

Prayer Guide

The Mission Illinois Offering supports state missions through the Illinois Baptist State Association. The Week of Prayer encourages missionaries and ministry workers in their vital work. Please pray all this week, and plan to give when your church collects the Mission Illinois Offering.

* Four of these are featured MIO video stories. Visit missionillinois.org to watch them.



SUNDAY | Partners for Illinois*

State missions is everyone's calling. On our spiritual frontier with 13 million people and at least 8 million who do not yet know Jesus, there's more than enough mission work for our almost 1,000 IBSA churches. IBSA Executive Director **Nate Adams** calls it an uphill climb in the postmodern era, but we remain committed to our calling.



Adams

Pray for missionaries and staff of IBSA, including Associate Executive Director **Mark Emerson** who leads the Church Resources Team and Church Planting Catalyst John Yi.

MONDAY | Meeting Jesus at camp

Every summer, IBSA's two camp facilities are beehives of activity as hundreds of children and teens converge over six or more weeks. Camps and Super Summer are life-changing experiences.

Pray for camp managers **Philip Hall** and **Mike Young** and their staffs. And pray for the many people who encounter Christ at camp.

TUESDAY | Encouraging women*

Carmen Halsey has a passion for empowering godly women. As IBSA's Director of Women's Ministry, she organizes leadership training cohorts, large equipping events, and mission trips in Illinois and abroad. Her desire is to help women find their God-given gifts and use them in ministry.

Pray for IBSA's women's ministry and mobilization. Pray for the women of your church to have new vision for reaching people with the gospel of Christ.

WEDNESDAY | Sharing the gospel—together

More than 400 people were baptized on a single day in April. Called "One GRAND Sunday," this statewide evangelism outreach urged IBSA churches to share the gospel with unbelievers, and baptize them once they come to faith in Christ. IBSA trains hundreds of churches in evangelism every year.

Pray for IBSA's **Pat Pajak** as he teaches evangelism. Pray for your church to train witnesses and grow in its gospel-sharing commitment.



Tim Bailey



Rich Cochran



Dwayne Doyle



Mark Emerson



Philip Hall



Carmen Halsey

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THURSDAY | IBSA was there*

"My guy, nearby" is how the ministry of IBSA's Zone Consultants is described. In 10 regions of the state, these experienced leaders are available to assist churches with today's big ministry questions. They offer training co-horts for pastors and one-on-one guidance for ministry equipping. And they are good listeners.

Pray for all IBSA Zone Consultants, including **Larry Rhodes** who serves in the Metro East St. Louis area, and **Rich Cochran**, who manages the team.

FRIDAY | Turning tragedy to triumph

As the nation's third-largest aid organization, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is quickly on scene to help victims of natural disasters. In Illinois, more than 1,600 members of IBSA churches are trained to help the hurting with mud-out, mobile shower and laundry facilities, child care for parents as they navigate meetings with federal agencies, and spiritual counsel in their time of loss.

Pray for DR workers in Illinois, and **Dwayne Doyle**, the IBSA Director who helps train and mobilize the mighty force of "yellow shirts" in our state.

SATURDAY | Prayerwalking in Pingree Grove*

Two student groups joined two Church Planting Catalysts in prayerwalking a tiny village west of Elgin in 2017. The result is a new church starting where there was no church. Our church planting team assists church planters in communities across Illinois in cities, small towns, and rural crossroads—everywhere the gospel is needed.

Pray for IBSA's Church Planting Team, including **Tim Bailey** and **Ken Wilson** who saw the potential for a move of God in a place where there was only need.

SUNDAY | Giving day

This annual offering funds the work of IBSA missionaries and staff, such as **Sandy Barnard**, ▶ who has served 33 years, and one of our newest team members, multimedia journalist **Andrew Woodrow**. MIO focuses on ministries that are especially important to Illinois Baptists but are not funded by our national ministry partners.

Pray for generous giving in all IBSA churches today. Pray for your church's giving through the Mission Illinois Offering, and for your own gift.



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