

Preparing to pray

Throughout the ages people have approached God in many different ways (Acts 17:23). As Christ followers we approach God our Father through Jesus Christ His Son, and God's Word in Matthew 6 gives guidance and instruction. Prayer is about spending time with our Father, trusting Him, and acknowledging His greatness and our need of Him; focusing our thoughts and glorifying our Father as we pray before going through specific, targeted prayer requests.

CONFESSION

Means admit – and agree with God about the sin in our lives; admitting it, confessing it, and turning away from any and all things that dishonor and displease God.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7 ESV)

ADORATION

Means worship – recognizing and acknowledging God for who He is.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! (Psalm 99:5 ESV)

THANKSGIVING

Means thankful – spending time with God and thanking Him for the forgiveness of sins, and the blessing of being His child, and the privilege of serving Him; thanking Him and naming the blessings one by one.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV)

SUPPLICATION

Means request – making requests to God on behalf of others, praying for God's will in the lives of family, extended family and friends, people in your sphere of influence: school, workplace and neighborhood, as well as people around the world.

Then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause. (1 Kings 8:49 ESV)

1. Pray for Pastor Bruce as he preaches each week

For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10 ESV)

- Wisdom and strength for Pastor Bruce during his sermon prep.

2. Pray for the Advent series

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14 ESV)

- That the “Advent” series will change the holidays for members and guests alike to be more Christ-focused.
- For families as they attend church together through the holidays.

3. Pray for our campus facilities

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! (Psalm 143:10 ESV)

- Thanking God for answered prayer with our permanent facilities.
- Continued prayer for the East and Franklin campuses to reach their communities in their new buildings.
- Growth of the Espanol connect groups so they will impact and minister to their communities.
- That we will be missionaries in the circle of influence where we live, work, and play; and that by the power of the Holy Spirit even more lives will be changed at every Biltmore Church location as we share Christ's love with the lost.

4. Pray for our ministry opportunities

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

- Operation Christmas Child Collections; December 1-31
- Prison Ministry Gift Bag Project
- Continued sponsorships of Compassion International Children
- Serve828 follow-up – lives changed as we continue to reach our community.

5. Pray for our “Christmas at Biltmore Church” Services

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)

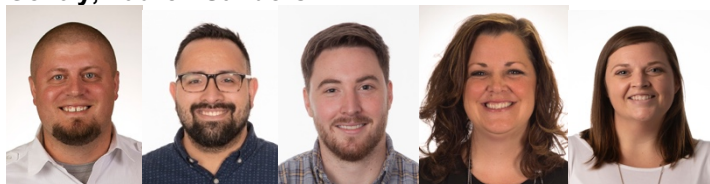
- “Christmas at Biltmore Church” services will be:
 - Sunday, Dec 22 9:15 & 11 AM; Dec 24 4 & 6 PM at Arden and Hendersonville
 - Sunday, Dec 22 9:15 & 11 AM; Dec 24 6 PM at East, Franklin, and West
 - Sunday, Dec 22 11 AM Espanol
- Direction and clarity for preparation of services.
- That Pastor's message will stir hearts as never before.
- Pray about who you are inviting to be receptive.

6. Pray for the Biltmore Church staff

Multi-site • Mike McKee, Melissa Knight Español Carlos Ortiz, Maite Dominguez, Ricardo Machado



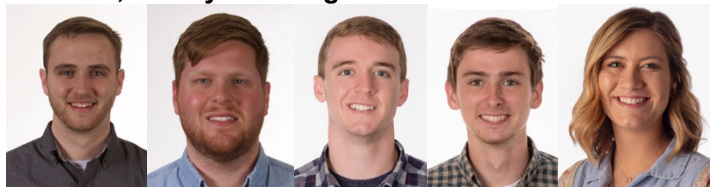
Franklin: Patrick Trawick, Benji Palencia, Ben Knisley, Paula Gentry, Lauren Sanders



Hendersonville: Marcus Hayes, Allen Ebert, Jacob Payne, Will Tompkins, Cheryl Ashenfelder, Audra Gillespie



East Asheville: Seth Brown, Matt Ware, Matt Sutton, Avery Bowman, Shelby Downing



West Asheville: Jeremy Woods, Logan Hammond, Daiquan N'Kere, Nate Buchanan



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"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" (Psalm 50:23 ESV)