ELEVATE 2020

"being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1:6)

Kids entering K-5th Grades July 13 - 14 9:30a-11:30a and 6:30p-8:30p July 15 - 16 9:30a-11:30a <u>www.burnthickory.com</u>

What a wonderful blessing we are able to have 3 sessions of "Elevate 2020" this year for VBX despite the difficulties of COVID-19 and all it has affected in our community. This is one of the most important outreaches of our church when we all unify in our efforts for the Lord! God's presence is felt so strongly and the movement of the Holy Spirit flows through every heart as we share the gospel, planting seeds and seeing salvations. Children's lives are changed forever, as are the lives of everyone participating!

Of course, one of the major preparations and activities during Elevate 2020 will be laying a foundation of prayer to cover every aspect of this effort and to glorify the Lord!

Please lift up praises and prayers for Elevate 2020 using these suggested prayers and the nudging of the Holy Spirit for additional prayers:

Praise the Lord that we, the BHBC Body of Christ and staff, will have the opportunity to minister to children and families from our church and community—even while following the stringent COVID-19 Guidelines. (Mark 10:14)

Abba Father, we come to You, asking for You to send Your angels to put a "Hedge of Protection" around our kids, volunteers and Kid Ministry staff so they will be safe before, during and after Elevate 2020. (Ps 91; Prov 3:23)

Lord, we thank you for all who are volunteering to serve during Elevate 2020. We pray that all volunteers needed will step forward to serve. We ask that every position needed is filled with the exact person for that particular gifting. (Rom 12:5-8;

God of Order, direct your people to put every piece in place at just the right time for Elevate 2020, from the major elements to the smallest detail. (Is 30:21; 1Cor 14:33)

Lord, give wisdom, guidance, endurance and strength to the Facilities Housekeeping staff who will be cleaning, sterilizing and working hard before, during and after each of our morning and evening sessions during this week. (Col 3:23-24)

Father, have the Holy Spirit move in the hearts of every family and child You want to be here drawing them to come with open hearts for all You have for them. (John 16:13-15) Lord, we pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare every heart – all teachers, volunteers, children and Kid Ministry staff – to be changed by the Lord. May each of their hearts be awakened to Your heart. (Ps 51:10; Prov 23:26; Mat 5:8; James 4:8)

Abba Father, we pray now, and for many to also pray as the Gospel message is shared Tuesday morning/evening and Thursday morning, for many children to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. May they

embrace that this is the 1st step in a journey to know the Lord. (Luke 19:10; John 3:16-17; 1Cor 1:18)

We pray during Elevate 2020, Your Holy Spirit will revive many who have already given their hearts to Christ and inspire them to continued spiritual growth. (1Sam 2:26; 2Peter 3:18)

Lord, though these last months have been difficult for all of us due to COVID-19 and its effects, turn that into the beginnings of revival and spiritual awakening for us here at BHBC and across our land. We ask boldly for revival in the hearts of each one of us who already call You our Lord, and for spiritual awakening to ignite a flame in the lost in our community and across our nation. (Eph 5:14)

Father, today, put someone in my life You want me to reach out to for You – family, friends, neighbors, and community - inviting them to our church, offering to pray for them and inviting their children to "Elevate 2020" beginning July 13 at BHBC. (1Peter 4:11)

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children." Charles R. Swindoll, Evangelical Christian pastor

Remember to:

- Pray on your armor every morning.
- Pray for protection for your family.
- Pray Psalm 91 over your family members by name.

Prayers by Pastor Aaron Holloway (BHBC Childhood Pastor), Lynda Poole (BHBC Children's Teacher & Children's Prayer Team Leader), and Barbara Clark (BHBC Prayer Coordinator)

Prayers Compiled by Barbara Clark, BHBC Prayer Coordinator, July 2020