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## “First Watch” Touch Points for *Evangel’s Prayer Vigil* team

**For the week of August 25, 2013**

Share with others on the Prayer Vigil throughout the week, during our Connections time on Sundays, or using our FaceBook group “First Watch Prayer Vigil.” [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096) .

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This series—aimed to support our “Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel” initiative—is based on *The One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale House, 2003). We will focus on specific topics that relate to faith, witness and outreach. “The driving force behind this proposal is to increase our evangelistic witness and the impact on our neighborhood and community.” (From the overview document, available at [www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf) )

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### **Spread the Good News**

The woman left her water jar beside the well and went back to the village and told everyone,  
“Come and meet a man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Messiah?”  
So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

*John 4:28-30*

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#### **Prayer for the Week**

Lord, forgive me for times when my excitement over knowing you has waned. I want others to know you and experience your work in their lives. Use me to spread the Good News, I pray that I will be so amazed by what you reveal to me [this week] that I won’t hesitate to share my hope with those who don’t yet know you.

#### **Notable Quote**

How many people have you made homesick for God?

*Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)*

#### **Reflection**

The Samaritan woman was so amazed by Jesus and his revelations about who he was and about the secrets of her heart and life that she forgot her water jar—the very reason she’d come to the well—and rushed back to the village to tell others about the “man” she had met. Up and down the streets she shared the good news about Jesus, for she had seen the Lord, the Messiah! Having received the living water, a perpetual spring within her that gave her eternal life (v. 14), she wanted others to know him too. So the people began streaming from the village to see him, eager to meet this incredible man who can tell people the secrets of their hearts.

Sharing with others what Jesus has done in us and for us stirs up interest in those who don’t know him. His revelation in our lives draws to him people who desire to have him work in their lives as he does in ours.

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#### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- With whom could you share the Good News this week? Ask the Lord to make you sensitive to his working in the lives of others, and be ready to share the hope that’s within you.
- Continue to pray for our “Stepping Out in Faith” initiative: for the identification of a church planter, for unity and commitment as we seek to bring success to this evangelistic effort by growing ourselves. Take seriously Bill France’s challenge to pray that God will lead 25 adults and 50 children to Evangel by year’s end—a seemingly impossible task. It has already started. Pray that more individuals will visit Evangel and decide to return after their initial visit. Be ready to extend an invitation yourself as we seek the Lord’s blessing to be seed-sowing kingdom builders!
- Pray for the meeting with Mark Albrecht, church planting director for our region of Converge MidAmerica, that several of our leaders are planning in early September (date pending at this time). Pray for a unity of purpose and understanding that will prosper Evangel and ensure success for the church plant in reaching unbelievers, unchurched believers, and others who need to know the excitement experienced by the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s worship service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message on “The Church: Beginning and Becoming” as he continues with the ninth part of his summer series, this week looking at the letter to the church of Smyrna in Revelation 2. \* Reflect on the letter that Jesus would write to the church in America today—or specifically to Evangel. What would he say and how should we respond?

*\*A podcast of the sermon will be posted on the website by Monday, along with pdf’s of the sermon outline and PowerPoint notes*

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Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.