

# First Baptist Concord Church

## memorandum



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for: the 865 community

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subject: A Prayer for 865

Heavenly Father, I come to You today in the name of Jesus thanking you for the East Tennessee community we know as the 865 area. I thank You for our community and ask You to bless and prosper it in every way.

### CHURCHES

Please bless every church in the 865 that exalts the name of Jesus and proclaims salvation in His name. Bless every Bible preaching pastor. Place Your hedge of protection around them and protect them and their families from every scheme and attack of the enemy. Bless every deacon and lay leader in Your churches. Help the churches in the 865 to love You, love each other, and love those who are lost and without Christ. Provide for every church and help every church to be diligent to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray Acts 9:31 for these churches, that they may enjoy peace, be built up, go on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and continue to increase.

### CIVIC LEADERS

Bless our civic leaders. Bless the mayors and each member of city councils across the 865. Bless the mayors of these nine counties and each county commissioner. Bless every judge and every other official. Bless their families also. Please give them your guidance. Help them to live godly lives and make wise, godly decisions that will help the 865 to prosper. Promotion comes from You, not man. You exalt one and put down another. Please place the people you desire into each position and office of leadership

### EDUCATION

Bless our educational systems – our public schools, private schools, and each family participating in a home-school program. Bless the administrators, teachers, other workers, the parents of the students, and most of all, the students themselves. May all the students in these counties, like Jesus, increase in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. Keep the children safe at each school and protect them from violence.

## **ECONOMY**

Lord, please bless the economy throughout the 865 area. Bring in godly, wholesome businesses that will provide employment for people so they can provide financially for their families. Please help those who are able to work but are without jobs to find the right job opportunity so they can fulfill Your command to work. Please help us to reach out in love and compassion to those who are unable to work and meet their needs.

## **BUSINESSES**

Bless our business community. Thank you for the entrepreneurs and business leaders you have blessed our community with. We pray for courageous, faith-filled men and women to lead their companies with great integrity. We pray for clarity of mind in difficult situations. We pray you would provide opportunities to share the gospel and minister to others in Jesus' name.

## **RACIAL RECONCILIATION**

Bring about racial reconciliation in the 865. Remove every form of racism. May those who are black, Hispanic, Asian, white, or of other ethnic background, love those of other races. Where there is bitterness, hatred, and resentment, replace them with forgiveness, love, and respect. Please help me to value and respect every person as You value them, because You created each of them in Your image and each of them is an eternal soul for whom Christ died to save

## **PROTECT OUR CITY**

Protect our city from violence and crime. Bless our law enforcement officers and protect them. Please remove and keep out any businesses that would encourage sin in this city, such as organized crime, gangs, gambling, strip clubs, sex trafficking, and the trafficking of illegal drugs. Please send Your divine protection upon our citizens and help us to have peaceful communities throughout the 865.

## **BLESS THE 865**

Father, bless the 865 area and its citizens indeed, let Your hand of blessing be upon us, and keep us from harm. Cause this city to become a center for spiritual awakening. Help Your people in 865 to repent of our sins, humble ourselves before You, and walk in Your ways. Help us to be a blessing to the other citizens of the 865 area. May Your favor and good hand rest upon the 865. May our cities and communities bring glory to the name of Jesus. We love You, and we love and pray for the 865 area to be blessed in every way.

In Jesus' name, amen!