

**1 FIRST LAOTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH - PASTOR H.**

July 3-5 – The 40th Year Celebration of Lao Southern Baptist of North America will be held at Ouachita Baptist University. Please cover Pastor H in prayer as he organizes this big event. This year's celebration is called New Life in the United States (the Promised Land), based on the Israelites walk in the wilderness for 40 years. Eighty-nine Lao Southern Baptist churches from across America and also churches from Asia, Australia and Canada will be attending the celebration. For more information contact admintony@lsbf.us.

2 LAREDO CROSS CHURCH - PASTOR GUILLERMO CARDONA

Join us in prayer! We believe that prayer is a direct link to the ear and heart of God that creates opportunity for God to move for His glory and the good of people who completely trust in the power of prayer.

3 EPIC LIFE CHURCH - PASTOR KEITH CARPENTER

ELC will host nine interns this summer and they will be involved in many ministry projects. Please pray for the Backyard Bible Club that the interns will be putting together for the two weeks following the 4th of July weekend. Pray for lives to be changed!

4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Pray for the future of America, the leadership, and our freedoms.

5 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON

Hot Dog Day! July 5, 2015, sponsored by SFC Men's Ministry. The Men's Ministry will provide the meat. Please bring the sides. Invite your family or friends. For more information, contact Men's Ministry: Adan Cavazos, Jesus Michel or Ryan Sims. Jjmicheel76@gmail.com. Ask the Father to break down the barriers to the Gospel that keep the people in darkness and to allow Truth to shine brightly in the darkness.

6 EPIC LIFE CHURCH - PASTOR KEITH CARPENTER

In June, Epic Life hosted a great block party called Celebrate North Seattle, over a thousand people attended. Pray for their follow up efforts. One event they have is July 1st and it is a family movie night. Also pray for the people who attended CNS and need to come to faith in Christ.

7 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD (IMB) WASSULU OF MALI, GUINEA AND COTE D'IVOIRE (WAH-SOO-LOO)

During the years of serving among the Wassulu, workers have often used the Western "Father's Day" season to pray specifically for the Wassulu men. Please join them in lifting these men before the throne. For the few believers among them, ask the Lord to help them be strong in the face of discouragement, ridicule, and persecution from neighbors. Pray that they will be steadfast in their walk as followers of Christ. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of other men in their villages so that they too, may hear, understand, and believe the Gospel as it is shared. Pray that the Truth will take root in the hearts of these men as the Gospel is continually shared over time.

8 EPIC LIFE CHURCH - PASTOR KEITH CARPENTER

Pray for the children that attend the Epic Life Academy. ELA considers a child's education an investment and uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. This is an individualized program designed to • Help students master the curriculum. • Work independently in every subject. • Advance according to their own pace and ability. • Gain the ability to set and reach reasonable goals at school and in life.

9 PRAISES FROM A ASIAN CHURCH

Praise be to God! Thirteen people have accepted the Lord through this Ministry in the last nine months. Five have been baptized at the church. A retired professor, who had spent his whole life seeking the truth, visited the church in 2013 with his son. After the Professor listened to the message he experienced many struggles and realized there is truth in Christianity. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart and one week before he returned to Asia he made his decision for Christ. He returned to Asia a changed man, where he had been bossy and bad-tempered, he now had love and concern for others. Last month he returned to the USA and asked to be baptized.

10 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD (IMB) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN

Missionaries Trev and Kim partnered with Baptist Global Response (BGR) and local pastors and churches to bring relief to people in a Sub-Saharan African area that had been affected by floods. As people were helped with physical needs, local pastors shared Christ with them. As a result, a new body of believers has been born in Togo. Please pray for this congregation in Togo to flourish as the members, all new believers, grow in knowledge and wisdom.

11 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON

July 11-17, 67th Annual Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf will be held at the Lake Yale Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida. Pray for all of the SFC members that are going to the conference. sbcd deaf.org.

12 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES

As the school year closes, it seems that fun summer days would be what everyone is thinking about. But this year, just as school ends, the month of Ramadan will begin. Instead of fun summer days, the majority of people in this part of the world will be wondering how they're ever going to survive 30 days of fasting from sunup to sundown during the longest days of the year. Some will faithfully fast each day, others will fast off and on, and still others will simply complain that the days are just too long or the sun too hot. As men, women, and even children observe such rituals, please pray for them to hunger and thirst for the Truth. Pray that their hearts will be satisfied by the Living Water and the Bread of Life.

13 LAKE JUNE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR BOBBY WORTHINGTON

Pray for LJBC's Vacation Bible School, July 13-17, 6-8pm, registration begins at 5pm. Please pray for the volunteers from FBOD, FBC Heath and the Hunt Baptist Association. Please pray for the children in the community as they come for VBS. Pray the Lord will prepare each heart to hear His word and accept Christ as their one true God.

14 THE PATHWAY PASTOR BOBBY HIGGINBOTHAM

July 14-18, pray for the Kids Soccer Camp. Kids, age 4-12 years old, will participate in fun tournaments with awards, a cookout, bounce houses, lots of cheering and they will hear about Jesus and His gift of love and redemption. Parents are invited to attend!

15 SENT CHURCH - PASTOR JOSH LILLY

Pray for Sent Church as they follow the command of Jesus to "go and make disciples." Jesus told his disciples that He was "sent to seek and to save that which is lost." He then instructed his disciples to do the same by saying "as the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." At Sent Church we believe every follower of Jesus has both the calling and potential to live sent like Jesus, and teach others to do the same. For more information on Sent Church go to mysentchurch.com.

16 JAPANESE MISSION CHURCH OF DALLAS PASTOR FUTOSHI SHINGAKI

Praise God for JMCD's location in Irving, TX. This area is a blessing for their congregation. Pray for the congregation as they welcome visitors and members. 3800 Carbon Rd, Irving, TX 75038.

17 ADAT SHALOM - PASTOR ROBIN ROSE

The Adat Shalom congregation invites you to visit Shabbat Services any Friday night at 7:30pm. They are a congregation of both Jews and Gentiles who have joined together for the main purpose of reaching out to the Jewish community with the Good News of the Jewish Messiah. Bible/Torah Study is Wednesday, 7pm. Location: 7777 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75251. Phone: 972.271.4976 Email: office@adatshalom-dallas.org

18 THE PATHWAY CHURCH PASTOR BOBBY HIGGINBOTHAM PARTNERSHIP CHURCH, TACOMA, WA.

At The Pathway, we believe the church is not a place we go, it's who we are. However, the Bible teaches us that we can't be the church alone. Our church is made up of small Intentional Community Groups who meet in various locations around our city. We gather for worship on Sundays at 10:30am.

19 FIRST LAOTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH - PASTOR H

Please pray that more people will come to FLBC to hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Praise God for the 9 people who accepted Christ and were baptized last month. Pray for their growth and strength in the face of opposition. Pray for the continued search for a new location for FLBC.

20 KIDS ON MISSION (KOM) - MISSIONARY KIDS

"It rains A LOT in Wales. I get to wear wellies (rubber boots) and a rain jacket. Pray that the people of Wales will come to know the Son even during the rain!" ADDISON, age 5 (European peoples)

21 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Please pray for the ESL ministry that meets on Thursdays, sixth floor of the Criswell Center, 10-11:30am. For more information, contact Jean Dorrough at jeantom@att.net.

22 IGLESIA BAUTISTA COMUNIDAD HISPANA PASTOR PORFIRIO ABAD

Pray for the work of the Gospel ministry in the neighborhoods surrounding Criswell College where the church meets. These areas have a high rate of turnover. Please join us in asking the Lord for wisdom to reach families that are struggling.

23 IMB - FULANI OF WESTERN NIGER (FOO-LAH-NEE)

On the edge of a dusty little town sits a shelter made from dried millet stalks. Each Sunday, Abel and his family meet to worship.

The oldest son plays a large, empty plastic jug as a drum. Another son and daughter sing a song about Jesus that they have composed. Every Sunday, this Fulani family meets to praise God with songs and to read the Word together. Even if no one else comes to join them, they are faithful. Please pray for this family. Pray for them as they are singled out as being followers of Jesus. Ask God to give them courage and gentleness to answer when they are questioned about their faith.

24 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON

Join SFC's men's ministry every 4th Saturday for a Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study. Contact Jesus Michel for more information. Jjmicheel76@gmail.com

25 LAKE JUNE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR BOBBY WORTHINGTON

Please pray for the Ladies Bible Study on Saturday, July 25, 10am to 1pm. Please pray for the ladies as they study God's word and as they reach out to ladies in the surrounding communities.

26 EPIC LIFE CHURCH PASTOR KEITH CARPENTER

Please pray for Epic Life's Pilgrim Coffeehouse project as they recast the vision, gathering momentum for the ministry that will reach out to North Seattle.

27 IMB - LAST FRONTIER

Please continue to intercede for workers as they seek God's guidance and protection in their work. They are led daily by the unseen One as they draw near with hearts full of assurance that He is in control. Knowing of your faithful partnership with them in this work through prayer brings them much encouragement and the strength to carry out the task of engaging the Last Frontier people groups in new towns and suburbs.

28 EL BUEN PASTOR - PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ

Pray for the congregants that are going out in teams to visit the families and individuals who came to VBS and accepted Christ as their Savior. Some teams will visit families that expressed interest in EBP during VBS.

29 NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD (NAMB) PRAYER

At 10:02 each day – morning or night – pray that God will call out an abundance of workers to go out to all corners of the world with His gift of salvation. Pray God will bind Satan's attempts to deter prayers and steal away the Word that has been sown. "He told them: 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" (Luke 10:2, HCSB)

30 ADAT SHALOM - PASTOR ROBIN ROSE

Seeker Study - the first Sunday of each month at 7pm. Join us as we journey through various topics as we look into the life of Messiah. Could He be the one that was foretold of by Moses and the prophets? This is a great study for those who are new in the faith or for those who are still searching into who this Jesus (Yeshua) is. This home study meets the first Sunday of each month at 7pm in a home in Plano and is led by Pastor Robin Rose. For more information, please contact the office at 972.271.4976 or email office@adatshalom-dallas.org

31 KEYSTONE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PASTOR DAMON HALLIDAY

Outreach Ministries - Keystone's outreach team is called the Soul Patrol. If you are interested in joining them in their monthly outreach see the calendar for dates and times under the KFC connect tab or contact church office at 817.534.1515.

MISSION CHURCH CONTACT INFO

For more information on any Mission Church and their events, contact info is below.

Adat Shalom	972.271.4976
Crossroads Church	214.458.6496
El Buen Pastor	214.381.5119
El Calvario	214.638.1277
Epic Life Church	epiclifechurch.org
First Laotian Baptist Church	214.228.7044
Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Hispana	786.942.1151
Japanese Mission Church of Dallas	469.328.1872
Keystone Fellowship Church	214.403.4408
Lake June Baptist Church	214.213.7055
Prison Ministry	214.969.7746
Silent Friends	214.969.2410
The Pathway Church	thepathwaytacoma.com

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY! ★

1947 is an extraordinary historical time for the acknowledgment of God in America. It is the year that a sermon was preached before President Dwight D. Eisenhower, suggesting that the words “under God” be added to the pledge. The sermon was preached by the Rev. George M. Docherty, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C.

It had a great impact on those listening, including President Eisenhower, who was seated in the same pew that Abraham Lincoln had frequently occupied in that church as President.

In that sermon Docherty stated:

“There is something missing in the pledge, and that which is missing is the characteristics and definitive factor in the American way of life. Indeed apart from the mention of the phrase, the United States of America, it could be the pledge of any nation. In fact, I could hear little Muscovites repeat a similar pledge to their hammer and sickle flag in Moscow with equal solemnity.”

He made the point that the American pledge as it then existed could have been recited by citizens from any country, even those from communistic nations that hated God.

The day following the sermon, U. S. Rep. Charles Oakman from Michigan introduced a Joint Resolution to add the words **“Under God”** into the pledge, explaining:

“Mr. Speaker, I think Mr. Docherty hit the nail squarely on the head. One of the most fundamental differences between us and the Communists is our belief in God.”

Two days later Senator Homer Ferguson from Michigan introduced the Senate Joint Resolution explaining to the Senate:

“Our nation is founded on a fundamental belief in God, and the first and most important reason for the existence of our government is to protect the God-given rights of our citizens. . . Indeed, Mr. President, over one of the doorways to this very Chamber inscribed in the marble are the words ‘In God We Trust.’ Unless those words amount to more than a carving in stone, our country will never be able to defend itself.”

These resolutions were passed, and in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law, officially adding the words “under God” into the Pledge of Allegiance, telling the nation:

“From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country’s true meaning. . . . In this way we are reaffirming our religious faith in America’s heritage and future. In this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country’s most powerful resource, in peace or in war.”

Who could have imagined that a single sermon could have such an impact?

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