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Dear Pastor Adam and all our friends at Calvary Bible Church,

We are so grateful for your kind donation in support of the fatherless families we serve. We have been greatly encouraged by the very generous response from our supporting churches during the Baby Bottle Fundraiser which we launched on Mother's Day and completed on Father's Day this year! During that time, congregations saved their loose change in beautifully-designed baby bottles which celebrated unborn life, and many added paper money and checks also, bringing the total to an amazing amount of \$9,266.38, collected by 14 churches! We deeply appreciate your faithful support, which enables us to continue reaching out to our community in new and creative ways!

At this time of year, many families are focused on preparing their children to go back to school, and we are so thankful for those who help our single mothers to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for their children! We are sure you will be already aware of changes in the laws of our state and our nation, which restore some important freedoms to parents: for example, a New Jersey appellate court ruled that school districts are free to mandate parental notification, if school staff are aware that their child is struggling with his or her gender identification. In several districts, local parents had fought for this right in the courts, when they realized that schools were not informing parents in such matters. Further, the Supreme Court ruled in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* that parents are able to opt out their school-age children from classes that are teaching in a way that violates the parents' values, as for instance in normalizing transgenderism.

We offer teaching on the wise use of social media for children and teens, especially since the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities Study which gave evidence to warn parents of the risks to young people who use social media in a constant and unsupervised manner. We are sure that most of you are aware of the rising percentages of anxiety and depression amongst our youth, and the growing realization that their unsupervised use of the Internet is a major contributing factor. This study of over 100,000 young people aged 18 to 24 showed that receiving a smartphone before age 13 is associated with poorer mental health outcomes in young adulthood, especially poorer self-image, diminished family bonding, sleep disturbances, social isolation, and even suicidal thoughts. We are so very grateful for your choice to be co-workers with us in this vital ministry!

Together in His service,

Jeannie Avery

Jeannie Avery, Board Chair



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Dear Friends,

Each month's prayer calendar has many people who are the *same* – our Board members, staff and volunteers – and several *new* items for prayer this particular month – outreaches, conferences, etc. We have listed below some special ways that we would request prayer for single moms, and everyone whose name is mentioned on the prayer calendar, and also as the Lord would individually guide your prayers for us:

Single Mom Families – “God is a Father to the fatherless.” *Psalm 68:5*

“The Lord gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” *Isaiah 40:11*

- ❖ That Jesus will fill their hearts with His love
- ❖ That those single through divorce or separation will find healing and new hope
- ❖ That God will center the relationship of those who choose marriage, in Christ
- ❖ That God will meet the spiritual and physical needs of the children, and that their mothers be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love through the Holy Spirit

For Staff and Volunteers:

Spiritual Life – “When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.” *Jeremiah 15:16*

- ❖ Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture
- ❖ Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self control

Ministry – “If a man remain in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

- ❖ Truth and grace in sharing the Gospel
- ❖ Wisdom in the use of time and energy, and a continued spirit of cooperation amongst us, expressed in an eagerness to learn from each other

Family – “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked for us.” *Hebrews 12:1*

- ❖ Strong marital and parent/child relationships
- ❖ That our family lives would reflect what we teach

Physical needs – “And my God will meet all your needs, according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.” *Philippians 4:19*

- ❖ That we and our families are kept healthy and safe
- ❖ That the financial support, needed to accomplish all that God plans through us, would be provided



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Thank you so much for praying with us – God bless you!



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Prayer Calendar

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Evangel Chapel In Bridgewater Pastor Tim Kaetzel Dan Fisher (Y)	4 Pray for successful tutoring of several clients' children through FCNB scholarship	5 Yari Gonzalez Hispanic Peer Counselor	6 Linda Schneider Senior Peer Counselor	7 Joaquin Gonzalez Building & Property Chair	8 Balbina Gonzalez Hispanic Peer Counselor	9 Pray for the VBS's at local churches to have fruitful ministry amongst the children this summer
10 Calvary Bible Church Pastor Adam	11 Pray for work groups to assist in the maintenance of Gods Center	12 Pray for times of refreshment for our staff and volunteers during the summer break	13 Sam Maldonado Board Treasurer	14 Miriam Maldonado Board Secretary	15 Ilda Morales Hispanic Peer Counselor	16 Pray for Hispanic children's Bible clubs at Hunter Hills Apartments
17 Cherryville Baptist Church Pastor Wayne	18 Pray for the marriage outreach for our clients and their husbands	19 Pray for more bassinets, single & double strollers for our clients' babies	20 Mimi Koontz Co-Director	21 Rosana Lizana Hispanic Peer Counselor	22 Pray God will continue to transform our community as we pray for revival	23 Pray for God's guidance and favor as grants are written
24) Cornerstone Church – Pastor Keith 31) Old Rock Church Pastor Dave	25 Jeannie Avery Board Chair	26 For many to meet Christ as Lord and Savior this year	27 Please pray for more English-speaking clients	28 Praise God for how very generous our donors are for our moms and their children	29 Praise God for the outreach for ladies who still suffer	30 Pray for Hispanic children's Bible clubs at Hunter Hills Apartment