

Let the *words* of my mouth,  
and the *meditation* of my  
heart, be acceptable  
in thy sight, O LORD,  
*my strength,*  
*and my*  
*redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14

# VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

mountainvictory.org

February 4, 2026

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS**  
**The Bell Family, Maine, USA & The Maietta Family, Italy**

"If it be  
possible, as  
much as lieth  
in you, live  
peaceably with  
all men."  
Romans 12:18  
KJV

THE  
WORDS  
OF MY  
MOUTH

Blessed are the Peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the  
Children of God.

Matthew 5:9

YE THAT LOVE  
THE LORD, HATE EVIL:  
HE PRESERVETH THE  
SOULS OF HIS SAINTS;  
HE DELIVERETH THEM  
OUT OF THE HAND  
OF THE WICKED.

KJV

PSALM 97:10



Sunday School @ 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM

Visit our church Webpage @ [Mountainvictory.org](http://Mountainvictory.org)

## PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)  
Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)  
Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)  
Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)  
Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine Cancer.)  
Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)  
Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)  
Duvall, Kathy (Friend of Jane W.-Stomach Cancer)  
Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer.)  
Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)  
French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)  
Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)  
Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)  
Holden, Jerry (Uncle of Shaye, Cheryl & Tammy- Tumor in abdomen area.)  
Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)  
Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)  
Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)  
Jones, Brian (Brain Tumor)  
Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother-Surgery & Chemo.)  
Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)  
Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)  
McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)  
Nations, Debbie (Cancer Cream Treatments on both of her ears for 10 weeks.)  
Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)  
Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)  
Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)  
Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)  
Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)  
Watkins, Travis (Pastor @ Sawmill Bapt Church, Bryson City. Stage 3 Cancer.)

## SERVICEMEN & LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Prayer List

Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Home from Deployment)

McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines-Graduated bootcamp and on to the next step of service. He is now in Pensacola, FL)

Bryson, Kevin (Debbie N. nephew-Army Reserves deployed to the border in Del Rio, TX for one year.)

Curry, Truitt (James & Beth's son-Franklin Police Dept.)

## PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)  
The Vance Family (Physical needs)  
Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)  
Suttle, Brooks (Torn ACL, MCL & Meniscus in left knee.)  
Bell, Todd (Platelet count and health issue.)

## PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth  
Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)  
Matthews, Scott (Cancer has returned in his lymph nodes and a spot in his stomach.)  
Masitto, Marty & Pam

## PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)  
Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)  
Antes, Aretta (Cousin of D. LaVigne-Unknown Physical issues.)  
Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)  
Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)  
Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)  
Blankenship, Janie (Physical needs.)  
Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)  
Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)  
Chandler, Sheila (Friend of E. Johnson-Dialysis.)  
Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)  
Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)  
Coffey, Debbie (Recovering from total left knee replacement.)  
Cottongim, Phyllis (Health & Daily care)  
Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)  
Freeman, Randall (Jane's friend-Health Issues)  
Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)  
Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)  
Hamilton, Beth (Jane W.- Beth's husband, age 36, passed away)  
Hatcher, Mike (The Einstein's Son Health issues.)  
Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)  
Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)  
Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)  
Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)  
Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)  
Lance, Tom (Tracy McGaha's Father- Rehab Center in Asheville.)  
Lawson, Sandra (Friend of E. Johnson-Back Surgery)  
Lee, Bill (D. Greene's Brother-Health issues)  
Matthews, Brian (Friend of Jane W.- Health issues)  
McMahan, Bob (Health issues.)  
McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)  
Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter as she cares for her.)  
Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes'-Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)  
Owen, Mike (Cousin of D. LaVigne) Problems after back surgery.)  
Parris, Rosa (Infection in her knee. May have to have a second replacement surgery to repair broken piece.)  
Payne, Judy (Jane W. neighbor-Broken hip)  
Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)  
Polacek, Sarah (The Hughes' niece-25 yrs old, diagnosed with Lupus.)  
Reed, Jennifer (Health issue)  
Ridley, Noah (Megan's son.)  
Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)  
Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.) Samuel's health.  
Schweinsaupt, Timothy (Upcoming court case.)  
Smith, Wayne (Salvation)  
Simonds, Renee (C. Einstein's friend-Leg Amputation)  
Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)  
Sumner, Mark (Health Issues)  
Tacia, Jerry (Friend of D. Greene-Hospital & Rehab)  
Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)  
Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)  
The Gray Family (Special request)  
Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)  
Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- Complete healing.)  
Debbie Coffey's Mother (Physical needs.)  
Darren & Maureen (Continued healing for Darren)  
Stewart, William (Barry) (Lost wife of 60+ years. Alone and depressed.)  
Prayer Slips-(Pray for God's leading in my life; Salvation for 2 people.)  
Hughes, Fred (Health issues - Now at home.)  
Davis, Deloris (D. LaVigne's Sister in FL-Stroke & Brain Bleed.)

Please pray for our Pastor & Family.  
Please pray for VCS & our Youth.





## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, 02/08/26 @ 5:30 PM**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Bible Study Class, 2/09/26 @ 6:00 PM**  
**"Cults & False Religions"**

**Sunday, 02/15/26 AM Service**  
**"TEEN TAKEOVER"**

**Sunday February 15th, After Church**



**Youth Outing**  
(Please sign up at the  
Welcome Center.)

**Saturday, Feb. 21st @ 8:00 AM**  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast**



**Saturday, Feb. 21st @ VCS**  
**Cafeteria from 2-4 PM**  
**Baby Shower for**  
**Lynzy & Keegan Reed**  
**Baby Girl — "Kansas Grace"**  
(Registered @ Amazon.com)

**Saturday, Feb. 28th @ 5:00 PM in the VCS**  
**Gym**



**"VALENTINE ROUND UP"**  
Fun for all Ages  
Please Sign up @  
The Welcome Center  
Grab your Cowboy attire &  
plan to come!



## Faith Promise 2025-2026

\$105,000.00 Budget

**February Monthly Faith Promise**

**Offerings: \$125.00**

**Missions: The Investment you can  
Bank on for Eternity!**

**Monthly Payout: \$8,165.00**

**Thank you for giving to Missions!**

**Faith Promise Slips for 2025/2026**

**\$62,476.00**



**Missionary Prayer Bookmarks**  
**@ The Welcome Center**

**Choose yours and remember to pray!**

## PRAY FOR VICTORY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### **"SENIOR NIGHT"**

**02/05 @ 4:30 & 6:00 PM @ Home**

**VB & VG vs Macon Early College**

**02/09 @ 6:00 PM @ Home**

**VG vs Victory Academy, Gastonia**

**02/10 @ 4:30 & 6:00 PM @ Home**

**JVB & VG vs New Manna**

## VBC Food Bags

**Please Sign up @ The Welcome Center  
to Volunteer on Saturday to  
hand out food bags.**

**Thank you.**

**For more Info: Please Contact Jason L.**



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October, November, December 2025

Happy New Year! I trust this finds each of you anticipating what God can do in the coming new year. We finished out 2025 with lots of exciting events.

I traveled to many new churches and to some familiar places during the fall. In October I flew to Yadkinville, NC in the ministry plane. There I preached for Pastor Tim Webb and the Northwoods Baptist Church. What a great time I had with those precious people. I was able to go into the Yadkinville Elementary School and preach in their Good News Club. It is always a thrill to my soul to minister to the younger generation. What a great group of workers and kids.

I returned home to my good friends, Scott and Tricia Crabtree arriving in Maine to preach for our church on Missions and how we can give more, go more, and reach more in 2026. It was a great time. Our church loves missions and missionaries.

I drove to Mt. Morris, New York, because of bad weather to preach for Pastor Matthew White at the Village Baptist Church. This was a fantastic meeting, and they are on fire and getting the job done in NY.

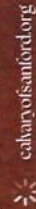
October 26<sup>th</sup> we had "Youth Sunday". My son, Benjamin, is doing a fine job with our youth group. They led every aspect of the service. All the singing, piano playing, offering, and preaching. It was a wonderful night and after we went to our gymnasium campus and celebrated Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I sure do love our people.

November brought about more travels and I flew commercially to Rural Hall, NC where I preached for Pastor Jon White and the Freedom Baptist Church. We had such a wonderful meeting. Freedom has supported my family for over 30 years, and I am so grateful for their dedication to my family and ministry.

November 13<sup>th</sup> my wife and I flew to Huntsville, AL, to the Huntsville Bible Baptist Church, pastored by my good friend Steve Swanke. My wife and I were able to attend their annual couple's retreat. I preached multiple times to the group, and we each spoke in break out sessions for the men and women. It was a great time. We returned just in time for thanksgiving. Thanksgiving was quickly followed by our Annual Pastor's Refresher Conference. This year we had to great men of God for the conference. Pastor Robert Jarvis from the Welcome Baptist Church in Union, SC and Pastor Barry

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Rackley from the Rogersville Baptist Tabernacle in Rogersville, TN. These men and their churches have supported our family for many years. We sure enjoyed having them and their messages were exactly what our church and our visiting pastors needed. We had one young brother accept the Lord on Sunday night. Beth is a blessing, and we are thrilled to have her young son in our Academy and now they are both in our church.

Two weeks later our church choir and our Academy choir presented a musical drama called "One Holy Lamb". We presented it two nights and had over 300 people in attendance on each night. To God be the Glory! The gospel was given, and the entire program was fantastic.

I have continued to travel to the island of Chebeague weekly to witness and teach the island with the Gospel. I am continuing to pray for Danny Todd to be born again. He is in his 80's and not in good health. He knows his need of a Savior but refuses to take that step. My heart is so burdened for him. We took 40 people to the island of Chebeague on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We all rode the commercial ferry over which was a one-hour ride. It was an adventure. We then commuted in a taxi van to the community center where we sang and presorted a living nativity. There were 7 people from the island that came out to hear. The taxi driver stayed to listen and then told us it was the "best night ever" and that all our trips in his van were free tonight. About a \$250 savings. Hallelujah! On our way back we stopped at Chick file and while eating a now lady attending our church sat with and stated that she wanted to be saved. Over our dinner right in Chick file she a called upon the name of the Lord. GLORY!!! She was not the only lost soul that traveled to the island that night. Some sow, some water, but God gives the increase. I think we will just keep sowing and watering and plowing and planting and see what God will do.

December brought us snow, cold temperatures, rain and warm temperatures, and then back to the bitter cold and flash freezing ice. That does not hinder Mainers. Our Christmas Eve service was well attended, and we presented to our church a living Nativity and sang service along with a message from God's Word. Hallelujah!

We have also seen a couple of our young people accept Christ. They doubted but got it settled and are growing in Christ. Savannah and Sarah are both a blessing to us. We have a new family that is joining our church. They have been watching online for a long time and came to see the service in person. They loved it and have now joined Sunday School, too. They need to be baptized so we have several waiting for Baptism. Since our last letter we have baptized Logan, Sarah, Austin (who was recently saved at the local nursing home while visiting his girlfriend who was the nurse for Roger Olsen from our church), Angelina, and Cheryl. To God be the Glory!

Our family is doing great. We sure do love our family. God has been good to us. Pray specifically for my health. I am doing better and had a sinus infection right after the Pastors Conference, but we seemed to control the blood disorder this time. Thank God! We have charged insurances to help with my illness. My last hospitalization left us with a \$7000 debt. God knows and can take care of all our needs. Please pray that we can keep ahead of this autoimmune dysfunction, so I do not have hospital stays. We love you all very much and thank God that you partner with us. Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing what God will do in the coming year.

Serving the Lord until He comes again,

Bro. Todd Bell



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On the Front Lines of World Evangelism

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Dear Praying Friends,

December 2025

## Grosseto Church ministry update

**Bible Institute**—The Mighty Men program, we began in February, has developed into an opportunity to start Bible institute work. The Instituto Biblico is the only Baptist Bible institute in the country. It is based on Crown College's Evening School of the Bible. Five church plants around the country are collaborating with over 50 students enrolled. We just completed our first semester with Old Testament Survey part 1, and will resume in January with Old Testament Survey part 2. Each of the missionaries teaches a class on a rotation. I recently taught Genesis and 1 & 2 Samuel. The plan is to build the curriculum into a thorough ministry school for training nationals in the Word of God and the Work of the Lord. Please pray God will grow our students and call many of them to serve Him full-time in Italy.

**College Campus recruitment**—In October, we travelled to three college campuses (Maranatha Baptist University, Ambassador Baptist College, and Pensacola Christian College), preaching in chapel or missions prayer band, and interacting with hundreds of students. This was an exciting chance to expose young people to the great opportunity that exists for missions work around the world. Several students are lined up for an internship with us in Italy for the summers of 2026 and 2027. Plans were also laid out for hosting three mission trips from two different colleges during the months of May and June, 2026. Please pray the Lord would use these trips to touch the hearts of many to come serve Him in Italy.

**Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**—This year, we hosted our 15th annual evangelistic meeting the first week of December. It was such a pleasure to see folks who were saved in that very first meeting in 2010, serving the Lord 15 years later. We packed out our auditorium with nearly 100 people on the last evening of the meeting. A few of the people for whose salvation we are praying were able to come and hear the Gospel by way of the children's Christmas musical program and the preaching of evangelist Paul Crow. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Federico, Elisa, Franca, Amelia, Roger, Rosa, Alessio, and many others. It was a joy to see our faithful members inviting, praying, and bringing many visitors to hear the preaching.

**Baptist World Mission Field Visits**—In our role as field administrator for BWM, we recently made our second field visit to a missionary in a difficult field. It is our privilege to serve alongside men and women who are willing to give their lives to share the Gospel even in dangerous and challenging fields!

**Family**—Thank you for praying for our children! Arianna is much better since her blood infections in August. Please continue to pray for her healing. Our constant prayer is that our children will each love and serve God with their whole heart.

**Update video** – If you haven't already viewed our most recent video, you can find it at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edCbfc5Ls6A>

**Thank you** – We have so much for which to thank God. We are truly grateful for your continued prayers and generous support. May the Lord bless each of you, your families and ministries, especially during this Christmas season.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

*Frank & Jennie Maietta*







## **From the Heart of a Pastor - “Keeping the Pathway Clear”**



As most people are aware, we don't get much snow in the South. So, when it does occur, it is a treat. It also affords many of us with an opportunity to engage in a number of events that are outside our normal, routine, sometimes monotonous undertakings. For the young, and the young at heart, sledding, snowball fights, and snowman building take center stage. Before long even others partake in the creation of snow angels and consuming snow cream.

But for many, there is the concern over whether or not they can safely make it from their front door to the driveway and subsequently to the highway. After all, life does go on even in the midst of bad weather. Furthermore, it provides yet another chance to learn important life lessons and how they apply to the Christian walk.

The recent winter storm that deposited several inches of beautiful snow taught me another one of those timeless truths. As I saw the need to clear a safe path from the front porch to the parking lot, I saw a most fascinating sight. The position of the parsonage in relation to the walkway was, and is, most intriguing. During the winter months, the sun shines on only a portion of the path. The rest of it resides in the shadows. This became even more apparent upon the completion of my post snow storm project. Part of the walk was now clear, clean, and safe upon which to tread. However, an equal amount was still icy and treacherous due to a number of factors.

All of this caused me to see that there were indeed a number of items that could greatly benefit the need of making and keeping the pathway clear. Proper tools and equipment go a long way in helping remove what has fallen. The use of ice melt (salt) and the blessing of both light and warmth can never be overstated. And yes, the more people that are involved in the task at hand makes the time go by faster and the work not nearly as exhausting. I trust that you are beginning to see some important parallels.

Within many of our homes, churches, and our nation, much has fallen and fallen away. Similar to the snow that was beautiful at first and then dangerous later on, precarious positions on a number of issues have been warmly embraced initially only to ultimately be revealed as deadly to all impacted. Without getting into much detail about the destructive nature of what has fallen, let me turn our attention to how we respond to them. When we do not approach the problems and perils of our age from the viewpoint that we need to enact change, we endanger the safety and security of not only ourselves but also all of those that come after us.

The sight of the walkway at the parsonage half in the light and half in the shadows hit me squarely between the eyes and penetrated deep into my heart. We ill afford to let the way our homes are constructed, or the way our churches have operated, adversely affect those within them or those that would visit them. And I am not talking about the dangers of snow and ice. When we conduct matters in a shady manner; when we do not walk in the light as we should; when our path is not illuminated with the brightness of His presence; when our way, and our words, is not seasoned with salt; when we do not let our walk be warm and welcoming, we are endangering more than we may ever comprehend and we greatly hinder the growth of all.

Since salt and light do indeed make a difference in melting an icy heart, may we all make a renewed commitment to being these much-needed items as Christ has called us to be and do. As much as I do not want someone to become physically injured because of my failure to Keep the Pathway Clear, oh how much more I am burdened and convicted by the prospect that others could fall into eternity, not ready to meet a holy God, because I have not Kept the Pathway Clear.

How about you?