
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of January 19, 2014

This series is aimed to support our "Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel" initiative. It 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, prayer 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)

Building Bridges

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Prayer for the Week

Father, I thank you for the gift of prayer and for my children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends. I intercede this week on behalf of _____,
Bless them, draw them into a closer relationship with you, and help me to be faithful in praying for them constantly, as long as I have breath!

Notable Quote

Around us is a world lost in sin, above us is a God willing and able to save; it is ours to build the bridge that links heaven and earth, and prayer is the mighty instrument that does the work. If we do our part, God will do his.

E. M. Bounds (1835-1913)

Reflection

Some people have the resources to leave a large sum of money to their loved ones when they die. Others will leave a great legacy through hospitals and university buildings named after them. A few will leave vast real estate holdings or thriving family businesses. But this verse expresses the greatest legacy we can leave to our children, our grandchildren, and other loved ones; it's the legacy of prayer. Your prayers for your family and those God calls you to intercede for are never in vain! As you live a life of intercession, God will hear your prayers. He will bless the ones you are praying for and fulfill his plans for their lives. But the blessing won't stop when you leave this earthly body for heaven. Your prayers will continue to have an impact. You can give your children and loved ones many gifts in this life and be a positive influence, but the greatest influence, the greatest gift you can give them, is through your prayers.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Combining the thoughts for this week with Pastor Dave's emphasis on invitation, pray for the courage and opportunities to become an inviter of those for whom you are interceding. Pray specifically for those who could be part of the Evangel family or through the influence of our ministry could move closer to Christ.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday's worship service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave's message*, "Bringing Others to Him" (John 1:35-42) as he continues this study of John begun during Advent. Pray for opportunities to apply these lessons throughout the week.
- 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. Pray for Mark Albrecht of Converge Mid-America as he seeks the Lord's direction to find the best person for the Wheaton area—and for the contact Pastor Dave had with one potential planter in the area. In the meantime, renew your dedication to meet Bill France's challenge to pray that God will lead 25 adults and 50 children to Evangel—a seemingly impossible task! But not impossible for God! Pray persistently that God will bring a great harvest in 2014!

*A podcast of the sermon, plus pdf documents of the sermon outline and PowerPoint notes are posted on the website, normally by Monday.

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