

2010 SUNDAY PRAYER LINK
January – December, 2010
Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

January 3, 2010

Pray for wisdom, vision and sensitivity to God's Spirit for our Executive Minister, Rev. Peter Reid, as he provides leadership to our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches* in fulfilling our Convention's mission of churches "helping churches grow passionate disciples."

January 10, 2010

Please pray for *Potential Impact II* which will be taking place January 15th – 17th at Camp Wildwood in Bouctouche, NB. *Potential Impact II* is for young adults who are exploring the possibility that God has gifted them and is calling them to prepare for fully time vocational ministry. Please pray for these students that they will receive spiritual guidance, enjoy times of worship and community, and will have discerning spirits to sense how the Lord is leading them.

January 17, 2010

The *Youth Leader Training Program* – a new 18 month certificate program offered by our Convention and designed to equip volunteer youth leaders with a basic understanding of youth ministry and youth culture – began this weekend at Petitcodiac Baptist Church. Please pray for the 20 students and their instructors, and also that through this program the Lord will advance the ministry we do together in the area of reaching youth for Christ.

January 24, 2010

This week our seven Regional Ministers will meet with Acadia Divinity College students who are in the final stages of preparation for ordained pastoral ministry. Please pray for these students that God will continue to bless them with wisdom, grace and ability.

January 31, 2010

Students enrolled in our Convention's *Lay Pastor's Training Program* will meet six different weekends through this year to continue their three year preparation towards trained lay pastoral ministry. Please pray for these men and women as many of them juggle family, work and congregational responsibilities along with their studies.

February 7, 2010

The annual Simpson Lectures at *Acadia Divinity College* will take place on February 10th – 12th of this week. Guest Lecturer will be Dr. Marva Dawn. Please pray that these lectures will be an excellent source of inspiration and renewal for pastors and others who attend.

February 14, 2010

Please pray for Dr. Brian MacArthur, President of *ABU/Crandall*, as well as its board, faculty, staff and students. Please pray for the university which is in the midst of a capital/building program. Thank God for His blessing of the students who will receive “quality university education firmly rooted in the Christian faith.”

February 21, 2010

Please pray for the *Board of Ministerial Standards and Education* as it meets this week in Wolfville (February 23 – February 25). Pray that those who appear before the Board will share their Christian experience and Call to ministry with clarity and conviction.

February 28, 2010

Please pray for wisdom, discernment and vision for the members of the *Atlantic Baptist Mission Board*, as well as Dr. Malcolm Beckett (Director of ABMB) and Nancy Eagles (Secretary to the Board), as they give leadership in the developing of healthy, disciple-making Atlantic Baptist churches.

March 7, 2010

Pray with thanksgiving for the growing ministry of the *Baptist Foundation* as they assist our churches and agencies with financing for new church development, extension projects, and grants to strengthen various ministries of the Convention.

March 14, 2010

Please pray for Mr. Daryl MacKenzie, Director of Operations for our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*, in his various administrative and financial responsibilities. Pray also for members of staff at our Convention office.

March 21, 2010

Please pray for the Regional Ministers of NB and PE (Rev. Jerry Horsman, northwest NB; Dr. John Weiler, eastern NB and PE; and Rev. Greg Jones, southwest NB) as they serve as pastor to pastors as well as ministry consultants for churches within their respective regions.

March 28, 2010

Please pray that this will be a “Holy Week” of reflection for Christians and that our churches will be effective in reaching out to the many during this Easter Season who will be open to the spiritual truth of God’s redemptive love.

April 4, 2010

He is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Please pray on this Resurrection Sunday that as Christ’s people we will live out the full reality of Christ’s resurrection and His Kingdom in all areas of day-to-day life.

April 11, 2010

There are 21 Associations in our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*. Please pray for the Moderators and executive members who give leadership to the important work of our Associations.

April 18, 2010

The Convocation Service for *Atlantic Baptist University* will be held on Saturday, May 1st. Please pray for the graduates as they seek God's ongoing leading, as well as for the staff and faculty as they prepare for this special day in the lives of graduates, alumni, students and the University.

April 25, 2010

Springforth, the largest annual youth conference in Atlantic Canada, will be held two weekends from now – May 7th and 8th – in Moncton. This year's theme is *ROOTED in Christ*. Offering three simultaneous tracks (Middle School/Jr High; Senior High, and Leaders), an estimated 2000 attendees are expected. Please pray not only for safety of travel but also that this gathering will be instrumental in developing "well rooted" youth and leaders here in Atlantic Canada.

May 2, 2010

Baccalaureate and Spring Convocation services of *Acadia Divinity College* will be held next Sunday – May 9th -- in Wolfville. Please pray for the graduates and for churches where they will be called to use their gifts for the benefit of God's Kingdom. Pray also for the staff and faculty as they prepare for this special day in the lives of the students and of our Divinity College.

May 9, 2010

Today is Mother's Day. Please pray for Mum's in particular, but also for all women, that they will have the godly wisdom, maturity and fortitude to help shape our homes and communities to be places of protection, nurture and growth for all.

May 16, 2010

Please pray for the Heather Goodwin and Sandra Hatfield as well as other staff of our 'Baptist Bookroom' (www.baptistbookroom.com) located in Saint John as they resource churches and individuals throughout Atlantic Canada by providing books, music, curriculum and other resources. Pray that their efforts will contribute to our churches becoming increasingly vibrant, healthy and effective in extending the Gospel of His Kingdom into their communities and world.

May 23, 2010

Pastors and other church ministry staff, as well as their spouses, will be gathering in Truro tomorrow and Tuesday (May 24th and 25th) to attend a financial/retirement planning seminar hosted by our Convention's Board of Ministers' Annuity. Please pray that God will give His wisdom as they listen to presentations relating to stewardship issues related to preparing for retirement.

May 30, 2010

Dr. Gary Nelson is the General Secretary for *Canadian Baptist Ministries*. Please pray for physical and spiritual protection for Gary as he gives leadership to this broad and diverse ministry both here in Canada and around the world.

June 6, 2010

Pastors who are new to our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches* family will, along with their spouses, gather this month at our Saint John office for two days of orientation and connecting. Please pray that they will feel welcome and will see themselves as a larger team of pastors and churches working together to advance the Kingdom.

June 13, 2010

Today is Father's Day. Please pray for Dad's in particular, but also for all men, that they will have the godly wisdom, maturity and fortitude to help shape our homes and communities to be places of protection, nurture and growth for all.

June 20, 2010

Atlantic Baptists own and operate 15 camps throughout Atlantic Canada. Please pray for the Executive Directors of these Camps and for their boards and staff, that through their leadership and vision, campers will have a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ this summer.

June 27, 2010

This Thursday is Canada Day. Please pray for the leaders of our provinces and of our country as they wrestle with social and moral issues. Pray that they will seek wisdom from God as they carry out the duties of their respective offices. Pray also for leaders in the churches across our Convention as they amiably participate in public dialogue through the grace and Spirit of God.

July 4, 2010

The months of July and August are a time when many pastors and lay leaders within our churches take summer vacations. Please pray for those who travel, and that these vacations may be wonderful times for rest, renewal and spiritual replenishment.

July 11, 2010

Please pray for military chaplains Rev. Gordon Poley and Rev. Jim Russell who serve Christ and extend His love through their ministry with the Canadian Armed Forces. Please pray for God's wisdom, protection and enabling as they minister the Good News of Jesus Christ with our military's men and women who serve our country.

July 18, 2010

Numerous churches in our *Convention* are making use of ‘Natural Church Development’, a tool meant to assist congregations in assessing their current congregational health and effectiveness for the Kingdom, and identifying strategic future directions. Please pray for these churches, and their Regional Ministers who often serve in a consultant role in the process, that they will discern God’s ongoing leading for them.

July 25, 2010

Please be in prayer for *Oasis '10: Refreshment for the Journey* (the 2010 Assembly of our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*) which will take place August 18th – 21st at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB. Speakers will include highly sought after speaker and author Ruth Haley Barton as well as both Dr. Harry Gardner and Dr. Brian MacArthur. Worship leader will be the Tim Milner Band.

August 1, 2010

Please pray for Mr. Andrew Myers, newly appointed Communications Manager for our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*. Please pray for Andrew as he absorbs his new responsibilities and gives leadership in enhancing our communications strategies and tools for our *Convention* and our member churches.

August 8, 2010

Please pray for the members of our *Convention’s Examining Council for Ordination*, as well as those who will come before the Council on August 16th and 17th, that the Spirit of the Lord will grant wisdom as the ordination examinations are conducted.

August 15, 2010

Please pray for all those who have leadership responsibilities with regards to this week’s *Oasis '10* (the Annual Assembly of our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*), which takes place August 18th – 21st. Please pray particularly for Rev. Dr. Robert Knowles, President of our *Convention*; Rev. Dr. Peter Reid, Executive Minister; Rev. Dale Stairs, Program Coordinator; and Mr. Daryl MacKenzie, Facilities Coordinator.

August 22, 2010

Please pray for Rev. Dale Stairs and Mrs. Jody Linkletter who together give leadership in the Youth and Family Department of our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*. Pray that their work with churches and their leaders will bear much fruit in the lives of the youth and families who are a part of those churches.

August 29, 2010

Please pray for Mr. Doug Schofield who was appointed as President at the recent Assembly of the *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*. Pray for him to be filled with God’s wisdom, vision and strength as he assumes many new responsibilities of leadership within our *Convention*.

September 5, 2010

Please pray for the children's ministries and other ministry groups in our churches that they may grow increasingly passionate about reaching those who need to know Christ as well as leading Christ-followers in a deepening walk with Him. Pray for all the various leaders, teachers and others that they may be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry.

September 12, 2010

Being a PK ('preacher's kid') can sometimes present unique challenges, particularly for children as they enter into their teen years. Approximately 80 clergy teens will gather September 17th – 19th at Camp Wildwood for *LINK* ... a time of community, fun, worship, and encouragement in their Christian life. Please pray that God will increasingly reveal Himself to these youth, and will encourage them in their journey with Christ.

September 19, 2010

Please pray for our youth pastors who will gather together on Sept 27-28 for the annual Youth Pastors' Summit. This is a time where youth pastors can come together for two days of networking, encouragement, and refreshment. Pray that their time together would be without distractions where they can focus and hear God speaking to them, that they will be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry, and that they will find refreshment.

September 26, 2010

Please pray for *Potential Impact* which will be taking place October 1st – 3rd in Sackville, NB. *Potential Impact* is an opportunity for students in grade 12 to begin to explore whether God may have gifted them and be calling them to prepare for vocational pastoral ministry. Please pray for these students that they will have discerning spirits to sense how the Lord is leading them.

October 3, 2010

Please pray for our President of *Acadia Divinity College* – Rev. Dr. Harry Gardner – as he fulfills his leadership responsibilities. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, clarity and health.

October 10, 2010

On this Thanksgiving Weekend please pray for Dr. Lois Mitchell, Director of *Public Witness and Social Concern*, as she provides leadership, understanding and resources to assist pastors and churches as they wrestle with the complex social and moral issues of our day.

October 17, 2010

Please pray for *Atlantic Baptist University* as well as *Acadia Divinity College* as they have recently received students for the new academic year. Pray for encouragement, discipline in studies, and for new friendships for their students.

October 24, 2010

Please pray for Mr. Daryl MacKenzie, Director of Operations for our *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*, in his various administrative and financial responsibilities. Pray also for members of administrative staff at your Convention office in Saint John.

October 31, 2010

Please remember in prayer Mr. Steven Campbell, Executive Director of Seniors Housing and Mrs. Barbara Cook, Executive Director of Nursing Homes of *Atlantic Baptist Senior Citizens' Homes Inc.*, as they give leadership in areas of housing and care for seniors.

November 7, 2010

This Thursday is Remembrance Day. May we not only pause to appreciate the great sacrifice of earlier generations to safeguard our country as a place of peace and opportunity, but may we also pray for those who currently serve in our military as well as for leaders of our provinces and our country as they wrestle with contemporary social and moral issues. Pray that they will seek wisdom from God as they carry out the duties of their respective positions/offices.

November 14, 2010

Please pray for the Regional Ministers of NS and NL (Rev. Wayne Fevens, southwest NS; Rev. Ron Baxter, Annapolis/Eastern Valley; Dr. Frank Guinta, eastern NS and NL; and Rev. Elias Mutale, African Assoc.) as they serve as pastor to pastors as well as ministry consultants for churches within their respective regions.

November 21, 2010

The approaching month of December can be a particularly lonely and difficult time when in prison. Please pray for our Baptist chaplains who are ministering in Atlantic Canada's correctional system – Rev. Hugh Kirkegaard, Regional Chaplain; Rev. Phil Ferris (Westmorland Institution), Rev. Pauline Coffin (Nova Institution for Women) and Rev. Wilma Janzen (Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility).

November 28, 2010

As Christmas approaches, please pray for our missionaries including both those who are currently serving in the field as well as those home on furlough. Pray particularly for those who are far away from family members, friends and colleagues. Pray also that their investments may reveal the Gift of the Christ-child within the communities in which they minister.

December 5, 2010

Please pray for those who exercise special ministries of compassion. Pray especially for those who are serving as full-time hospital chaplains – for Rev. Randy Fawkes in Saint John and Rev. Gerald Burke and Rev. Adelle Crowell in Halifax, as well as other Baptist hospital chaplains scattered throughout Atlantic Canada – that they will be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry, and that God's Spirit would powerfully reveal Himself

through their caring presence. Please pray too for your local hospital and nursing home chaplains in your vicinity.

December 12, 2010

In this period of Advent and Christmas services and programs, numerous individuals in our communities will hear the message of Christmas through word, song and drama. Please pray that hearts and lives will be touched and changed by the message of God's transforming love which is found in and through Jesus Christ, whose birth we again celebrate.

December 19, 2010

Glory to God in the Highest! Praise God for the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice and celebrate with thanksgiving His special Gift which is Good News for all humanity!

December 26, 2010

As we stand at the threshold of another new year, please pray for the clear leading of the Lord and his continued empowering for all of our churches as well as for our ministry partnership that is called the *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*.