

40 Days of Prayer

FOR VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
SEEKING GOD DURING THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Monday, March 9 – Friday, April 17, 2026



Prayer Driven Transition Ministry for Village Baptist Church

Over the next 40 days, we invite you to intentionally set aside time each day to meet with the Lord in prayer – for yourself, for Village Baptist Church, and for the pastor God is preparing to lead us.

As a church family, we believe the Lord is already at work. During this season, we will practice four expressions of prayer: Praising God for His faithfulness, Repenting of anything that hinders unity and spiritual growth, Asking boldly for His clear direction, and Yielding to His perfect will. Spend time reading Scripture, listening in stillness, and allowing the Holy Spirit to align your heart with His purposes.

Each day includes a specific focus and Scripture passage. Pray in agreement with your church family – lifting up our Pastor Search Committee, their wisdom and discernment, the future pastor and his family, and the congregation he will shepherd. Ask the Lord to prepare all of our hearts for what He is doing.

Thank you for committing to stand united in prayer for Village Baptist Church. As we seek His will together, may the Lord strengthen our faith, deepen our unity, and prepare us for the next chapter of ministry He has already ordained.

The Basics of Prayer:

- P Praise:** Worship the Lord as you pray.
- R Repent:** Return to the Lord as you pray.
- A Ask:** Pray with passion and patience.
- Y Yield:** Surrender all to Jesus as you pray.

Throughout the 40 days, you will find references to be in prayer for the groups below. We have listed the names for your convenience.

VBC Church Staff:

Sandy Marks, Phelan Rodriguez, Heath Nunn, Aaron Hanrick, Chris Ferger, Kevin Duffy, Nick Smith, Cole Newton, Becky Hopson, Emily McKinney, James Nolette, Nicki Odom, Christy Lamb, Becky Griffin, George Morton, Veronica Olinger, Carley Bracewell, Kay Matthews

Pastor Search Committee Members:

Chuck Gore, Vickie Burge, Judy Russell, Don Beard Jr., J.R. Hopson, Donna Wiggs, Pamela Morton, Wanda Zollner, Michael Brown

Deacons:

Jim Biermann, Michael Brown, David Countryman, Paul Galloway, John Matthews, Edgar Milligan, Harold Morrison Jr., George Morton, Lee Warren, Drew Ziegler, Will Burgess, Adrian Cortez, Brian DeGroft, Chuck Gore, Joshua Hettich, Zach Hosey, Randy Hume, Tommy McLamb, Rusty Russell, Charles White, Bill Wiggs, Harrison Baucom, Don Beard, Kenneth Bracewell, Laurin Cooper, Leonard Cunningham, Matthew Dover, Steve Griffin, Todd Gustafson, Drew Hall, Josh Martin, Al Norton, Kevin Pait, Jake Provence, Marshall Spain, Randy Thurston, Gary Weiland, Mel Wick, Michael Berns, Ryan Robinson

Week 1: March 9 - March 15

Day: _____ **Pray:** _____ **Read Ephesians:** _____

9:	That God will lead many to pray these 40 days	1:1-3
10:	That all eyes and focus would be on Jesus Christ	1:4-8
11:	That God would clean our hearts – we need revival	1:9-12
12:	That the church will be united as one in Christ	1:13-16
13:	For Pastor Sandy and Pastor Rod as they preach on Sunday	1: 17-21
14:	That God will give us pure hearts to seek His face	1:22-23
15:	For the Pastor Search Committee: Chuck, Don, Donna, JR, Judy, Michael, Pam, Vickie, and Wanda	2: 1-3

Week 2: March 16- March 22

Day: _____ Pray: _____ Read Ephesians:

<u>16</u> :	Praise God for His abundant mercy!	2:4-7
17:	That God will show you the obedience He wants from you	2:8-101
18:	For Church Staff	2:11-13
19:	That the peace of God will guard our hearts and lives	2:14-18
20:	For worship & preaching of the Word to be anointed	2:19-22
21:	For Chris Ferger & Cole Newton as they lead the worship ministry	3: 1-5
22:	For Pastor Sandy and Pastor Rod as they preach today	3: 6-9

Week 3: March 23 - March 29

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Pray:</u>	<u>Read Ephesians:</u>
23:	For our Deacons	3:10-13
24:	That God will reveal to you how great His love really is	3:14-19
25:	Praise God for His ability to do more than we can ask	3:20-21
26:	For Pastor Sandy and Pastor Rod as they prepare to preach on Sunday	4:1-6
27:	That the church's leaders will be encouraged and united	4:7-13
28:	For personal feelings to be yielded to the Lord	4:14-16
29:	That God will reveal sin and strengthen His church	4:17-19

Week 4: March 30 - April 5, Easter

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Pray:</u>	<u>Read Ephesians:</u>
30:	That we will deny self to live new lives in Christ	4:20-24
31:	That we will not let the sun go down on any anger	4:25-28
01:	For Pastors Sandy & Rod as they prepare to preach on Maundy Thursday	4:29-32
02:	For the praise team and choir as they lead worship each Sunday	5:1-4
03:	For kindness and compassion to flow freely among us	5:5-8
04:	For wisdom as we deal with spiritual warfare	5:9-14
05:	That the church will be united as one in Christ	5:15-18

Week 5: April 6 - April 12

Day: _____ Pray: _____ Read Ephesians:

6: Give thanks to God for His blessings and answers 5:19-21

7: For marriages to be healed and strengthened 5:22-24

8: Thank Jesus for loving the Church so perfectly 5:25-30

9: For Pastor Sandy and Pastor Rod as they prepare to preach on Sunday 5:31-33

10: That the ministry to children & youth will grow & flourish 6:1-4

11: For each of us to serve the Lord well at every opportunity 6:5-9

12: That the church will be strengthened in the Lord 6:10

Week 6: April 13 - April 17

Day: _____ Pray: _____ Read Ephesians: _____

13:	For the church to have the full protection of God	6:11-13
14:	For readiness to be covered with the armor of God	6:14-17
15:	That we as Christians & as Church will pray more & more	6:18-20
16:	That we will love one another as Jesus loves us	6:21-22
17:	That God's peace & love will guard the church family	6:23-24

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

What blessings or new growth did you experience in these 40 days of prayer?

Did God call you to specifically commit to something new in your personal spiritual walk or in your service here at Village?

Thank You For Praying

Thank you for committing to these 40 days of prayer. What you have done matters more than you may ever fully see. Every quiet moment with the Lord, every name spoken in faith, every Scripture prayed over our church has been an act of trust and obedience.

You have joined together with your church family to seek God's heart for Village Baptist Church.

As we continue praying for our Pastor Search Committee and for the man God is already preparing to shepherd our church, we rest in this truth: the Lord is faithful. He is not rushed. He is not uncertain. He is already at work.

Thank you for loving this church enough to pray.
Thank you for believing that God still leads His people.
Thank you for asking Him to do what only He can do.

May we continue to Gather to glorify Him, Grow in godliness as we wait on Him, and Go with the gospel wherever He leads.

With gratitude and expectation,
Your Pastor Search Committee & Church Family