

# STATION 1

*"I entreat thee also, true yokefellow...rejoice in the Lord always... be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:3-6)*

## The Southern Baptist Convention

The Prayer Journey begins at the Convention Center Prayer Room, room 121, located on the right of the Plaza Lobby and Messenger Registration (as you face the Exhibit Hall).

**As you make this journey of prayer, take time in the Prayer Room to seek God for your own spiritual preparation to be an intercessor for others. Imagine the impact of touching God, then others for Him.**

- Use your daily bulletins to pray for Convention President Dr. James Merritt, and the other leaders of this year's convention.
- Praise God for those who made decisions during Crossover St. Louis and pray that they would find a local church in which they can grow and serve. Pray for the churches as they follow-up and minister to these in the coming days.
- Pray that our Lord would provide you with those divine appointments for your witness during the time you are in St. Louis this week, and that you would be alert to take advantage of those opportunities.

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# STATION 12

*"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Phil. 2:2-3)*

## Southern Baptist Churches and Associations

This Prayer Journey ends at Entry B, note the Station 12 sign on the right side as you enter the Convention hall on the lower level.

**Does your church have a vision to share Christ with every person in your community? How about groups of churches to reach a whole county or region? Such vision often begins with you.**

- Pray for the 130 plus churches and missions of the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, in addition to the 222 churches from the 6 adjacent associations in Missouri and Illinois: Jefferson Baptist, Franklin Baptist, and Twin Rivers Baptist in Missouri, St. Louis Metro-East Baptist, Madison Baptist, and Alton/Industrial Baptist in Illinois. Pray for them as they follow up on new converts from Crossover St. Louis and minister to their communities.
- Pray that Southern Baptist churches in our nation and around the world would catch the vision for reaching their communities for Christ. Pray for a unity in the

work that would eliminate the competitive spirit that sometimes hides our true purpose for the work.

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## STATION 11

*“...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)*

### **Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities**

This station on your Prayer Journey is located just inside the main Plaza Entrance and on the left side of the entrance.

**What a difference the call of God and commitment to learning its application in a life makes to the growth of the church. Would that we would all be such students to affect Christ’s body so in the world.**

- Pray for the Presidents of Southwest Baptist University, William Jewell College, and Missouri Baptist College in Missouri. Pray that under their leadership the students would receive spiritual equipping, the world receive the Truth that frees, and that God would be glorified in all.
- Pray for the spiritual, mental, and character formation of the students in all of our Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

- Pray for the faculty and leadership of each of these schools as they represent the Light in the world’s academics.

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## STATION 2

*“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.” (Phil. 1:9-10)*

### **The Executive Committee**

The Prayer Journey continues on the left side of the Lobby area, opposite the Prayer Room, and adjacent to the Messenger Registration booths.

**As you come to this station, reflect on the positive impact that messengers can make on St. Louis, our nation and the world as they view spirit and attitudes that truly reflect the Presence of our Lord.**

- Pray for Dr. Lee Porter, Convention Registration Secretary, who has served us faithfully for 25 years in this position, and his staff serving this year. Pray for clarity and wisdom in the registration procedures, including the balloting of decisions.
- Pray for Dr. Morris Chapman and the leaders of the Executive Committee as they plan and prepare for the 2003 Convention in Phoenix.

- Pray also for their divine guidance in supervising the Cooperative Program and for Southern Baptists as they consider their involvement in this time-honored method of mission support.

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## STATION 3

*"...Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14)*

*"...Verify I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3-4)*

### Convention Child Care

From the Registration, continue toward the Exhibit Hall, turning right before entering, and this station is located near the entrance to the Child Care area.

**It is often said that the critical age for character building is in the early years of a child's life. With such challenge, young Christian families need the care and equipping that our resources provide to the churches. May we be the responsible providers.**

- Pray for the Child Care provisions being made for the children during this year's convention, for Sandy Osborne and her staff with pre-school, and for Dean and Frank Green as they minister to the Day Camp.

- Pray that the children would be free of any hindering causes that would disrupt their realizing a good experience in learning and activity.
- Pray for their parents, that peace of mind would reign, allowing for their mental and spiritual participation in the convention.

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## STATION 10

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15)*

*"But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient..." (II Tim. 2:23-24)*

### Southern Baptist Seminaries

From Station 9 in the Annex between Exhibit Hall and Convention Hall, move to the Station 10 sign located near the ATM machine at Entry A, adjacent to the Convention Hall.

**What better way to share the truth of God than to have that truth become such a part of our life that we cannot but communicate it through all we do and say. Immersion in the word of God will cause our lives to be a stronger influence on the lives of others.**

- Pray for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President, Dr. Phil Roberts, as he, the administration

and the faculty work together in equipping men and women for the work of the church.

- Pray also for God's blessing on this ministry of education and missions for each of the other seminaries: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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## STATION 9

*"Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heaven is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." (Deut. 10:14)*

*"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." (Deut. 25:4)*

### **The Annuity Board**

From the Exhibit Hall, move through the Annex toward the Convention Hall, to the station sign on the right before entering the Convention Hall area.

**Imagine the outcome if every Southern Baptist minister were free to serve their churches, with confidence that their family's future financial needs were securely in place.**

- Pray for Annuity Board President, Dr. O. S. Hawkins, and the leaders of the Board as they seek to provide this invaluable service to Southern Baptists.

- Pray for divine guidance for the staff of the Annuity Board as they continue to make decisions that affect the financial well being of God's servants.
- Pray for God's blessing on those receiving the benefits of past provisions through the Board.
- Pray for those in vocational ministry, that they would use divine wisdom and integrity in planning toward their future financial security.

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## STATION 4

*"... The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord with all thine heart... soul... might. And these words... in your heart... thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house... walkest by the way... liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deut. 6:4-7)*

### **LifeWay Christian Resources**

Move into the Exhibit Hall and locate the LifeWay Christian Resources display area. Station 4 will be located adjacent to this large display area.

**The ongoing challenge for the church today is to enlist every member in Bible Study and continuing disciple development. Resources are abundant but often ill-used or unused. May we be better stewards of such provisions.**

- Pray for President, Dr. Jimmy Draper, and his staff at LifeWay as they lead our convention in the production of church ministry resources.
- Pray for the ministries of the LifeWay Christian Stores around the country as they provide a witness and resources to their communities.
- Pray for those lead in Christian education through the churches of our convention, that they would be enabled in encouraging their congregations to make use of the resources available for kingdom growth.

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## STATION 5

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matt. 28:19-20)*

### North American Mission Board

In the Exhibit Hall, find the North American Mission Board display area. The Station 5 sign will be adjacent to this large display site.

**The numbers 911 have been a signal for emergencies. More so now have they signaled threats to our homeland. They remind us, too, of great spiritual threats**

**to the people that God would have us be on-mission to reach with the gospel.**

- Pray for NAMB President, Dr. Bob Reccord, and his staff as they challenge us to be on-mission Christians.
- Pray for the 5,154 North American missionaries serving the U. S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and U. S. Virgin Islands, as they minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to the hurting and hopeless in a postmodern, post-Christian society.
- Pray for the NAMB Strategic Focus Cities of Chicago, Phoenix, Boston, Las Vegas, Seattle, Philadelphia, and Miami, in the partnerships and evangelism strategies being implemented.

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## STATION 8

*“And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles... Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.” (Acts 8:1, 4)*

### Southern Baptist State Conventions

As you move from the Exhibit Hall toward the Annex leading to the Convention Hall, Station 8 will be located on the right as you enter the Annex.

**The influence of our “enemy’s” persecution is felt by the churches of many state conventions, attempting to impede the work of God. Our forebearers in faith challenge us to faithfully “preach the word” in the midst of all of Satan’s wiles.**

- Pray for the Missouri Baptist Convention and their Interim Co-Directors, David Waganer and Larry Thomas, as they continue to guide their staff and churches in their New Directions focus. Pray for the Executive Director Search Committee in its work to fill this critical leadership position.
- Pray for the work of each state convention leader and staff, as they seek to minister, to resource, and to plant and grow churches that can be effective in reaching their communities for Christ. Pray also that the resources to accomplish this work will begin to be in evidence in each state convention.

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## STATION 7

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

### **International Mission Board**

Locate the large International Mission Board display in the Exhibit Hall and the Station 7 will be adjacent to it.

**Since its beginning, the term Southern Baptist has been equated with missions. Lest today it become more “lip service” than “life service”, and we fail to serve the world the gospel they so desperately need, may the Lord both affirm where we’re faithful, and convict where we’ve missed His will and purpose.**

- Pray for IMB President, Dr. Jerry Rankin, and his staff as they work to support and encourage our 5,200 (approx.) international missionaries serving around the world.
- Pray especially for missionaries who are serving in the Last Frontiers, where often the work is in and under difficult and dangerous settings and conditions.
- Pray for the “last lost peoples” groups of the earth. As we seek to reach them with the gospel, pray that we may maintain a consuming focus that will not rest until they have had opportunity to hear and believe.

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## STATION 6

*“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man...saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us....immediately we endeavored to go...assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.” (Acts 16:9-10)*

### **Crossover Phoenix 2003**

In another location adjacent to the North American Mission Board display, you will find the Station 6 sign.

**Every year the call goes forth to come over and help us. The call has begun for Crossover Phoenix 2003, as Southern Baptists there invite brothers and sisters to come and help them in their pre-convention evangelistic reach-out to this Strategic Focus City.**

- Pray for the planning and implementation of this Crossover Phoenix evangelism thrust, being led by Mitch McDonald, Church Evangelism Facilitator with Arizona Southern Baptists and Jerry Martin, Director of Missions, Valley Rim Baptist Assoc.
- Pray for the formation of 43 multihousing congregations in the “Valley of the Sun”, a targeted fruit of the Crossover Phoenix thrust.
- Pray for the partnership between the 200 “Valley” churches and the 250 other Arizona Baptist churches, as they seek to implement continuing Crossover goals and results.

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*Notes and Prayer Needs:*

*Prayer Journey Guide*  
*Welcome and Introduction*

**Welcome to St. Louis**

We do welcome you to St. Louis, the “Gateway” to the west, and the heartland of the country. Welcome also to the 2002 Southern Baptist Convention. We hope that your time is fruitful and that you will make a difference in the lives of all those you encounter during your stay. One very important way that you can make a difference is to minister through your prayers. The Prayer Room is in Room 121, and you can easily find its location on the map located in the centerfold of this guide. We urge you to spend some time in this dedicated place of contact with our heavenly Father, both for personal spiritual need as well as, to intercede for others.

The Prayer Cards contained within this guide can be filled out and placed in the Prayer Room for use of those interceding. Please make use of these cards.

A Twelve Station Prayer Journey has been arranged in this guide, so that by using the map, beginning with the Prayer Room, you may systematically pray for several primary needs that Southern Baptists have as primary focuses for kingdom work. Take this opportunity to spend at least 30 minutes in this directed prayer time, and remember that your prayers provide the power for the work of the kingdom of God.

(All passages used in this guide are from the King James Version )

