



21 Days of Prayer for Ouachita

Aug 18 - New Students

Pray for incoming freshmen and transfer students as they begin their college journey. Ask that they would trust Christ to direct their paths and that his peace would comfort them. Pray for on-campus roommates and halls to form life-giving community. Ask God to give families of new students peace and comfort.

Aug 19 - Residence Life Staff

On our main campus, each residence hall has staff members who support and facilitate community. Staff in Flippen-Perrin, O.C. Bailey and Frances Crawford already have full halls, while other halls are preparing for most returning students to move in on Sunday. Ask God to give Hall Directors and RAs energy, vision and grace as they serve students.

Aug 20 - Ouachita @ NLC & Online Programs

Today we pray for the students, faculty and staff at our New Life Church campus in Conway, and our online students. As you pray in the coming days, remember the students and faculty in these programs. As many balance their classes with work, family and internships, ask God to give them peace and calm in the midst of busyness. Pray also for those leading and directing these initiatives.

Aug 21 - Local Churches

On the first Sunday of the school year, pray for local churches in Arkadelphia that minister to our students. There are many pastors and members devoted to the spiritual health of students from Ouachita and Henderson. Pray that students will make meaningful connections in churches and be active members of the body of Christ while in college. Thank God for the support that Arkansas Baptist churches give to Ouachita.

Aug 22 - Patterson School of Natural Sciences

Today we ask you to pray for the faculty and students in the School of Natural Sciences. Pray that their research and classes help them see a clearer picture of the world and of the God who has created and sustains all. As many will deal with stress and decisions about graduate school choices, pray for peace and guidance for them. Ask God to give wisdom to Dean Tim Knight as he provides overall leadership to the school.

Aug 23 - Beginning of Classes

As the semester officially begins this week, pray that students would see their academic life as part of their calling to seek after truth. Thank God for the opportunity they have not just to prepare for a career, but to be "transformed by the renewing of their minds." Pray for those undecided on a major that they would find joy in this time of seeking God's will.

Aug 24 - Huckabee School of Education

Pray today for the students called to pursue education, kinesiology and leisure studies, and for the professors preparing these students. You can pray specifically for those beginning student-teaching this semester in local schools. Ask for God to give them courage and encouragement in the knowledge of Jesus. Pray for Interim Dean Jeff Root as he provides overall leadership for this school.

Aug 25 - International Students & TCKs

Ouachita has approximately 40 International students and 20 TCKs (Third-culture Kids) from about 30 countries. College life outside of one's home culture presents unique opportunities and challenges. Pray for them to feel at home at Ouachita and for the many staff, students and alumni who seek to support them. Thank God for the great contribution they make to our own campus and culture.

Aug 26 - Campus Ministries Fall Retreat

Today begins a weekend retreat for students focusing on Jesus' model prayer in Matthew 6. Would you pray for those leading the retreat in worship and through breakout sessions? Ask God to give everyone attending time for reflecting on the year ahead. May our campus be one that honors God's name, does his will, and desires his kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

Aug 27 - Sutton School of Social Sciences

Pray today for the faculty and students studying history, political science, psychology and sociology. As they research and learn about behavior and experience in the world past and present, ask God to give them eyes to clearly see the world and their place in it. Pray that their studies would inspire an ethic of service to God and humanity. Ask that God would give wisdom to Dean Randall Wight as he provides leadership for the school.

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Aug 28 - Student-Athletes

Pray today for the approximately 400 student-athletes on our campus and their coaches. Many have begun their seasons already and many are preparing and training. Ask God to use the lessons they learn as competitors and teammates to help them better understand the truth of the gospel and the body of Christ. Pray also today for FCA and their sponsors Rickey and Lydia Rogers, as they minister to student-athletes.

Aug 29 - Hickingbotham School of Business

The School of Business faculty aim not just to prepare students for careers, but for life, and we pray that students would recognize their great role as stewards for the one God who created everything. Pray for the impact these leaders will have on their communities and businesses in the coming years, that they would be salt and light for Jesus Christ. Ask God to give wisdom to Dean Bryan McKinney, who provides overall leadership for the School.

Aug 30 - Ouachita Staff

There are many staff members at OBU that students don't see in class, but who serve the community. From administrative assistants to Facilities Services staff to Student Development, there are too many groups to list them all here. But Ouachita is full of people who see their work as a calling and service to God. Pray for the people in these office and the work they do to help Ouachita be a place that honors God.

Aug 31 - City of Arkadelphia

Pray for the city of our main residential campus, Arkadelphia. Ask that our campus would seek the welfare of this city. Pray for the work of the Elrod Center that serves the community, including Tiger Serve Day on 9/24. Ask God to bless the local schools, businesses and organizations, and for him to guide the city leaders. Pray also for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at HSU.

Sept 1 - Pruet School of Christian Studies

Many of our students are studying the fundamental questions of life through biblical studies, philosophy, theology, ministry and missions. Pray these students would become better readers and teachers of God's word, and that they would learn the heart of Christ to live wisely and to serve the church. Ask God to help them clarify their calling and gifts, so they can follow in faith. Pray today for Dean Danny Hays as he leads the School of Christian Studies.

Sept 2 - Study Abroad

Many students spend this semester overseas. Pray they would understand more about the Creator and Redeemer of all nations. Ask God to give confidence and assurance to those who feel the loss of their home community. Pray that God would help them live wisely and humbly in a new and foreign culture, including those serving missionally for a semester through Hands-On.

Sept 3 - Recent Graduates

The OBU class of 2016 has moved on to jobs, graduate schools and post-college missions. Many are still discerning what their next step will be. Pray that the peace of Christ would rule in the hearts of our recent graduates, whether in a new job or school, or in the search for what is next. Pray for their adjustment as they leave many of their closest friends—that they would find new churches and communities.

Sept 4 - School of Fine Arts

A large portion of our campus is studying music, theater and visual arts. Pray today for these students and faculty who pursue and learn about the beauty that God has instilled in his creation. As many perform regularly before judges and critics, help them to know the declaration of perfection and righteousness they have in Jesus Christ. Pray for Dean Gary Gerber in his leadership of the School of Fine Arts.

Sept 5 - Student Leadership

Thank God for the many students who take responsibility to lead the clubs and organizations on campus. Pray God would give them wisdom and grow their leadership abilities so they can better serve the church and the world when they leave college. You can pray specifically for leaders of social clubs, OSF, Student Senate, Campus Ministries, Elrod Center volunteers, FCA and many more [listed here](#).

Sept 6 - School of Humanities

The School of Humanities includes the Department of Language and Literature and the Department of Communications. Pray today for the faculty and students in these areas, that they would be reminded of the great value of human life and work in the image of God. Ask God to give them the power to grasp how wide, long, high, and deep is the love of Christ—the Word of God himself. Pray for Dean Jeff Root to have wisdom as he leads this school.

Sept 7 - President Sells, Trustees & Administration

Would you pray today for President Sells, the university trustees, and the administration as they provide overall leadership and vision for Ouachita? Ask God to give them wisdom as stewards of this university. Pray that Ouachita would continually be strengthened to foster a love of God and love of learning as a Christ-centered community.

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