



# First Southern Baptist Church of Avondale

*Prayer Requests, September 13, 2017*

These prayer requests are distributed at our Wednesday evening events, on the following Sunday morning, and over the internet. We believe strongly in prayer!

## Prayer Thoughts

*Thoughts From Pastor Jack*

As I've been studying the letters from Jesus to the churches, I've been asking God, "What would Jesus say to us? What challenges would He issue to us? Where do we go from here?"

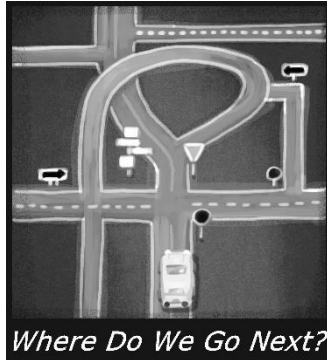
I honestly believe that we are a good church, but we still have some challenges. Here are three that I want you to think about and pray about:

**Our name:** *First Southern Baptist Church of Avondale* is unwieldy, long, and doesn't say much to our community. Unfortunately, and through no fault of our own, *Southern* can communicate all the wrong things. Since our neighborhood has changed—and we want to reach those in our community—we need to rethink seriously our name.

**Our age:** Like most churches in America, we are growing older. As we saw last Sunday, grandparents far outnumber grandchildren. We will have to find ways to be more attractive and to communicate the gospel well to younger adults—without chasing away the older crowd.

**Our options:** America has changed, yet we still only offer our main worship service on Sunday. If we want to grow and reach more families, we will have to offer a worship service at another time. Saturday evening seems the most likely to be successful.

I don't know the future, but one of my real prayers as a pastor is that we prepare the church now for a successful tomorrow. Help me pray about these things, so that FSBCA by any name continues to serve God for generations!



*Where Do We Go Next?*

## Connection Card Prayer Requests

*From September 10, 2017*

Jerimiah – My mom she is going thru a lot.

Evelyn Long – Salvation family & friends. People in Florida & Texas. Pray Yazzmine stays focused on God as she is getting older. Knees & back.

Tim Frank – Courtney and college decisions.

Greg – House to purchase moving out of state.

Preston Swindle – Q's grandma, mom and dad, momma and Mrs. Julie, Butch and grandma and grandpa.

Unnamed – My severe sleep issues. Thank you.

Henry Fergus – My mother Virginia - health.

Krystal school and prep for entry into college. Kyle B and his upcoming surgery. My students at school.

Kermia Stafford – Daughter: Travel mercies, pray for her sister.

Tony & Kathy Davis – Aunt Nancy Davis' health.

Bonnie Hubbard – Mine and Connie health issues.

Donald Johnson – My wife Elizabeth. All my children and grandkids will follow Jesus.

Geraldine – Praise daughter has only 2 days of dialysis instead of 3. God answered prayer.

Unnamed – Praise God for His perfect love. Despite my sin, He continues to bless us and provides a way for us to be successful and has blessed us beyond what we ever dreamed.

Deborah – (1) God to provide a way for our church to pay off its debt. (2) God to provide a way for Ralph Castaneda to be on America's Got Talent & share his testimony.

Unnamed – God help Eugene and his wife with anger management. Take absolute control of their marriage. Be with and in the family. Bless them Amen.

## Church Members in the Military

*Call us with the names of others!*

Chris Ray, Melanie Deleree, Dustin Camden,  
Pete Lucero, Timothy Eddy, Joe Hernandez,  
Brent Morrison, Antonio Torres,

Kyle and Ryan Brees, Lieren Stanley, Jayson and  
Matthew Burns, Samuel Davis, Haley Middleton, Caleb  
Timberman, Matthew Lee,  
Roydel Pinder Jr

## Church Events to Pray For

*From the Church Calendar.*

Sundays - Worship, Bible Study and "Tell Someone"

Mondays - NLPC and Mission of Mercy

Tuesdays - NewSong

Thursday - IHELP Ministry and Celebrate Recovery  
Life Groups

## Missionaries We Pray For

*Local, American, and International*

Bryan Uebel, *Crossroads Christian Fellowship,*  
*New River*

Matt Jacobsen - *The Edge, Buckeye*

## Other Prayer Requests

*From phone, internet, class lists, etc.*

Barbara, Bryan, Michael & Angie, Taylor family  
and James - Salvation.

Bea, Andrew & Bo - Uplift.

Jan Capps - Health.

Ruby & Harold Armstrong - Health.

Robert Newman - Health.

Ann Owens - Health.

Buck Tolleson - Health.

Tom Keyes - Health.

Rendell Morgan - Health.

Donna Baer's mother - Health.

Kelley C. - Health.

AJ Barron - Health. Uplift his parents.

Jerold & Jolene Darden - Health.

Hamilton Tyler - Health.

Regina - Health.

Gail Q - Health.

Rosa E. - Health.

Pastor Jack - Health.

Louise Stephens - Health.

Rosita - Health.

Georgia Hutchinson - Health.

Jean Stewart - Health.

John Morrison - Health.

Linda Sherrod - Health.

Tiasle Wells - Health.

Sharon Yates - Health.

Earl & Judy - Health.

Keli Blankenship - Tyler & Alan - salvation, Weng  
& Jim Pennington, Zach good decisions, Mama  
& Daddy - health, president & country, Vendy  
Cochran.

Unnamed - Cathy for healing, both physical and  
emotional. For grandson Zachary Bauman for  
wisdom, positive influences and protection.

Don & Rachel Morgan - Praise God - Jan Capps in  
first service; Georgia Hutchinson, Judy Gunn,  
Dale Campbell, Jolene Darden, Shelby Carl,  
Edie Woronicz, Gail Quackenbush, Linda  
Sherrod - health; Caregivers.

Vanessa Fish - My son, my family, personal  
decisions, work & our nation/nation's  
leaders. Praise: I'm alive, working, & loved!!

Unnamed - Gail pure heart sound mind.

Kay Bosley - Family & friends illness & situations  
in their lives - Tracy, Vicky, & others.

Judy - Jim & Weng Pennington, Shelby Carl, Steve  
Ramer, others needing God's touch. Our  
church, country.

Carmela Bottita - For my family that we grow in  
our faith as a family.

Carol Myers - Mary Ella - surgery on Monday,  
Matthew waiting for heart transplant, Carmela,  
Jolene, myself - health, my family, my church,  
my country.

Christine & Kenneth Herman - Matthew & Lindsay  
Oxendale & the family business.

Unnamed - Mike & Sarah Bearup. Marriage,  
family, & finances.

Mary Ann Toms - Myself, that I hear the Holy  
Spirit lead me in witnessing & sharing the  
"good news".

Unnamed - Kim, Andrew, Rose, Joy, Andy, Ross,  
Don, Diane, our country.

Robert Hubbard - All of the family and for us to  
stay together.

Della Campbell - Shawn - he is at Good Sam  
Hospital.

Q Morris - Preston's grandma to be well.

Brandon Johnson - my relationship with God, my  
business, my family...

Unnamed - Almighty God please take absolute  
control of Moses Spiritual and financial  
need. Help him to rely on you. Help him to  
keep his eye on you Amen.

People effected by the hurricanes.