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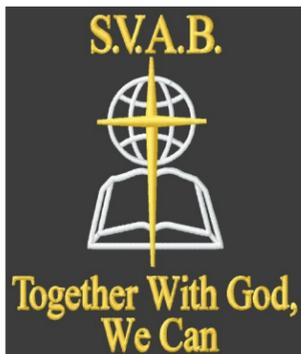
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## A Prayer for Graduates and Educators

In a short while, many will celebrate with pride and joy as they honor graduates, as well as give thanks to educators. Many will gather to praise God for His blessings upon them and their families. Some graduates will praise God for His guidance in achieving their academic goals. Perhaps a few will express appreciation to those educators who assisted them throughout their education journey.

Dear Reader, join me in prayer for these graduates. Let us pray for God's guidance as they begin a new chapter in their life. Together, let us pray that they hear God's voice upon the decisions for their lives.

Soon - you graduates will begin to write a new chapter in your life by the choices you make. Hopefully, your decisions will reveal God's influence on you. Graduates, if you are leaving home, then you will enjoy freedom as you have never experienced it. With this freedom will come increases in responsibility. We will pray that you have the maturity to handle this responsibility. Your new chapter in life will be exciting, anxious, as well as challenging. The decisions you make will determine your future. Consequently, we will pray for the following for you: First, we pray that you choose God over materialism. We read in Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (NASB)

Yes dear graduates, live for God. Let His influence become evident in your future. He will give you a sense of fulfillment that materialism, titles, and powerful positions can never do.

Second, we pray that you would choose to sow in the Spirit instead of the flesh. We read in Galatians 6:7-8, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life." (NASB)

So, graduates sow wisely. Sow in the Spirit. Do not be content with your current knowledge of God. Seek to grow deeper in that relationship with Him. When you do, you will reap many blessings.

Third, we pray that you choose the narrow way instead of the broad way. We read in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it." (NASB)

Jesus speaks of the gate being straight and the way being narrow that leads to abundant life. Graduates, as you will learn in life, anything of value, anything of lasting value requires discipline. Yet, as you are learning, you will observe that the discipline and effort will be worth it. Therefore, choose the narrow path and trust God.

Fourth, we pray that you choose to serve, rather than be served. We read in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NASB)

Jesus teaches about people who thought of success in terms of being served, rather than serving. By Christ's example, He teaches us that we are to think of others more than ourselves. Which leads us to this prayer request regarding educators.

Graduates, we pray that you express your appreciation to those who have helped you through your education journey. Graduates, think about the teacher(s) or others in the education field who have made a difference in your life. Then, as you reflect upon that person, thank God for each mentor or teacher. Afterwards, thank that person. Your gratitude will touch that person's heart.

Yes, graduates, a new journey is before you. What direction do you sense God wants you to take? How do you sense God is leading you about the decisions before you?

To you educators, congratulations! You have assisted an individual(s) to achieve many education accomplishments. The long hours of grading papers and of sacrifice of your family time for your students has come to a brief summer pause. In a few months, you will begin the transformation with yet another class. You will return this fall because you have a heart for what you do. Dear Educator, few know what you endure. Few understand your heart and compassion for what you do. Those few who do know, well, we thank God for you and appreciate you more than you realize.

Your Servant in Christ,

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"Together with God, We Can . . . ."

↓ Positions Needed ↓

## Churches without Pastors

Cecilia Baptist  
Magnolia Baptist  
Heavenbound

## Northside Baptist Church

Northside Baptist Church located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky is seeking candidates for the full-time position of Minister of Worship. Candidate must have experience planning and leading blended style of worship as well as experience directing an adult choir. Candidate must have a minimum of Bachelor's degree in music but preferably have a seminary degree or working toward one. We are currently accepting resumes. For a more complete look at the Job Description for the Minister of Worship position, please click here. Resumes and other relevant information as well as inquiries, may be emailed to: [nsbchumanresources@gmail.com](mailto:nsbchumanresources@gmail.com)

## New Horizon Baptist Church

is seeking God's leadership in filling the full time position of **Senior Pastor**.

For more information, please view the info. At <http://svabaptist.org/helpful-resources/area-ministry-positions-available>

## Youngers Creek Baptist Church

is Currently accepting resumes for the following part-time positions:  
Youth Minister, a Music minister, and a Children's minister.

Please send resumes to:  
Youngers Creek Baptist Church  
251 Youngers Creek Rd  
Elizabethtown, Ky 42701

## Round Top Baptist

Round Top is looking to add a PT music leader to our staff. Sunday mornings only, unless there is a special occasion or special service. This would be a great opportunity for someone that's wanting to use their musical talents to lead a smaller church that's growing. We're looking for someone that can lead contemporary music and who can play guitar. Contact person is Don Martin 270-5234-3429