

CHURCH UPDATES



Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, IA

Pastoral Staff Updates: Sandy Ubben, children's ministry coordinator, began position July 2019.

Calmar Community Baptist Church, Calmar, AB

Baptisms: 2

Decisions for Christ: 1

Pastoral Staff Updates: Heidi Tenk, church administrator, concluded ministry September 2019.

Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD

Pastoral Staff Updates: Thomas Carlson, lead pastor, began ministry August 2019.

Elm Creek Baptist Church, LaVerna, TX

Baptisms: 1

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, AB

Baptisms: 4

Home Goings: Yutta Adolphson, age 79

First Baptist Church, Wishek, ND

Home Goings: Russell Dohn, age 76

Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, MB

Decisions for Christ: 1

Home Goings: Ben De Vries, age 83

Greenfield Community Church, Edmonton, AB

Baptisms: 9

Heritage Baptist Church, Yorkton, SK

Home Goings: Gwen Scharenberg, age 91

Hope Fellowship Church, Kansas City, MO

Pastoral Staff Updates: Dennis Dewey, pastor, retired December 2019.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC

Baptisms: 7

INTERCESSOR MARCH 2020

1. Pray for youth that are a part of your local church body. Thank God for the unique skills and insights they bring to your community of believers
2. Pray for the NAB church planters who will be attending the Exponential Conference in Orlando, Florida, this week with Stu Streeter, VP of Ministry Advancement and Church Planting.
3. The SoCal Ethos cohort is meeting over the next few days. Pray that this time together would be helpful for these leaders as they seek to implement missional theology in the everyday contexts of their churches.
4. In the midst of a week of meetings that executive director Dan Hamil will be attending at the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, pray for the BJC's ongoing work of advocating for religious freedoms for all.
5. Pray for regional ministers Dr. James Renke (Upper Mississippi Region), Pastor Larry Burd (Atlantic Association), and Dr. David Ewing (Eastern Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
6. For the World Day of Prayer, when Christians are encouraged to be more aware of other countries and take up the burdens of other people groups, pray for one of the countries where an NAB missionary serves. You can find the full list at nabonmission.org/countries.
7. As most of Canada and the US prepare to set their clocks forward for Daylight Savings, pray that this would be a reminder to use our time effectively, living each day for God's glory.
8. Ask that God's Spirit would bring love, kindness, and gentleness into relationships that are struggling or hurting. Pray for pastors who are counseling couples in their churches.
9. Pray for the youth pastor and youth workers at your church. Pray that God would encourage them and guide them as they lead and teach the students under their care.

10. For his birthday, pray for Paul Gericke and his ministry with Tanya at Camp Falcon Rock. Thank God for how the camp has exploded with activity the past few years, and pray for the coming summer ministry, as well as the ongoing efforts to build a main lodge.
11. Pray for Bud Fuchs, NAB's cross-cultural equipper, as he resources our NAB churches in reaching international students and those from minority cultures within their own communities.
12. With Easter one month away, pray that the Holy Spirit would be tilling the soil of the hearts of those who might not enter the doors of a church any other day of the year, preparing them to have ears to hear the Gospel.
13. Pray for regional ministers Dr. Randy Jaspers (Northern Plains Region) and Rev. Rick Weber (Northern California Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
14. Eszter Daróczi-Csuhai and her husband, Laci, are NAB national missionaries working with Community Health Evangelism in Hungary. Pray a blessing over their ministry and Eszter as they celebrate her birthday today.
15. Pray for a greater depth of understanding and love today in your own life for the call of God to join Him on mission in your neighborhood and city.
16. Hispanics for Christ assists Hispanic church planters in North and South America. Pray for this ministry and for Geoff Hartt, the executive director.
17. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, which honors the man who was among the first Christian missionaries to the Irish people, pray for the NAB international missionaries. The full list can be found at nabonmission.org/missionaries.
18. Pray for the matriarchs and patriarchs in your church. Thank God for their legacy of faith, and pray for their health and well-being.
19. As the northern hemisphere celebrates the first day of spring, thank God for the new life found in Christ. Pray for opportunities to tell others about this new life.
20. Pray for the racial injustice that takes place every day in your community. Pray for the perpetrators and those who suffer under the weight of the injustice. Ask God to continue working on your own heart in this area as well.
21. Pray for regional ministers Rev. Ken Solberg (Saskatchewan Baptist Association), Rev. Dan Heringer (Central Plains Region), and Dr. Bob Krahn (British Columbia Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
22. Pray for the various special projects on each of our international mission fields. These projects provide valuable resources to the ministries our missionaries are involved with. View the list at nabconference.org/special-projects.
23. Pray for NAB missionaries in Cameroon Calvin and Susanne Hohn and their daughters, Ysabelle and Elianna, as they celebrate Susanne's birthday. Pray for their continued protection in the midst of the ongoing crisis in Cameroon.
24. Pray for regional ministers Dr. Terry Fossen (Alberta Baptist Association), Rev. Terry Holley (Great Lakes Association), and Rev. Chris Gorman (Northwest Region). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
25. Today is the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Pray for those who still suffer under the unjust yoke of slavery, as well as those who are continuing to experience repercussions from this generational sin.
26. Pray that those who take part in today's webinar with pastor and author Christopher Wright will glean much from the discussion and leave feeling encouraged in their faith and spurred on toward greater action.
27. Pray for the members and leaders of Calvary Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa, as they gather for a Discovery Project weekend seminary to be encouraged to live as Jesus would in their neighborhoods.
28. Pray for the Chain of Love board meeting today. Pray for wisdom for the board members as they seek the Lord's guidance on the future of this ministry in Brazil.
29. Pray for Missions Sunday, a day in which NAB churches across North America link arms to highlight and raise financial support for the NAB international missions work taking place around the world.
30. Pray that the Upper Mississippi Region Ethos cohort meeting over the next few days would be a helpful time together as they seek to implement missional theology in the everyday contexts of their churches.
31. As the US commemorates the famous activist on César Chávez Day, pray this same prayer he wrote on behalf of farm workers in their struggle: "Grant me courage to serve others, for in service there is true life."

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Lakeview Heights Baptist Church, West Kelowna, BC

Baptisms: 2

Melville Baptist Church, Melville, SK

Baptisms: 1

Decisions for Christ: 1

Renewal Church, Warren, MI

Baptisms: 6

Decisions for Christ: 1

Home Goings: Lessie Stapleton, age 85

West Meadows Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB

Pastoral Staff Updates: Luke Frazier, associate pastor, concluded ministry December 2019.

Andrew Crossman, youth pastor, began ministry January 2020.

Zion Baptist Community Church, Edmonton, AB

Baptisms: 2



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INTERCESSOR APRIL 2020

1. Pray for the hard work taking place today at Great Lakes Association Ethos as pastors and leaders gather to encourage one another and dig deeply into what it looks like when they implement missional theology in the everyday contexts of their churches.
2. For World Autism Awareness Day, and on behalf of the 1 in 66 Canadian children and 1 in 59 American children who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, pray for those whose lives are most impacted by ASD: those on the spectrum and their family members.
3. Pray for VP of Missional Initiatives, Cam Roxburgh, as he leads a Discovery Project in Detroit, helping those who attend to see the world through a missional lens and begin to have an imagination for how they might join God in their neighborhood.
4. Pray for the team of fifteen from New York, Pennsylvania, and California, led by pastor Pat Wilson of Oakfield-Alabama Baptist Church in Oakfield, New York, as they serve at Resplandor de Vida in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, for the next week.
5. On this Palm Sunday, call out Hosanna to God, praising Him for the salvation found in Christ. Pray as well for the strength to follow Jesus even when the crowds around you no longer celebrate His name.
6. Pray for regional ministers Dr. Randy Jaspers (Northern Plains Region) and Rev. Rick Weber (Northern California Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
7. Pray for the ongoing ministry of White Cross, providing supplies and relief goods for medical use in West Africa.
8. Continue to pray for the ongoing political unrest in Cameroon between the English- and French-speaking sections of the country. Pray for protection over the people and property and for a peaceful resolution.
9. Pray for Vern and Gloria Wagner, who serve as NAB missionaries at Camp Falcon Rock in Romania, as they celebrate their anniversary. Pray a blessing over their marriage and their ministry.

10. "He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed" (Isaiah 53:5 NLT). Thank Jesus for the price He paid for our freedom on this day in which we commemorate the cross.
11. Pray for those who volunteer at your church and in your local community, thanking God for their servant hearts. Consider some way to express your gratitude to them today.
12. He is risen indeed! Through the resurrection, we are able to take hold of new life in Jesus. Pray for God to direct you how to manifest this resurrected life today.
13. Pray for regional ministers Dr. James Renke (Upper Mississippi Region), Pastor Larry Burd (Atlantic Association), and Dr. David Ewing (Eastern Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
14. Pray for NAB's international partners: the Japan Baptist Conference, the Cameroon Baptist Convention, the Hungarian Baptist Convention, the Bicol Center for Christian Leadership, Chain of Love, the Baptist Convention of Rio Grande Do Sul, Community Health Evangelism, and Moscow Theological Seminary.
15. Pray for the churches within the NAB who are currently without a pastor. Pray for wisdom for the leaders in the interim and for God to guide their next pastor to their door.
16. Pray over every family living on your street, by name if you can, asking God with each one how He can use you to bless them and minister to them.
17. Pray for Nancy Palmer, NAB missionary in Cameroon, as she celebrates her birthday. Pray for her and Dennis as they prepare to go on home assignment.
18. Pray for the leaders of your country, both on the local and the national level. Ask that God, who established their authority, would guide them to lead justly.
19. Lift up the next generation of leaders in your church to God. Pray for them to become men and women who listen for God's small, still voice and lead His people in His direction.
20. Pray for the Strategy Team as they meet this week in Roseville, California; pray for the Spirit's leading for continued unity and collaboration among all of our partners in the NAB family as they continue discussions on the shaping of NAB strategies.
21. Pray for regional ministers Rev. Ken Solberg (Saskatchewan Baptist Association), Rev. Dan Heringer (Central Plains Region), and Dr. Bob Krahn (British Columbia Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
22. Praise God for the opportunities that Mayette and the BCCL had to share the Gospel with those who were impacted by the typhoon in the Philippines and for the many generous gifts that came in to allow them to do so.
23. Pray for the church leaders and pastors within the NAB at all stages of church planting, from those engaging with regional ministers or exploring with the International Office to those who are being equipped or have established a church.
24. Pray for the NAB Governing Board as they meet today to help ensure the mission, values, and purposes of the North American Baptist Conference are being carried out.
25. Pray for regional ministers Dr. Terry Fossen (Alberta Baptist Association), Rev. Terry Holley (Great Lakes Association), and Rev. Chris Gorman (Northwest Region). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.
26. Pray for our national missionaries serving in local ministries throughout the Philippines, Serbia, Romania, and Hungary.
27. Pray over the next few days as the current Blue Ocean cohort of leaders gathers to close out their yearlong journey seeking to embrace a renewed theological vision of the Church as a sign, servant, and foretaste of the Kingdom of God.
28. Pray for a spirit of unity in the NAB that transcends nationality, race, politics, and background. Pray, like Jesus did in the Garden, that we would be one like He and the Father are one.
29. Pray for the NAB leaders gathering in Chicago for The Bonfire over the new few days as they hear from Christopher Wright and from each other while they journey together on this missional/formational movement.
30. Pray for the students and youth staff who are gearing up for The Gathering, a youth conference and missions experience in southern California taking place July 12–17. Pray for successful fundraising and for hearts to be prepared for God to work in them.