

EASTPOINT CHURCH



SCAN TO GIVE



**MISSIONS AND
CHURCH PLANTER
PRAYER GUIDE**

ABOUT THE ONE8 INITIATIVE

The One8 Initiative is our missions giving strategy here at Eastpoint Church. Our conviction is to live out the lesson we learn in Acts 1:8. Missions begins with our neighbors, extends to our community, then to our state and nation, and lastly, to the ends of the earth.

As a Southern Baptist church, our state convention and national missions organizations have several missions offerings throughout the year and while we support all of these offerings, we believe one yearly missions offering is more practical for us. We're excited about the One8 Initiative, our annual missions offering that will run from October to January.

-John Allen May
Lead Pastor

THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DIVIDED UP BETWEEN FOUR DIFFERENT OFFERINGS

Lottie Moon **(80%)**

Goes straight to the International Mission Board and helps mission efforts around the world.

Annie Armstrong **(10%)**

Goes to the North American Missions Board and helps fund evangelism and church planting.

Margaret Lackey **(2%)**

Stays in our own state and helps a number of church planting efforts organized through the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Remaining Portion (8%)

Will go towards funding a future church plant from Eastpoint Church. Through careful planning and resource allocation, we will one day be able to serve as the primary sending church for a new church plant somewhere in Northwest Mississippi.



Stephen & Kaye Carson

Connection Church (Belle Fourche, SD)

WHAT TO PRAY FOR:

God is working in our church and in the Dakotas. Our church continues to grow numerically and spiritually.

Please continue to pray for unity as we grow. Pray for my family. My boys know the Lord, but please pray for their growth. Pray for church planting in the Dakotas. We have 80 SBC churches in our two big states. We continue to see great churches planted in our states but we need many more.



Dustin Tutor

Northwest BSU Director

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Over 30 missionaries went out from NWCC this year between spring break and summer.

We also had 3 salvations on campus.

Our greatest need is for more churches to partner with us financially. Our giving is down about \$20,000 from the start of 2025, and it is affecting what we can do on campus.



Pregnancy Test Center

Senatobia, MS

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

We recently met with a mother who came to our center very abortion-minded. She is the mother of six children and is now expecting another baby. After a long conversation, she made the decision to pursue an adoption plan. She has continued to return for regular ultrasounds, and we are thankful for the progress she has made. Please pray that she will continue to come for her appointments, remain encouraged, and stay committed to the adoption journey.

Please pray for the completion of the Safe Haven Baby Box at the hospital in Senatobia. We ask for God's favor, and wisdom as we work to make this life-saving resource available to families in crisis.

Please also pray for a mother who is currently hospitalized with preeclampsia. Her due date is October 10. Pray that her condition remains stable, that she is able to safely carry her baby as close to full term as possible, and that both mother and baby remain healthy.



Sam & Natalie Henderson

Redemption Church, Coldwater, MS

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1. Wisdom to disciple multiple people coming from a drug, addiction and jail background.**
- 2. Strength for our family and myself as we navigate adding a baby to the mix of planting and pastoring.**
- 3. Continued Kingdom impact in our community**



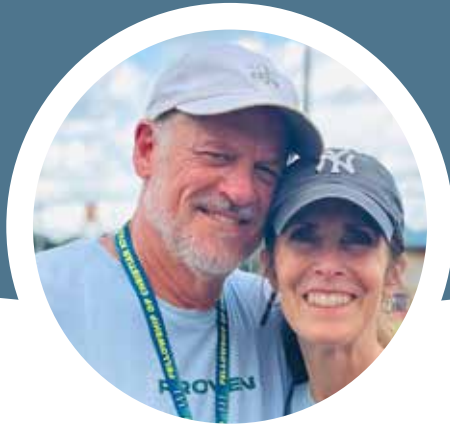
Scott & Casey Tuminello

Making Disciples (Czech Republic)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Our family has served with the Company since 2014. We spent a couple of years in Southeast Asia and have been in Europe since early 2017. We spent nearly 5 years in Copenhagen, Denmark and we currently serve in Prague, Czech Republic.

We are on stateside assignment through Christmas as our oldest daughter starts university in just a few days. We would love to find a time to visit Eastpoint while we are in the US. My wife grew up in Olive Branch and her mom still lives there.



John & Sharon Sayger

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **School Campus Presence**
 - All 8 public high school campuses
 - Two private school campuses (Northpoint and DeSoto Christian Academy)
 - 7 middle school campuses
 - 1 elementary campus (Pleasant Hill Elementary School)
- 9 monthly county wide student leadership training meetings
 - 1 Fields of Faith event held annual
 - Bi-monthly student lead worship night events
- 126 active huddles (includes multi-sport, team, and coach's huddles)
 - Estimated just over 3,000 students engaged this semester
 - 125~ coach and adult volunteers
 - 3050~ FCA Athlete Bibles distributed in the past 17 months
 - 265~ Coaches Bibles distributed in the past 17 months
- Recently purchased \$19,550 of Bibles...and we need many more!



Bruce & Jessica Crockett

Gateway Church (Columbia Falls, MT)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

We have two (Isaac and Kati) heading off to college in a few weeks. Our oldest for her senior year in nursing and our oldest son who will be a freshman both at Mississippi College (so long ways away). Our middle son- Eli - entering his senior year of high school. Our youngest daughter - Emerie - she's been on point in reading the bible this year so she's halfway through and pray for diligence to finish well and stay disciplined in reading. Our youngest son - Blanton - Just at times difficult and causes stress in our family. Just pray for him to know Christ and have self control.

We have three baptisms coming up at church - a young couple who has been married for 4 years. We have known them for 9 years, but they have just now come to faith in Jesus and obeying the Lord in baptism. We have 6-9 college students coming for the summer (seasonal workers) and we have been trying to intentionally invest in them.

Just pray for Valley Life Church to stay united together as a body of Christ and for us to daily be obedient in sharing the gospel and impacting our community for Christ.

We do not have any current needs, but I will keep you guys updated if we have any that arise in the future.



Levi & Lindsey

Training Local Church Planters (India)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

We are doing well. Glad you are reaching out. We just arrived back on the field and glad to be back. We are living in Nepal now. Still doing same work. We are seeing a lot of shares with the Raji UUPG and praying that they will come to faith. We have had 100s of shares in last couple months and great visuals but no one following yet. Please keep praying for that. All kinds of breakthroughs in different fields. Have some new work among cousins, seeing 18 different UUPGs engaged in the last 6 months and more on the way to being engaged. Several national partners will be coming to see us in couple of week to give some updates in their fields. I can imagine a lot of new churches planted and new work that has begun. We are currently teaching one network stretched out across multiple districts in pastoral development as well. This is going well and seeing a lot of new churches become more healthy.



Matt & Arrica Hess

SEND Network City Missionary (St. Louis, MO)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that SEND would meet their goal of planting 75 new churches in the Midwest in the next five years.

Pray for Matt as he recruits, trains, and serves church planters in the St. Louis area.

Pray for Arrica as she supports pastors' families and disciples other women.



Wesley Smith

Renovate Church, Cleveland, MS

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that the Lord will send more mature Christians to our church, that He would send laborers to our church even more rapidly than the laborers who are leaving.

Pray that the gospel will be sowed frequently, boldly, and zealously by our church and that the fruit of it will be abundant (Matt. 13:23; Col. 1:5-6; Ac. 6:7), and that church growth would happen as a natural result of it.

Pray that we would continue to make progress in the vision of our church- that is, to bring about cultural transformation (renovation) in our community, in every sphere of life (e.g. education, family, government, business, health care, etc.). We believe transformed hearts lead to transformed cultures, and we are regularly praying that the Lord would accomplish that. We hope and pray that this is done through the multiplication of leader, churches, and the establishment of more gospel-centered organizations (e.g. Christian school).



Alex Phelan & Ryan Alva

Riverbend & Longview Pont (Planting in South Dakota)

UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

The Alvas and the Phelans are moving to Brookings, SD at the start of 2027 as church planters within that city. Our goal is to launch a bible-based, gospel-centered church within the city of Brookings by the Fall of 2028. By God's grace, it won't stop there, as we see more churches planted out of Brookings Bible Church to the North and South along the eastern side of North and South Dakota.

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