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## Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of June 1, 2014

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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](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf) )

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### Coming Home

I have wandered away like a lost sheep; come and find me, for I have not forgotten your commands.

*Psalm 119:176*

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#### Prayer for the Week

Father, I pray today on behalf of [insert names]. Open their minds and hearts to the truth of your Word. Send the Holy Spirit to release your love and power into their lives, that they may experience your grace, believe your truth, understand their need, turn from their sin, and live forever with you.

#### Notable Quote

God works on the earth through prayer, and you are going to have the awesome privilege of partnering with God to see people meet Christ.

**People will be in heaven because of your prayers.** (emphasis added)

*Dutch Sheets*

#### Reflection

If we are Christians, each of us, at one time or another, was a lost sheep that the Father found and drew to himself. God wants us, as recipients of his amazing grace, to join him in interceding for other lost sheep—family members, friends, or other people he has brought into our lives. We are to bring them to the throne of grace and ask the Lord to reveal himself to them, to redeem and free them from the entrapment of sin, and to transform them by his love. If they are prodigals who are in "the far country" of an ungodly lifestyle, if they have forgotten God's commands or been deceived by Satan, pray that the Spirit of the Lord will demolish strongholds of pride and unbelief and renew their minds in the truth. Pray that he will bring them out of darkness into his marvelous light.

As you pray for these lost sheep, be confident in God's power to work in their lives, defeat Satan's strategies, and bring them to full knowledge of Christ Jesus. Give thanks for the fact that God accomplished this through the finished work of Christ on the cross, and then continue in prayer that God will work out his purposes for these lost sheep.

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Repeat the "prayer of the week" each day this week, using the same list of people each day or focusing on a specific person or family each day. (*This is an example of a type of prayer to offer for the third bullet point*).
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go...When You Keep My Covenant" (Exodus 4:24-26). \* Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons.
- Continue to remember one family from your circle of influence for intercession. They could be a neighbor, coworker or relative. Pray for their struggles to be resolved, their health improved and their relationships strengthened. Ask the Lord to bring them to a fuller, closer relationship with Himself in faith and obedience.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable an offer of attendance.
- Continue to pray for our "Stepping Out in Faith" initiative: pray especially this week for follow-up to last week's Assessment Center and the one person who is a potential candidate to be the church planter we seek. Continue to pray for new people to join us—and praise the Lord for the evidence of that, with new women in Coffeebreak, recent visitors on Sunday, and the Lord's work among the growing number who make use of our facilities: our own Saturday morning basketball ministry; First Russian Baptist Church; EDGE; DCFS training (on hiatus for the time being); and the potential connection with Karen Church, a congregation of people from Myanmar (Burma).

\*A podcast of the sermon, along with PDF files of the sermon outline and PowerPoint notes will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.

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