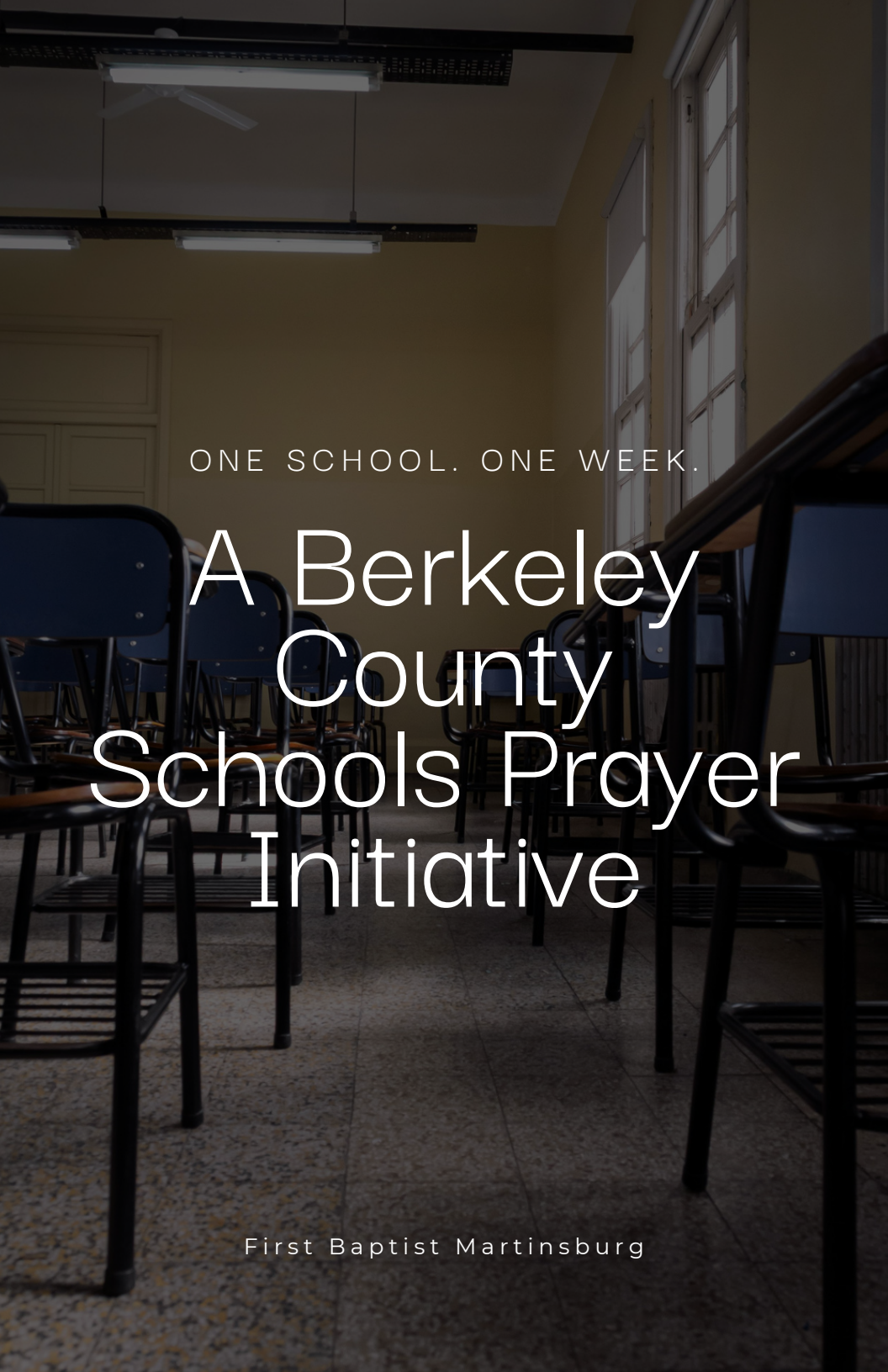




ONE SCHOOL. ONE WEEK.

# A Berkeley County Schools Prayer Initiative

First Baptist Martinsburg



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# introduction

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.  
1 Timothy 2:1-3 (ESV)*

God calls His people to pray, not only for those within the walls of the church, but also for those who bear responsibility in our communities. Administrators, teachers, counselors, bus drivers, custodians, coaches, aides, cafeteria workers, nurses, support staff, parents, and even other students all play a vital role in shaping the lives of the next generation.

Throughout the school year, we are committing to pray intentionally for every school within Berkeley County School system. Each week we will focus on one campus or department, asking God to grant wisdom to leaders, encouragement to educators, growth to students, strength to families, protection to every campus, and grace for every challenge.



**Our goal is to faithfully support the schools from our knees. We pray because we love our community and we are thankful for those who serve our the next generation every day, and we believe God hears the prayers of His people.**

We believe every student matters, every educator matters, every family matters, and every school matters. As God's people, we have the privilege of joining together in prayer, asking Him to grant wisdom, protection, growth, perseverance, and hope throughout Berkeley County Schools. We entrust this school year and the next generation to the Lord, believing that He hears the prayers of His people.

*Dedicated to every administrator, teacher, counselor, secretary, bus driver, custodian, cafeteria worker, aide, therapist, coach, volunteer, parent, and student who helps shape the next generation in Berkeley County Schools.*

Thank you for serving our community. Know that you are being prayed for.

Pastor Craig & Danielle Smith  
and the Church Family at  
First Baptist Church of  
Martinsburg

BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOLS  
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR  
ONE SCHOOL. ONE WEEK.

# prayer guide

**Aug 17-23:** Berkeley County Schools District Leadership (Board of Education, Superintendent, Board office, Admin, Principals)

**Aug 24-30:** Martinsburg High School

**Aug 31 – Sept 6:** Burke Street Elementary School

**Sept 7-13:** Musselman Middle School

**Sept 14-20:** Orchard View Intermediate School

**Sept 21-27:** Spring Mills High School

**Sept 28 – Oct 4:** Hedgesville Elementary School

**Oct 5-11:** Mountain Ridge Middle School

**Oct 12-18:** Exceptional Education & Student Support Services (Students with disabilities, families, special education teachers, aides, therapists, school psychologists, counselors, evaluators, and IEP teams)

**Oct 19-25:** Bedington Elementary School

**Oct 26 – Nov 1:** Eagle School Intermediate

**Nov 2-8:** Musselman High School

**Nov 9-15:** Valley View Elementary School

**Nov 16-22:** Hedgesville Middle School

**Nov 23-29:** Tomahawk Intermediate School

**Nov 30 – Dec 6:** Winchester Avenue Elementary School

**Dec 7-13:** Martinsburg North Middle School

**Dec 14-20:** Back Creek Valley Elementary School

**Dec 21-27:** Spring Mills Primary School

**Dec 28 – Jan 3:** Potomack Intermediate School

**Jan 4-10:** Hedgesville High School

**Jan 11-17:** Opequon Elementary School

**Jan 18-24:** Spring Mills Middle School

**Jan 25-31:** Mountain Ridge Primary School

**Feb 1-7:** Martinsburg South Middle School

**Feb 8-14:** Berkeley Heights Elementary School

**Feb 15-21:** Mountain Ridge Intermediate School

**Feb 22-28:** Marlowe Elementary School

**Mar 1-7:** Inwood Early Learning Academy\*

**Mar 8-14:** Tuscarora Elementary School

**Mar 15-21:** Pikeside Early Learning Academy\*

**Mar 22-28:** Rosemont Elementary School

**Mar 29 – Apr 4:** Berkeley County Schools Virtual Pathway

**Apr 5-11:** Bunker Hill Elementary School

**Apr 12-18:** Adult Learning Center

**Apr 19-25:** Mill Creek Elementary School

**April 26 – May 2:** Hedgesville Early Learning Academy

**May 3-9:** Transportation, Maintenance, Custodial Services, Child Nutrition, Technology Services, and Central Office Staff

**May 10-16:** Graduation, End-of-Year Testing, and Students Transitioning to New Schools

**May 17-23:** Thanksgiving for God's Faithfulness & Prayer for the Coming School Year

# how can i pray for our schools?

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. – Phil 4:6*

## **Pray Specifically.**

Each week we focus on one school or department. Pray for the people who serve there by name if you know them.

## **Pray Biblically**

Allow God's Word to shape your prayers. Use the weekly Scripture as a guide and ask God to accomplish His purposes in the lives of students, educators, and families.

## **Pray Expectantly**

We believe God hears and answers prayer. While we may not always see the results immediately, we trust that our faithful prayers matter and that God is at work in ways we cannot always see.

## **Pray Consistently**

The strength of this initiative is not found in one large event but in hundreds of faithful prayers offered throughout the school year.

## **Pray Thankfully**

Every school is filled with people who work hard to educate, protect, encourage, and care for the next generation. Thank God for them often.

## **Try the PRAY Pattern**

### **P — Praise**

Thank God for the school, its people, and His faithfulness.

### **R — Requests**

Bring specific needs before the Lord.

### **A — Ask for Growth**

Pray for wisdom, character, learning, safety, relationships, and perseverance.

### **Y — Yield**

Entrust every student, educator, family, and circumstance to God's perfect will.

# prayer prompts

## 1. District Leadership

*(Board of Education, Superintendent, Cabinet, Principals, Administrative Teams)*

Key Scripture: James 1:5; Romans 13:1–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–4; Proverbs 11:14

Pray for...

- Wisdom in decision making
- Integrity and humility
- Unity among leadership
- Courage to do what is right
- Discernment in difficult situations
- Healthy communication
- Wise stewardship of resources
- Encouragement during criticism
- Protection for their families

## 2. Early Learning Academies (Pre-K)

Key Scripture: Mark 10:13–16; Psalm 139:13–16; Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Pray for...

- Safe, joyful classrooms
- Healthy social development
- Language acquisition
- Curiosity and wonder
- Patient teachers
- Strong partnerships with parents
- Children who feel loved and secure

## 3. Primary & Elementary Schools

Key Scripture: Luke 2:52; Proverbs 22:6; James 1:5

Pray for...

- Reading & math foundations
- Positive friendships
- Healthy habits
- Character formation
- Confidence
- Students discovering their gifts
- Families engaged in learning

## 4. Intermediate Schools (Grades 3–5)

Key Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6; Philippians 4:8

Pray for...

- Growing independence
- Responsibility
- Academic confidence
- Healthy friendships
- Wise choices
- Resilience through challenges
- A love of learning

## 5. Middle Schools

Key Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12; Psalm 119:9

Pray for...

- Identity rooted in truth
- Protection from unhealthy influences
- Healthy friendships
- Emotional well-being
- Courage to stand for what is right
- Teachers who encourage
- Families navigating adolescence

## 6. High Schools

Key Scripture: Colossians 3:23–24; Jeremiah 29:11; James 1:5

Pray for...

- Wisdom for future decisions
- Academic diligence
- College, career, military, and vocational direction
- Healthy relationships
- Student leadership
- Coaches and sponsors
- Mental and emotional health
- Graduation readiness

## 7. Adult Learning Center

Key Scripture: Proverbs 1:5; Ecclesiastes 3:1

Pray for...

- Courage to begin again
- Perseverance
- Practical skill development
- Hope
- Employment opportunities
- Encouragement from instructors
- Confidence in learning

## 8. Exceptional Education & Student Support

Key Scripture: Psalm 139:13–16; 1 Corinthians 12; Matthew 19:14

Pray for...

- Students with disabilities
- Parents and caregivers
- Teachers
- Aides
- Therapists
- School psychologists
- IEP meetings
- Appropriate resources
- Patience
- Joy in every milestone
- That every student would know they are valued and wonderfully made

## 9. Transportation, Maintenance & Support Services

Key Scripture: Colossians 3:23–24

Pray for...

- Safe travel
- Reliable transportation
- Protection from accidents
- Faithful maintenance
- Custodial staff
- Cafeteria workers
- Technology teams
- Office staff
- Often unseen servants

## 10. Graduates & Students Transitioning to New Schools

Key Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6; Joshua 1:9

Pray for...

- Courage
- Wisdom
- New friendships
- Healthy adjustment
- God's guidance
- Parents releasing children
- Teachers preparing students well

## 11. Thanksgiving Week at the End of School

Key Scripture: Psalm 100; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Pray with gratitude for...

- God's protection
- Faithful educators
- Student growth
- New friendships
- Families
- Support staff
- Answered prayers
- Looking ahead to another year

### **Closing Prayer For Each Week:**

You are encouraged to pray this prayer at the close of each week:

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the opportunity to pray for our schools. Bless those who lead, those who teach, those who serve, those who learn, and the families who support them. Grant wisdom, protection, perseverance, and hope. May every person in Berkeley County Schools know they are loved, valued, and created in Your image. We entrust this school and this community to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Together We Pray.**

***Together we pray*** for every administrator.

***Together we pray*** for every teacher.

***Together we pray*** for every staff member.

***Together we pray*** for every student.

***Together we pray*** for every family.

***Together we pray*** because we love our community.

***Together we entrust*** the next generation to the Lord.

### **Benediction**

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.  
Colossians 4:2

May God bless Berkeley County Schools.

May He grant wisdom to those who lead, strength to those who teach, encouragement to those who serve, growth to those who learn, and peace to every family.

And may He find His people faithful in prayer.



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