
Junction City, OR – First Baptist Church (Theodore Slaeker)
Leaburg, OR – McKenzie Bible Fellowship (Nathan Davenport)
Oakridge, OR – First Baptist Church (Dennis Schwarm)
Pleasant Hill, OR – Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Micah Page)
Springfield, OR – Immanuel Baptist Church (Ben Bedlion)
Springfield, OR – Twin Rivers Church (Jeremiah Walpert)
Veneta, OR - Olivet Baptist Church (Mark Franklin)

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The Emerald Association consists of 12 churches located in almost a star-like pattern, spanning as far north as Junction City, east as Leaburg, south as Oakridge, west as Veneta and many central in the Eugene area. This association is geographically diverse in that it covers the college town of Eugene, the beautiful Willamette National Forest and rivers, quaint downtown areas, farmlands and the southern end of the Willamette Valley. The majority of the population in these areas consist of established, working families or single individuals. While reports show that religion is an important value in this area, there are still worldly struggles to face on a daily basis and be able to respond those with truth and grace.



- Know how to respond and react to the younger kids in school as they are interacting with their friends and are confused about their identity and the LGBTQ movement. They are being taught this is right in school.
- Have a consistent commitment to church attendance and the body of Christ.
- Know how to help parents understand that their own unwavering and heartfelt commitment to Christ will play a huge part in helping their children live for the Lord in their own lives.

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION

Ashland, OR – First Baptist Church (Adam Ingram)

Central Point, OR – Grace Church (Mark Pitroff – Interim)

Glide, OR – Glide Baptist Church (Greg Stiles)

Grants Pass, OR – Calvary Crossroads (Jim Burnham)

Medford, OR – First Baptist Church (Greg Spires)

Myrtle Creek, OR – Tri City Baptist Church (Rick Smith)

Roseburg, OR – Wellspring Bible Fellowship (Bryan Carver)

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The Evergreen Association covers a large area of approximately 125 miles along I-5 (Roseburg to Ashland) and there is a huge array of diverse demographics. We face an aging population and aging church buildings that are not being reproduced at the same rate that they are being lost. The biggest challenge our association seems to face is apathy. While apathy may not be unique to Southern Oregon, it can make it difficult to get full support from current church members. Our area is so rich with opportunities for outdoor recreation that churches often lose out to good weather and weekend recreational activities. Then, when we are in the church, we battle the temptation to stay within our own four walls, all the while ignoring the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy. External religious observance threatens to sap our spiritual power by replacing the priority of fervent prayer. While we keep thinking better strategies, programs and mechanisms will “grow” the church, we need to return to faith-filled fervent cooperate prayer gatherings.



- For supernatural courage to herald the gospel trusting God for the results and joyfully receive whatever persecution may come.
- For a spiritual revival amidst the great apathy of the churches to bring the gospel into conflict with our national abortion holocaust.
- For an unquenchable thirst for God and His word and renewed devotion to Christ
- For Christians who are committed to the mission of the Church.

INLAND EMPIRE ASSOCIATION

Bridgeport, WA – Faith Baptist Church of Bridgeport (Lew Gipe)

Coeur D’Alene, ID – Revelation Church (Zak Adams)

Missoula, MT – Sovereign Hope Church (Tyler Velin)

Priest River, ID – Trinity Baptist Church (Dennis Wilson)

Saint Maries, ID – First Baptist Church (Dale Harrison)

Sandpoint, ID – First Baptist Church (Brandon Herron)

Spokane, WA – Hillyard Baptist Church (Ron Ulmer)

Spokane, WA – New Creation Fellowship (Marc Curnutt)

Spokane, WA – Trinity Baptist Church (Blaine Donaldson)

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The Inland Empire is spread out from Bridgeport, Washington east through the Spokane area, and all the way as far as Missoula, Montana. In our area, weather is a big hardship for our people and churches. No matter where you are, every person has different issues to deal with, so serving people can be a struggle. Less people come in the winter because of the snow, and then they don't come in the summer because they are enjoying outdoor recreational and sporting activities. Because culture paints Christianity in a bad light and northwest is severely unchurched, there is a lack of interest in God and biblical truth, as well as people who are willing and committed to joining and being part of ministry.



- Pray for churches in our association who are currently in the midst of building campaigns. Pray for the church to be sacrificial givers towards these needs to help avoid debt.
- Pray for churches in our association that are seeking wisdom on whether to stay in current building or find a new place to meet.
- Pray for younger families to join the church.
- Pray for growth in church health and unity.
- Pray for church elders/leaders as they work to develop various leadership trainings.
- Pray for church elders/leaders as they seek wisdom on possible changes within their church constitution.
- Please pray for increased community amongst churches in our area association and closer connections with Church Venture NW in general.

LOWER COLUMBIA

Astoria, OR – Grace Community Baptist Church (Kevin Lewis)

Cornelius, OR – Cornelius Community Church (David Weber)

Forest Grove, OR – Old Town (Rudy Tinoco)

Gaston, OR – Wapato Valley Church (Jay Held)

Hillsboro, OR – Hillsboro First Baptist Church (Mike Albin – Interim)

Hillsboro, OR – Light My Way (Clifford Jones)

Hillsboro, OR – Ministerio Jesus es el Camino (Israel Munoz)

Hillsboro, OR – Sunrise Church (Paul Crandall)

Portland, OR – Life Light Community Church (Francis Bezzam)

Saint Helens, OR – Grace Baptist Church (Dean Christensen)

Saint Helens, OR – Yankton Community Fellowship (Rick Worlitz)

Seaside, OR – North Coast Family Fellowship (John Nagle)

Tillamook, OR – Bethel Baptist Church (Raymond Casper)

Vernonia, OR – Grace Family Fellowship (Greg McCallum)

Warrenton, OR – First Baptist Church (Edward Bussert)

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Located in the Northwest, the Lower Columbia Association represents churches in four counties that are as diverse as the landscape. Some are small with bi-vocational pastors, others are large with multiple pastors. While every community is different, people share common struggles. Income equality, single parent households, domestic violence, addiction, homelessness, lack of services and high wage jobs are some of the issues that the churches of the Lower Columbia Association have the privilege of ministering to as we share the gospel message which brings salvation, hope and healing for those who are weary and weak.



- Pray for the spiritual, mental, and physical health of the pastors and staff in our churches.
- Pray for protection from the enemy as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of God.
- Pray for boldness as we share the gospel with people who are afraid, socially distant, and unwilling to join group activities.
- Pray for creativity and the courage to try new things as our churches attempt to meet the difficult and overwhelming needs of our communities.
- Pray for wisdom as we seek to encourage those in our churches to grow as disciples of Christ in spiritual maturity and wisdom.
- Pray that the association pastors grow in their connection as they minister to one-another as they serve alongside one-another.

MID-COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Condon, OR – Condon Baptist Church (Guy Whatley)

Grass Valley, OR – First Baptist Church (Joseph Burgess)

Hood River, OR – Faith Bible Church (Chris Mullins)

Kent, OR – Kent Conservative Baptist Church (Joseph Burgess)

The Dalles, OR – Calvary Baptist Church (David Odell)

The Dalles, OR – Rowena Baptist Church (George Clark)

Trout Lake, WA – Mount Adams Baptist Church (Adam Peck)

White Salmon, WA – Grace Baptist Church (Mark Hoeffner)

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The Columbia River Gorge is a popular destination for hiking, biking, sightseeing, fishing, and water sports. The area is known for its beautiful waterfalls, with over 90 on the Oregon side of the gorge alone.

- To continue to grow together as a community of churches who in turn become more effective as the Mid-Columbia region in working to strengthen each other and to increase the Gospel footprint throughout the Columbia Gorge and surrounding areas.
- To pray for continued direction, and even decisions pertaining to ministry direction and facilities (specifically Mount Adams Baptist Church who has outgrown their current facility and are using the facilities of a nearby Christian camp)
- That we would be used by God in our communities of churches (outside Mid-Columbia) to be a beneficial resource during their times of struggle or transition.



MODOC ASSOCIATION

Alturas, CA – Faith Baptist Church

Klamath Falls, OR – Bible Baptist Church (Kevin Kroeker)

Klamath Falls, OR – Crossover Church (Tom Franks)

Lakeview, OR – First Baptist Church

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The Modoc Association includes four churches sharing the Oregon/California border. Surrounded by the natural beauty of lakes, rivers and national forests, we are constantly reminded of how gracious our Creator is to us. Ministry in our areas may look different from one another as the demographic of people we serve is different, but we do have a common purpose of carrying out the Great Commission.

- Pray for our churches as we seek to further the Gospel through domestic and international missions and local outreach opportunities.
- Pray for our churches to be a unified body with a common purpose of sharing the love of Christ in our communities.
- Pray for God's direction and provision for two senior pastors and one associate pastor.



MYRTLEWOOD ASSOCIATION

Bandon, OR – Faith Baptist Church (Donald Conn)

Coquille, OR – Emmanuel Baptist Church

Florence, OR – Community Baptist Church (Jim Terry)

Gold Beach, OR – First Baptist Church of Gold Beach (Donald McKay)

Myrtle Point, OR – Myrtle Point Baptist Church (Larry Hebebrand)

North Bend, OR – Skyline Baptist Church (David Woodruff)

Powers, OR – Powers Baptist Church (John Hans)

Winchester Bay, OR – Harbor Baptist Church (Kyle Busenitz)

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Life on the Oregon coast is both an adventure and a challenge. The coastal regions are beautiful and small towns dot the 101 freeway. The Oregon coast is divided into three different regions based on their geological formations: the North Coast, Central Coast, and South Coast. Much of the coastline is made up of sea cliffs and miles of beaches and dunes (in the south). Our Myrtlewood Association lies in the Southern Oregon coastal region and consists of eight churches.

Over 80 state parks and recreation areas dot the Oregon coast and the highways that cross the Coast Range provide vacation options to the cities inland along I-5 corridor.

Due to its scenery, wildlife, and history, the Oregon Coast is a popular travel destination and tourism fuels the economy. Up to the mid-1980s, the coast's economy was dependent on natural resources, but limits placed on logging and fishing caused a severe economic decline. As a result, non-seasonal jobs are difficult to find and the South Coast is poorer than the state average. Many families struggle to survive.



- Our South Coastal churches are spread out and it is often difficult for the pastors to get together for prayer and fellowship.
- Because of the great distance between churches, the fellowship of believers struggles to connect to one another.
- The struggling economy is a constant pressure and throughout the past few decades many people have moved away to find better employment.
- The high summer tourism industry creates both blessings and burdens. Week to week turnover makes it a challenge for unity and consistency for the average church.

NORTH PUGET SOUND

Burien, WA – Iglesia Bautista de Gracia (Jorge Enciso)

Burlington, WA – Valley Community Church

Carnation, WA – Snoqualmie Valley Bible Church (Aaron Stogner)

Edmonds, WA – Rock of Hope Baptist Church (David Foster)

Marysville, WA – Mercy Fellowship (Christopher Rich)

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The churches in the North Puget Sound have gone through ministry defining changes in the past year. Several have gone through leadership changes, which have left ministers and members of the churches hurt and confused. Another congregation has gone through leadership change due to moral failing. This congregation is trying to find healing and the interim minister (former associate) is striving to bring godly counsel and healing within the church. Several of the churches in our area are older and are in an aged season of their ministry. Pray that God would give clarity toward a new vision of revitalization for their church and to be a light in their communities.



- The Ministers – Prayer for the faithful men of God and their families as they navigate through the trials and tests of their individual ministries that they may not grow weary in well doing.
- The Members – Faithful people of God are going through many confusing and disturbing times in relationship with the leadership of their churches. Pray that they lean into Jesus and become champions of the solutions within their ministries rather than people who run from the ministry in light of trials.
- Disciples – These are several individuals who are elders in training and also engaged in Convergence that are walking through moments in the church life that are the most difficult. Pray that they are not disillusioned and stand fast in this storm under the power of the Holy Spirit and grow in their faith through this season.

ORE-IDA ASSOCIATION

Boise, ID – New City Church (Josh Hibbard)
Burley, ID – Calvary Baptist Church (Mark de Ganahl)
Caldwell, ID – First Baptist Church (Brett Siegakoff)
Emmett, ID – Grace Baptist Church (Chris Abrahamsen)
Middleton, ID – First Baptist Church (Tim Hazelbaker)
Ontario, OR – Butte Baptist Church (Danny Morrison)
Ontario, OR – Treasure Valley Baptist Church (William Duffy)
Payette, ID – Bible Baptist Church (Thomas Lang)
Weiser, ID – Riverside Baptist Church (Ian Ross)

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Hundreds of miles stretch between the eastern boundary of the Ore-Ida Association and the I-5 corridor, and that distance represents a physical barrier that hinders connection for our churches from many of the CVNW events and makes regular face-to-face fellowship difficult. While pastors close to the Oregon-Idaho border purpose to meet weekly for prayer, fellowship, and mutual encouragement, it's not practical for all the Ore-Ida pastors to meet regularly.

The Mormon Church has a strong influence across southern Idaho. Twenty-five percent of people identify as Latter-Day Saints in South-west Idaho, but that number jumps to nearly 90 percent in the South-eastern part of the state. In October of 2021, it was announced that Rexburg, Idaho, with just 30,000 residents, will have a second LDS temple under construction soon.

Many of our CV churches are small and in small communities, and while we rejoice in every conversion, many of our churches have not experienced significant conversion growth recently. Many congregations are also aging. One of our Ore-Ida pastors also serves as an Army Reserve chaplain. At the same time, every challenge represents



an opportunity. Here are some specific prayer requests for the Ore-Ida Association of Churches:

- Conversion growth in each church.
- Consistent, biblically sound expository preaching in each pulpit.
- Congregational participation in healthy small groups that serve as entry points, sharing Bible Study, fellowship, and corporate prayer.
- Spirit-led unity in each church fellowship.
- Consistent exercising of spiritual gifts in each church body.
- Christ-honoring corporate worship in each church.
- Consistent witness that connects to local communities for each church.
- Spiritually healthy, humble, and optimistic leadership in each church.
- Spiritually healthy marriages and families in each church.
- Pray for a possible Hispanic church plant this year to us our Nyssa church property.

SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Aberdeen, WA – Central Park Baptist Church (Charles Miller)

Belfair, WA – North Mason Bible Church (Jim Porter)

Centralia, WA – Mountain View Baptist Church (Josh Holland)

Chehalis, WA – Trinity Christian Fellowship (Alan Woods)

Elma, WA – First Baptist Church (Gunnar Ahlquist)

Rochester, WA – Grace Baptist Church (Anthony Hayden)

Shelton, WA – First Baptist Church (Jake Magee)

South Bend, WA – First Baptist Church (Aaragon Markwell)

Tacoma, WA – Bethesda Baptist Church (Kirk Everman)

Tenino, WA – Cornerstone Community Church (Shawn Von Bargaen)

Winlock, WA – Christian Fellowship of Winlock (Terry Sundberg)

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The South Puget Sound association is represented by 11 churches spread across six counties. While most of our churches are in small towns, there are a few that serve in larger cities. It's a beautifully diverse area geographically, from the coastal dunes and winding rivers to the Olympic National Forest. Even though our churches are spread out, we are thankful to meet together corporately every month to connect, encourage and pray for one another.



- Pray for our Pastors as we balance the demands of family and ministry.
- Pray for our churches to discover and train future leaders for effective ministry.
- Pray for congregational boldness to live out the Gospel as we share Jesus within our communities.
- Pray for healing and hope against the weight of mounting anxieties and depression caused by COVID, economy and political pressures.
- Pray for Believers to respond positively to the importance of regathering regularly with their local church communities following the challenges of covid over the past two years.
- Prayer for the restoration of marriages and families in our churches and communities.

SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON

Dayton, WA – Community Bible Church (Dewayne Ramsey)
Ellensburg, WA – Liberty Bible Church (Stephen Branine)
Kennewick, WA – Crossview Community Church (Josh Pasma) – Affiliation in Process
Kennewick, WA – New Hope Community Church (Robert Anstine)
Kennewick, WA – Sola Church (DJ Lowrance)
Kennewick, WA – South Hills Church (Scott Paulson)
Richland, WA – Bethel Church (Adam Phillips)
Selah, WA – Harvest Community Church (Jason Williams)
Sunnyside, WA – Calvary Baptist Church (Nick Paulakis)
Walla Walla, WA – Mission Church (Brian Hope)
Walla Walla, WA – Trinity Baptist Church (Logan Mann)
Wenatchee, WA – Calvary Crossroads Church (Jay Caron)
Yakima, WA – Restoration Church (Kevin Deyette)
Yakima, WA – West Side Baptist Church (Joe Lehmkuhl)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Southeast Washington Area is blessed in so many ways. We enjoy four seasons, diverse landscapes, and a plethora of fruit. These blessings can also become a distraction to the life Christ calls us to live as we drift from our church family to enjoy these blessings in recreation or for work. The churches in this area have invested in our cities and seeking God's will for our local ministries but have not done the best at being a part of the covenant community of the Association. However, we want this to change.

We want to see our people invest in our church communities to move forward together as the body to reach our cities. Also, as a CVNW area there is a growing desire among pastors and leaders to have stronger covenant community even though we have some geograph-



ic separation that can make this difficult.

- Senior Leadership Transition - Many of our churches are experiencing senior leader transition. These are difficult seasons as we seek the Lord to fill these important roles and go through the changes this brings for our churches. Pray for wisdom in these decisions and unity of the body.
- The Busy Pursuit of the World - People are busy pursuing family activities and recreation outside the church. This causes a drift from connection with church and Christ. It is our desire to see our people prioritizing their relationship with Christ and his body.
- Many Gospel opportunities - Our region is growing and there are multiple opportunities for creative outreach to the diverse peoples in terms of ethnicity, age and socio-economic situation. Pray for creativity and courage to reach our world.
- Men to Lead- In a busy culture, it is become increasingly difficult to identify and disciple younger men to lead; in their homes, church and as elders. Yet we know this is vital for the church and it future.
- Connection in the Association - We are disconnected from our sister churches as well the association in general. We have not prioritized this relationship and feel disconnected because of geography. Pray for us to reengage and know how to do ministry together.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Battle Ground, WA – Battle Ground Baptist Church (Shawn Newberry)

Cathlamet, WA – Heritage Bible Church (David Martin)

Vancouver, WA – Brush Prairie Baptist Church (Bob Carlson)

Vancouver, WA – Felida Bible Church (Scott Roberson/Tyler Walsh)

Vancouver, WA – Laurelwood Baptist Church (Erik Hallworth)

Washougal, WA – Gateway Community Church (Robert Barnes)

Woodland, WA – Green Mountain Baptist Church (David Couto)

Woodland, WA – Woodland Baptist Church (Tim Elliott)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Southwest Washington association consists of churches mostly in the Greater Vancouver area, but also spans west to Cathlamet and north to Kelso, Washington. The cost of living is high in the region and with many only having part-time work or no job at all, it is hard to make ends meet. In the Vancouver area alone, there are a number of families with children below the poverty line; some even having to live out of their cars.



- Pray for families as they navigate the sex education classes being taught in schools.
- Pray for wisdom and provisions for a church plant in our association.
- Pray for an increase in personal outreach among friends, colleagues and neighbors.
- Pray for our intentional discipleship of Jesus-followers and future leaders.

WILLAMETTE EAST

Gresham, OR – Grace Community Church (Jay Messenger)
Gresham, OR – Pleasant Home Community (Mike Johnston)
Portland, OR – Family of Grace (Jordan Hooten)
Portland, OR – Gateway Church (Tom Schiave)
Portland, OR – Montavilla Church (Dwight Steele)
Portland, OR – New Life in Christ Church (Sengfo Chao)
Portland, OR – Powellhurst Baptist Church (Mark Newman)
Portland, OR – The Gathering Church (Branden Brooks)
Troutdale, OR – Troutdale Community Church (Gary Brumbelow)
Wood Village, OR – Wood Village Baptist Church (Tom Miles)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES

As part of the Portland Metro area, Willamette East is high in population density, diversity, and undergoing rapid change. Many multi-unit housing and apartment developments have been put in. As a result, real-estate prices have increased significantly in recent years and a higher homeless population that has proven difficult and complicated on many levels. Once quiet neighborhoods have been dealing with vagrants and campers. A number of changes and programs are beginning to be implemented through the government, non-profits, and churches, but there are so many more needs.

As an association, it has been a challenging time of transition. A number of us have been dealing with cancer, loss, or succession difficulties



- Pray that we would equip the next generation of disciple-makers as many in our churches are aging out.
- Pray for wisdom for how to live as the people of God together in a quickly developing area.
- Pray for encouragement for our pastors and leaders.
- Praise God for some of the rich resources we have in the area with schools and seminaries, and churches close to one another.
- Pray for courage to speak the gospel in the church and outside the church.
- Pray for wisdom and understanding of how to be the united church of Christ in an area of so much ethnic and economic diversity.
- Over 1/2 of our churches have dealt or are dealing with major leadership challenges: transitions and successions, cancer battles, or loss. Pray for endurance, wisdom, and faithfulness.

WILLAMETTE SOUTH

Boring, OR – Barton Church (Ben Erickson)
Estacada, OR – First Baptist Church (Brent Dodrill)
Gladstone, OR – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Adolfo Ocampo Garcia)
Gladstone, OR – New Life Church (Jon Roberts)
Happy Valley, OR – Emmanuel Community Church (Rob Martini)
Happy Valley, OR – Happy Valley Baptist Church (Rick Rogers)
Lake Oswego, OR – Lake Bible Church (James Andrews)
Milwaukie, OR – Good Roots Community (Jeremy Schumacher)
Milwaukie, OR – GracePointe (Michael Beuving)
Molalla, OR – Grace Church of Molalla (Lee Throne – Interim Pastor)
Oregon City, OR – Living Hope Church (Jon Andrews – Interim Pastor)
Oregon City, OR – Logan Community Church (Jeff Husband)
Sandy, OR – Arise Family Fellowship Church (Michael Teague)
West Linn, OR – New Life Church (Scott Reavely)
Wilsonville, OR – New Life Church (Travis Tadema)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Willamette South association spans across Clackamas County serving 15 CVNW churches. We are excited that some of our churches have seen significant growth post COVID and most other churches are experiencing renewed stability and unity. Our association of pastors meets monthly and prays for the Lord to increase our vision and effectiveness as pastors. We look forward to a new church plant in the Oregon City area coming out of the New Life Church in West Linn.

While we do have much to be thankful for, our association faces many cultural challenges in ministry. Faith and church often become less of a priority as families deal with various life struggles (health and wellness, financial goals and stability, a healthy balance of work and family). In addition to seeking to build relationships with families who



do not see the relevance of religion, our association is also working with people who have escaped a local cult and are seeking discipleship. Please pray that God continues to work in and through us.

- We all want to see more people come to faith in Christ. Pray for our personal and corporate evangelism.
- We have a work of God in the middle of our association as God is drawing people out of the Followers of Christ in Oregon City. Please pray for God to continue to rescue people and for our churches to be ready to receive and disciple them.
- Please pray that each church would look forward to new ways to reach their communities.
- Please pray that the area pastors would continue in healthy spiritual disciplines and nurture their wives and children in the midst of ministry challenges.

WILLAMETTE WEST

Beaverton, OR - Allen Boulevard Baptist (Eusebiu Rusu/Eduardo Teston)

Beaverton, OR – Harvest Community Church (Matt Guerino)

Beaverton, OR – Village Church (Paul Choi)

Hillsboro, OR – Chinese Grace Baptist Church (James Hsiao)

Lake Oswego, OR – Chinese Faith Baptist Church (Wallace Young)

Portland, OR – Aletheia Bible Fellowship (Josh McGary)

Portland, OR – Chinese Baptist Church (Lwin Hwee – Elder)

Portland, OR – Hinson Memorial Baptist Church (Michael Lawrence)

Portland, OR – O.N.E. Hope Fellowship (Ricardo Barber)

Portland, OR – PDX Church (Steve Graham)

Portland, OR – Red Sea Church (Nathan Riley/Nate Crone/Doug Fuller)

Portland, OR – Redemption Church PDX (Vergil Brown)

Portland, OR – Sellwood Church (Jeff Lacine)

Portland, OR – University Park Baptist Church (Chad Nieuwendorp)

Tigard, OR – Grace Point Community Church (Steve McCracken)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Portland metro area is a very spiritual place, but shuns religion. Even though many are open to the concept of a divine being, and like the idea of Jesus, only a small group actually follow Him. Most people see the church as just another non-profit organization that a handful of people attend on a regular basis. To be a Christian who attends church regularly in our city is to be in the minority. Leading the church in this context has some unique challenges. Churches often struggle with how to articulate the gospel. Many struggles financially. Christians with conservative values often find themselves marginalized. It takes a long time to see the gospel take root in people's lives.



- Pray for the churches in the Willamette West Association to be able to articulate the gospel in a postmodern setting.
- Pray for Christians in these churches to boldly proclaim the gospel to a culture that doesn't share many of their values.
- Pray for the limited resources available to churches ministering in urban settings.
- Pray for steadfastness in long term, low key relationships with unbelievers.

CHURCH PLANTS

Our church planters are on the front line of advancing the gospel in our unreached communities. We must commit to praying for them, their families, their churches, and the communities they are penetrating with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our church planters are on the front lines of shining spiritual light in a dark community. They boldly embody Jesus' words to "let your light shine for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH PLANTS

- **Pray for a close walk with God.** Ministry is difficult for anyone in leadership in the Kingdom of God, but this is especially true of those who embark on a planting a church. Pray that they would prioritize their personal time with our Heavenly Father, stay in God's Word, keep a close fellowship with him in prayer, maintain personal holiness, and minister to others out of the overflow of their own spiritual walk with God.
- **Pray for their marriage and family.** The balance between ministry and family is often a greater challenge for church planters. The energy and relationships required to successfully reach people for Christ at the beginning stages of a church make it difficult to find a healthy balance. Pray they are sensitive to the needs of their family and that shepherding them maintains top priority. Pray they do not sacrifice their families on the altar of ministry.
- **Pray for their motives and identity in Christ.** Church planters are those who seek to create something out of nothing. This entrepreneurial spirit can often cause people to find their purpose, value, and identity in what they accomplish, not necessarily in what God is accomplishing. Wins and losses are particularly challenging at the beginning stages of a church—especially when only a few attend worship gatherings and missional communities. Pray they find their purpose, peace, and rest in Christ.

- **Pray for impact and favor in their community.** It can feel like a lonely world when a church planter enters into a new community. Pray that church planters seek out relationships with existing pastors and churches, as no one serves alone. Pray that they form strong friendships with local leadership in both the spiritual and secular world. Pray that schools and businesses are open to renting space for worship gatherings. Pray that our planters move in with a spirit of humility and service as they seek to reach the lost.
- **Pray for Relationships.** Loneliness is a challenge for many in pastoral ministry and for those planting a church it can be overwhelming. When a church plant begins there is usually no team built yet, very few friends established, and little opportunity to be surrounded by those who support you in your weaknesses and vulnerabilities. A church planter needs an advocate and a friend. Pray for Christ centered encouragement and support.
- **Pray for Wisdom.** Planting a church requires great wisdom, as there are constant decisions to be made—both big and small. The stress of success and fear of failure are constant voices. Pray that our church planters will seek God’s wisdom in every decision and rely upon the voice of the Holy Spirit. Pray that these men and women surround themselves with more experienced leaders who will speak into their lives in an ongoing relationship. Pray for confidence and clarity and the humility to proceed with decisions.
- **Pray for finances.** There is no question about it: Church planting takes financial support! Pray for the financial support of individuals and churches to partner with our planters to enable them to accomplish their work. The financial stress of church planting can be one of the biggest burdens a church planter faces.
- **Pray for both faithfulness and fruitfulness in their work** The challenging work of planting a church is often draining and discouraging. The ups and downs of ministry are more pronounced in the early stages of pastoring a new community, so pray for stamina and strength to weather the storms. Pray that our church planters stay focused on the call that God has place on their lives.
- **Pray against the enemy of our souls.** Ministry in the name of Jesus is a personal attack against Satan and his kingdom. Pray the Holy Spirit will empower our church planters with wisdom and strength as they minister in places of great spiritual conflict.

CAMPING MINISTRIES

Camp Elkanah - La Grande, OR (Joe Wing)

The Blue Mountain association of churches have a joint stewardship of Camp Elkanah. They collectively own the camp, the Blue Mountain pastors serve as the Board of Directors, and many of their churches possess deep loyalties to camp that have been formed over many years. (campelkanah.com)

Camp Harlow - Eugene, OR (Mike Bothman)

Camp Harlow a ministry of First Baptist Church, Eugene and has been serving their community for nearly 70 years. They offer both day camps for kids ages 5-9 and overnight camps for grades 1-12. (campharlow.com)

Mountain Lake Bible Camp – Klamath Falls, OR (David Stevens)

Mountain Lake Bible Camp is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Klamath Falls. Four sponsored camps are offered each year from the middle of June through the middle of July. Middle and high school students are invited to come and learn about God, make new friends and enjoy a lot of fun activities. MLBC is also available for group rentals. (bbckfalls.org/mlbc)

Camp Tadmor - Lebanon, OR (Brian Smith)

Camp Tadmor has been an essential ministry of CVNW since 1971 and Tadmor exists to serve the local church. They do this by creating a space where relationships can grow: with God and one another. They accomplish this in a number of ways including their summer programs, weekend retreats, staff training, and rental opportunities. (tadmor.org)

Warm Lake Camp – Cascade, ID (Dick Shaw)

Warm Lake Camp has operated as a ministry of CB churches since 1957. Children and teen camps are offered in July, along with family camp and men's camp later in the summer. The camp is also available for rental in June and August. (warmlakecamp.org)



PRAYING FOR OUR CAMPS

- **Staffing:** It is a challenge to recruit enough staff to keep up with the number of campers that want to attend camp. Pray that camps find those that are called to serve the Lord as camp staff.
- **Facilities:** Camps have buildings, activities, landscape, and infrastructure that all require a lot of maintenance. They often don't have everything they need to maintain things at the level they need to. Pray that God would provide what is needed to maintain camp.
- **Connecting With Campers:** Camps work hard to connect the gospel with the changing culture from which our campers emerge. Pray that camps can frame up what is true about God in terms that campers can grasp and receive, and that campers come to Jesus.
- **Safety:** we need help from the Lord to keep camp safe in a few categories: 1. Physical safety of everyone while they participate in games, activities, and running around camp. 2. Spiritual Safety as we work to share the gospel with campers. 3. Relational Safety in all relationships involving campers, staff, and other guests.
- **Resource:** we are dependent on a host of people from all walks of life throwing in with camps to use their time, talent, and treasure to accomplish the God sized task before us. Pray that God might bring significant resource to camps so they can serve campers well.

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WHO IS VENTURE CHURCH NETWORK?

Mission: VCN helps churches take bold next steps

Vision: Gospel-centered transformational churches in every community

Values of our movement...

Gospel-driven...

bold gospel advancement with humble cultural engagement.

Our conviction is we must be bold in engaging our culture with the gospel of Jesus Christ, with a humility that we too need to be transformed by that same gospel message. The gospel applied to all of life will lead us to loving God, and loving our neighbor, including caring for “the least of these.” We are committed to an expanding gospel movement through empowering local church leaders and churches to advance the gospel in their communities.

Relationally Committed

...local church identity with collaborative interdependence

Our conviction is that a healthy effective local church is essential for the gospel to flourish. While locally self-governing, the church and its leaders serve best in generous and cooperative interdependent relationships with other like-minded ministries and leaders. Our mission is more effective as we serve together.

Biblically Focused

...Biblical faithfulness with missional application

Our missional movement must be shaped by the truth and grace of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are committed and agree together to the core doctrines of Scripture, acknowledging our theological heritage while celebrating a variety of contextualized ministry forms.

Disciple Making

...multiplying the new while strengthening the established

Acts is the story of the gospel creating believers—believers forming community, elders raised and established, these churches proclaiming the gospel to create more believers, and more churches. The apostles and others also returned to strengthen and challenge the established churches toward practical, doctrinal, and missional obedience. We share that same passion.

CB GLOBAL

Chairman (Ray Avante)

Ray is the General Director of the Conservative Baptist Association Philippines (CBAP) and former pastor of Capital City Baptist Church.

1st Vice-Chairman (Jim Smith)

Jim is the President of Pacific Church Network and Pastor of San Antonio Heights Community Church in Southern California, USA. He has represented CBAmerica throughout the years.

2nd Vice-Chairman (David Chen)

David is a church leader in Taiwan and the Pastor of Wuchang Church in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, one of the largest churches in Taiwan, impacting the lives of thousands of people.

Secretary (Randolph Velasquez)

Randolph lives in Querzon City, Philippines and is serving as an Elder at Capitol City Baptist Church near Manila plus the National Youth Director of Wavemakers Ministry.



PRAYING FOR CB GLOBAL

CB Global is a network of evangelical church associations around the world cooperating together to strengthen each other in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

WORLD VENTURE

World Venture was founded by local churches to fulfill the Great Commission. It began with prayer, May 24, 1943. As World War II was raging on, churches were in conflict over the historic beliefs of the Christian faith. While some turned away from the authority of Scripture and the divinity of Jesus, many other faithful followers of Christ wanted to continue sharing the truth of the Bible and the good news of Jesus throughout the world. And they wanted to send out missionaries with the same love and conviction.

It was in this historical context, wrestling with these questions of faith, that approximately 75 Christian leaders met in Chicago, Illinois to pray and seek a way forward. While on their knees in prayer, they took a history-making stand. WorldVenture, then known as the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (CBFMS), was born and incorporated that year to assist churches in training, sending, and supporting missionaries with an unwavering commitment to the authority of the Bible and the proclamation of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

After more than 75 years of ministry, millions of people have been impacted by God and His work through the ministry of WorldVenture and our ministry partners. Today, WorldVenture supports global workers in more than 65 countries across all six inhabited continents. Together, we are engaging the world for gospel impact with a vision to see multitudes of disciples compelled by the love of God and willing to risk all so that people are transformed by God, impacting their families, communities, and world. (worldventure.com)

Billions don't know Jesus. We're not okay with that. Please pray with us that we remain steadfast and creative in searching for more workers and new ways to tell the Good News.



PRAYING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Billions of people don't know Jesus. We're not okay with that. At WorldVenture we join the churches of the Church Venture Northwest in longing for and laboring toward that day when all people groups are represented in the body of Christ. In light of that, here are some prayer requests:

- There are over 70 Appointees needing prayer and financial partners so they can launch to their places of ministry.
- There are new reports of disciples in North Africa, pray for a full-on revival.
- The Japanese are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world and yet readily accessible, it is time for a harvest there.
- Matthew 9:38 the laborers are too few, therefore pray earnestly.

MISSIONS DOOR

Mission-minded Conservative Baptists launched the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society (CBHMS) in 1948 for the purpose of preaching the Gospel and planting churches across the United States and the North American continent. The name of the mission was changed in 1994 to Mission to the Americas, and then in 2007 to Missions Door. Now in our seventh decade of ministry, the vision of Missions Door is to see an unstoppable force of compassionate and culturally-authentic Christ communities multiplying in neighborhoods, across our country and around the world.

Missions Door still concentrates on North America but now has missionaries serving in 23 countries and five continents. Many of our missionaries are indigenous, working to reach people from their own ethnic and cultural background. Rather than primarily a cross-cultural mission, Missions Door is more of a “New Song” mission, with indigenous missionaries from 36 different birth countries. We have a sizable group of missionaries serving in the Northwest.



PRAYING FOR MISSIONS DOOR

- Continue praying for our Campus Ministry Team, US/Canada Ministry Team and Global Missions Team as they continue serving missionaries across the globe.
- Pray for strength, protection and endurance for the missionaries serving in their respective areas. Pray for the people they are ministering to and that new people come to know Jesus every day.

WESTERN SEMINARY

Western Seminary is a Christian graduate school made up of students who are diverse in vocational aims, age, and ethnicity—but united in great love for Jesus. Founded in 1927 in Portland, Oregon, our locations have expanded to include campuses in San Jose and Sacramento. We also have a fast-growing Online campus which extends our gospel-centered teaching around the globe.

Western Seminary is committed to training Christians to guide and strengthen the Church, forever transforming the world with the gospel. We provide trustworthy and accessible training for gospel-centered transformation. Our students become pastors, counselors, chaplains, coaches, educators, and missionaries who are marked by ministry effectiveness.

Our degree programs include Master of Divinity, MA in Counseling, MA in Biblical and Theological Studies, MA in Ministry and Leadership, and MA in Global Leadership. Post-graduate degrees include Master of Theology (ThM), Doctor of Education in Intercultural Education, Doctor of Intercultural Studies, and Doctor of Ministry. We also offer many graduate certificate programs.

PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARY

- Pray for ongoing faithfulness to our mission to serve as a catalyst and resource for spiritual transformation by working with and for the church to equip men and women for strategic ministry roles.
- Pray for God's guidance as the seminary seeks to collaborate with VCN nationally and CVNW regionally as a resource to local churches and mission agencies.
- Pray for our many graduates serving in key VCN/CVNW ministry roles.
- Pray for our work of revitalizing the facilities of our historic Portland campus.



WESTERN SEMINARY

- Pray for our gospel-centered ministries that seek to serve the Church in unique ways:
 - **The Center for Pastoral Flourishing**, which serves pastors throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northern California at key stages in their vocational service.
 - **Transform** (formerly known as the Center for Leadership Development), which provides a broad range of biblical, theological, and ministerial educational resources to those seeking to be better equipped for service and/or ministry leadership.
 - **Women’s Center for Ministry**, which exists to be a global hub to bring training, resources, and encouragement to empower women involved in ministry and those they influence.
 - **The ReGeneration Project**, which exists to encourage church leaders and new generations, equipping them with ways to respond to the difficult questions being asked today about theology, the Bible, the Church, and Christianity in general.
- Pray for the growth of our Transformation Fund, which is a newly created fund to provide tuition subsidies to our students.

VCN CHAPLAINCY

Since 1952, VCN chaplaincy has recruited, endorsed and placed chaplains on the cutting edge of ministry. Two hundred chaplains serve in the **military branches**; Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, and their Reserve and National Guard components including the Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard auxiliaries. Full-time, part-time and volunteer chaplains minister in other **Federal agencies**; the Veterans Health Administration, the Department of Justice (FBI) and Bureau of Prisons. Our chaplains work in State and County **correctional facilities** while **healthcare chaplains** minister in hospitals, medical centers, nursing homes and hospice care. Many pastors minister to **first responders**; supporting local Law Enforcement personnel and providing post-trauma care to Firefighters and EMS workers in their communities. **Specialized chaplains** serve motor sports and Veterans groups, Wounded Warriors, State Veterans long-term care facilities, retirement homes, and rescue missions.

VCN Chaplains, in every time zone, on every continent, on land, at sea, in the air, and in dark and dangerous places...all on the cutting edge of ministry. CVNW is home to 36 chaplains in Alaska (2), Idaho (3), Oregon (18), and Washington (13).

Chaplain Randy Brandt

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PRAYING FOR OUR CHAPLAINS

- For daily spiritual focus on life and ministry.
- Health of chaplain, spouse and family, especially those injured.
- Wisdom in childrearing of biological, adopted and foster children.



- To be wise as serpents and harmless as doves in pluralistic settings.
- For chaplains in transition to new assignments; especially military.
- For military chaplains deployed overseas and in harm's way.
- For ears to listen and eyes to see the genuine needs of counselees.
- For protection from the Evil One who instigates conflict and chaos.
- For holy boldness to confront wrong and advise commanders.
- For those who care for elderly and ailing parents.
- For chaplains who may be working alone or in isolation in forward operating bases, remote, or shipboard assignments.
- To be obedient to the Spirit's leading and tact in sharing Christ.
- To heed the Spirit's call in ministry direction, transition, and retirement.
- For grace to minister at the many health crisis and places of injury and death.
- For safety of chaplains serving in correctional facilities and jails for men and women.
- For our female chaplains ministering in hospitals, birthing centers and NICU who minister to mothers facing the pain and loss of fetal demise.
- Safety on the road for motorcycle group chaplains.
- For time management and balance for pastors who serve as volunteer chaplains to local first responders.
- For people to come to Christ, be baptized, enter discipleship and a local church.

CHURCH VENTURE NORTHWEST

Sergio Aguirre – Director of Intercultural Ministries

Dave Bertz – Director of Business & Operations*

Zack Brown – Camp Tadmor Director of Maintenance

Hannah Calkins – Videographer

Jamie Duncan – Executive Assistant to James Gleason

James Gleason – Executive Director

Luke Hendrix – Director of Church Development

Chris Hoeffner – Business Manager

Paul Hoffman – Director of Church Planting

Zach Paul – Administrator & Finance Manager**

Eric Peterson – IT Systems Administrator

Shirley Radford – Administrative Assistant

Chris Rich – Associate Director of Church Planting

Brian Smith – Camp Tadmor Program Director

Miranda Smith – Circle T Ranch Coordinator

Erik Tuneberg – Camp Tadmor Director of Guest Services

Cora Tuneberg – Camp Tadmor Registrar

Joey Wallberg – Camp Tadmor Maintenance Assistant

** Dave Bertz is retiring in March 2023 after 33 years of service in various roles at Church Venture NW and Camp Tadmor. After a sabbatical, he will be returning part-time in an advisory role with us. We are so grateful for his heart to serve the Covenant Community!*

*** Zach Paul will become the Director of Business & Operations post Dave's retirement.*



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This list of churches was last updated January 5, 2023. If you know of any additional necessary changes, please email info@churchventurenw.com. Thank you.

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A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a vast sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds. The sun is positioned behind the clouds, creating a bright, hazy glow. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of evergreen trees.

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