

Blessed to bless others

- ▶ Discipling students
- ▶ Training next gen ministry leaders
- ▶ Helping churches reach people who don't know Jesus

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Mission Illinois Offering
& Week of Prayer
Sept. 8-15

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2019 Mission Illinois Prayer Guide

SUNDAY: Evangelism *

With at least 8-million lost people among Illinois' 13-million residents, IBSA encourages churches to focus on evangelism. Pat Pajak trains hundreds of churches each year. He teaches NAMB's "Who's your one?" prayer focus and "Three Circles" witnessing tool.

Pray for the IBSA evangelism team and for evangelistic zeal in all churches.

MONDAY: Baptism

More than 700 people were baptized in IBSA churches in the month of April. "One GRAND Month" focused on baptism, which increased 7% last year. But we have a long way to go.

Pray for new believers. And pray for IBSA churches to reach unbelieving people with the gospel throughout the year.



TUESDAY: New churches *

Everyone Hears is a new initiative from IBSA to saturate the state of Illinois with the gospel of Jesus Christ, starting with concentrated efforts in places without a gospel witness. IBSA's Eddie Pullen trains churches to start new congregations in target communities.

Pray for IBSA church planting catalysts working so everyone hears the gospel in Illinois.

WEDNESDAY: New residents

About two million Illinois residents were born outside the U.S. Second-generation church planting catalyst John Yi and strategist Jorge Melendez work with immigrants in Chicagoland. They help new churches so everyone can hear the gospel in their heart language.

Pray for IBSA's church planting team who are uniquely fitted to reach generations of families that others may not.

THURSDAY: Student ministry *

IBSA helps churches reach children, youth, and college students through VBS, missions events, Youth Encounter, and summer camps at Lake Sallateeska and Streator. Next-gen director Jack Lucas and the ministry teams train leaders for next-gen ministries. With 3-million children and teens in Illinois, this is a big responsibility.

Pray for stronger student ministry in all churches, and for IBSA missionaries who equip leaders.

FRIDAY: Missions Mobilization

Mission trips are once-in-a-lifetime experiences, every time you go. IBSA's Carmen Halsey trains volunteers to share Christ in new environments. And more than 20,000 Illinois Baptists serve each year.

Pray for IBSA's mission mobilizers. Pray about your personal commitment to missions nearby and far away.

Saturday: IBSA Leadership Team *

Nate Adams and the IBSA leadership team guide ministry to revitalize churches, plant new churches, and advance the gospel in Illinois. With a renewed focus on revitalization, IBSA is helping churches grow strong, even as bringing a gospel witness in the current culture becomes more challenging.

Pray for IBSA leaders and 10 zone consultants who minister to Baptists in every corner of Illinois.

SUNDAY: Giving Day

Today churches will collect the Mission Illinois Offering. From Cairo to Chicago, East St. Louis to Westville, the mission work of IBSA is made possible by gifts from partner churches. Discipling kids at camp, training next-gen church leaders, reaching people who don't know Jesus—it's all because you give.

Pray that Illinois Baptists who support our shared mission work may give generously today.



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