

**Jesus wants his lost sheep found.
Let's join him in the greatest
"Search & Rescue" mission ever!**

Ezekiel 33:11 *As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live...*

2 Peter 3:9 (God is) *...not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

Romans 10:1 (Paul speaking) *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.*

H.I.T. List (Hearts in Transition)

**Names of 5 people whose
salvation you are praying for!**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Prayer Journal

***Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If
you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.***

~Jesus of Nazareth~



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Dear First Church,

Thank you for loving Jesus and being so concerned for the lost sheep that he wants to be found. Over the next 40 days prior to our revival we want to spend a significant amount of time in prayer seeking God's face and favor for our families and our church. This guide is intended to help you focus on specific needs throughout the week.

As we go throughout this time of prayer, we are going to pray big picture strategic prayers for our congregation and the community that God has given us to reach for him. We believe that God wants to work some major spiritual breakthroughs through our church as we ask God to fulfill his redemptive plan of the ages and help us accomplish our part in it.

We know that there are over 20,000 souls living within a five-mile radius of our church property. These are the people that Jesus has called us to reach with the Gospel. At times, it even seems impossible but Jesus said that if we ask anything in his name, according to his will, IT WILL BE DONE! I happen to believe that our vision is in His name and according to His will and that over the next several months we will see God do even greater things than these simply because we made prayer our first priority!

The writer of Hebrews said, "**since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.**" If Jesus Christ has opened wide the throne room of God with his blood, let's get in there and make something happen through prayer! The eternal destination of men, women, and children hangs in the balance!

Grace to You,
Aaron Baldrige
Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church

Use this space to record prayer requests or leadings of the Lord you receive as you pray over the next several weeks.

Pray for core ministries of First Church

The Sunday Morning Experience – Pray that our Sunday worship experience would be so welcoming, the music so inspiring, the messages so engaging, and the kids and youth ministry so life-giving that people come back the next week and bring a friend. Pray that Pastor Aaron would have boldness to preach the Word and clarity that God’s Word would be clearly communicated to our church and our visitors.

Worship: Pray for a powerful move of the Spirit in and through our worship ministry. Please pray for our worship leader Seth. Pray that God would empower him in a mighty way to lead our worship ministry with excellence. Pray that God would send us more musicians and others to help lead us in worship.

Assimilation & Guest Services Ministry: Pray that our guests would feel so welcomed, so loved, so connected that they would not only attend regularly but become fully engaged members at First Church. Pray that all of us would know and welcome our responsibility to show the love of Christ to those that visit with us.

First Kids: Pray that our children would know, experience, and share the heart transforming love of Jesus. Parents and grandparents have the biggest impact on a child’s spiritual life. Pray for them to be intentional, godly, and lead their families well. Our First Kids Team pours themselves into the lives of children every week. Pray that they are blessed and encouraged as they share the gospel and build relationships with children. Please also pray that God will build our team and bring the ones He’s calling to serve the children at First Church and in our community.

Prepare your heart and mind

As you prepare your heart and mind for prayer, remember that God is our wonderful Father who longs to hear from us and is waiting to meet our needs and grant our requests!

Matthew 7:7-11 *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*

Begin with God as the central theme

*“Our **Father** in heaven, **hallowed** be your name.”*

When we begin prayer with worship our perspective changes, our faith increases, our anxiety melts away, and our prayer requests are transformed into the mind and heartbeat of Jesus himself!

As you go to prayer, read through the following scriptures...

- Read slowly, thoughtfully, and prayerfully.
- Take time to ponder each verse thoroughly, making it your own.
- Then pray it back to God before moving on to the next verse.

Begin with a foundation of praise and adoration based on the greatness of God

Psalms 145

¹ *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.*

² *Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

³ *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

⁴ *One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

⁵ *On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

⁶ *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.*

⁷ *They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

⁸ *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

⁹ *The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

¹⁰ *All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!*

¹¹ *They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,*

¹² *to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

¹³ *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]*

¹⁴ *The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.*

¹⁵ *The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.*

¹⁶ *You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

¹⁷ *The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.*

¹⁸ *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

¹⁹ *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.*

²⁰ *The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.*

²¹ *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

Pray for the spiritual vitality of one another

Ephesians 3:14-21 *“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.²⁰ **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”***

Pray for our church’s leaders

Aaron Baldrige (Leslie) Pastor

George Kimbrow (Kay) Deacon

Rodney Romines (Holly) Deacon

Pray for key outreach ministries

Church Neighborhood – Pray for a great witness as people walk through our property, enjoy our facilities, etc. Pray that all of us remember to greet them as our very special guests. Pray for great opportunities to let them know who Jesus is through our example of love, generosity, and hospitality.

Potential Outreach Ministries – Pray that we would be able to identify the needs of our community and how our church can meet those needs. A vital church is an important, integral part of its community.

Outreach Mailings – Over the next six months we will be sending a introductory postcards and follow up with a personal visit to those who are new to our community. Ask the Lord to give us favor and opportunity to share the gospel with our new neighbors.

Confess any personal or church-wide failure to obey Jesus and accomplish His mission

Daniel 9:3-7, 9-10, 14, 16-19 *I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. ¹⁶ “O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”*

Pray for big Kingdom of God breakthroughs

*“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven”*

Our Mission: First Free Will Baptist Church exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ.

Thank God for the promised ministry of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of pre-believers in our community and ask him to draw thousands of them to eternal life.

John 16:8 *And when he comes, he will **convict** the world concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**:*

So pray

- for eyes to see the harvest all around us.

John 4:35 *“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? **Look**, I tell you, **lift up your eyes**, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”*

- for hearts to care about people like Jesus does.

Matthew 9:36-39 *“When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion for them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**”*

- for courage to step out in faith and try to reach people!

Acts 4:23-24 & 29 *“When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God... ²⁹ ‘And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word **with all boldness.**”*

- for open doors all around us to share the love and message of Jesus.

Colossians 4:2-3 *“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may **open to us a door for the word**, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—“*

- for wisdom to maximize every opportunity we have to share the Gospel.

Colossians 4:5-6 *“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”*

- for a great harvest of souls for Jesus!

1 Timothy 2:4-6 *“God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all.”*