
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of June 15, 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)

A Prayer for Families

How happy are those who fear the Lord—all who follow his ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How happy you will be! How rich your life! Your wife will be like a fruitful vine, flourishing within your home. And look at all those children! There they sit around your table as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. . . .
May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.

Psalm 128:1-3, 6

Prayer for the Week

Lord, our families need you. Please bless our family and teach us to fear and follow your ways! May the light from our family bless our church, city, state, and nation. Today, I pray for *[insert family's name]*. They are hurting and need to know you and your plan for them. Draw their hearts to you and give them faith so that they can experience the richness of life you promise to those who fear you.

Notable Quote

The future of the church and the future of humanity depend in great part on parents and on the family life they build in their homes. The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation.

Pope John Paul II

Reflection

These verses paint a picture of a godly family living under the Lord's authority and protection: parents who follow his ways and fear God, a wife who flourishes, children growing up with hope and promise for the future. History shows that when there is peace and order in families, that peace ripples out to the church, the city, the state, and the nation. Unfortunately, this isn't the picture of most homes today. Instead, families are disintegrating on every side; children are troubled; the culture is in a downward moral slide. But thanks be to God, he has an answer! He is the answer for our families. And his heart and desire for families is still same—to live in simply joy, order, and harmony; to enjoy the fruit of our labor; and to follow his ways. Do you know a family that needs God's help? Pray this psalm as your prayer for them and for your own family today.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- On this Father's Day weekend, praise God for fathers who strive to show a Christ-like character and pray for those who need that example to fulfill their God-ordained role as father and husband.
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go...I will free them" (Exodus 5:5-14). * 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: praise God that Joel Jupp has joined our staff and pray that God will use him as he partners with Pastor Dave in the area of worship. Continue in prayer for the efforts of Mark Albrecht and Converge MidAmerica to secure the right person to lead a church plant from our facilities, aimed at increasing evangelism in our area.

*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.

Touch Points is e-mailed every Friday and normally posted on the website (www.evbapt.org) by Saturday.

Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.