

# 40 DAYS OF



Thank you for praying with us during these “40 Days of Prayer.” We are convinced that we as individuals, and collectively as a church family, are completely dependent on God for anything good. Therefore, as we begin another season of church life together, we begin by leaning into God – confessing our neediness, remembering his goodness, and asking that God would conform us to the image of his Son and use us for his purposes in the world.

**Starting September 1, each Wednesday morning, from 6:45-7:45AM on campus, Ben Patterson will be leading us in prayer using the passage from Colossians 1 found below.** We hope you’ll come pray with us if you’re able during these six weeks. We’ve also developed this simple guide to help you continue to bring the themes of Paul’s great prayer before the Lord each day. As you’ll notice, each week there is a theme with accompanying verses and prompt for each day. These are meant to be a springboard for you to pray for the church and the world.

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14*

## **Week 1: Constancy in prayer (“we have not stopped praying for you...”)**

- Day 1.** *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*  
Pray that our church family would be faithful in prayer.
- Day 2.** *The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)*  
Thank God that he is not far off and that he listens to our prayers.
- Day 3.** *The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. (Romans 8:26)*  
Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us when we don’t know how to pray
- Day 4.** *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)*  
Pray that the people of SBCC would be filled with this confidence to approach God regularly, seeking his will and wanting his kingdom to come.
- Day 5.** *Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. (1 Tim 2:8)*  
Pray specifically that the men of this church would be men of diligent prayer.
- Day 6.** *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)*  
Pray for the women of SBCC to be devoted to prayer.
- Day 7.** *Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. (1 Chronicles 16:11)*  
Pray that our children would learn how to pray from a young age and seek his face always.