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## Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of November 9, 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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### Searching for God

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his miracles. Exult in his holy name; O worshipers of the Lord, rejoice! Search for the Lord and for his strength, and keep on searching.

*Psalm 105:1-4*

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#### Prayer for the Week

Lord, I give thanks to you and proclaim your greatness! I want to tell everyone what you have done. Thank you for the many promises in your Word that you will come and strengthen me and reveal yourself so that I can know you more intimately. Cause me to seek you with all my heart, to search for you daily and throughout my life, and to depend on your strength for each day.

#### Notable Quote

Our God loves to come; He wants to come forth in us, to rise up in us in all His beauty.

*Margaret Therkelsen*

#### Reflection

The psalmist calls us in these verses to praise God, give him thanks, proclaim his greatness, and let the whole world know what he has done, but he also calls us to search for the Lord and his strength and to keep on searching. To search means to look carefully and thoroughly in an effort to find something important. The original Hebrew text has the idea of seeking with our whole hearts continually, regularly, daily, and then depending on his strength for all the challenges we face in living as his followers instead of in our own strength.

In response to our searching, the Lord loves to reveal himself to us and then manifest his strength in our lives. He has not hidden his character from his people; over and over throughout the Bible, through his Son, Jesus, and through his Spirit and creation he has revealed his heart, his glory, and nature that we might know him. Those who seek God and give their time to searching for him and knowing him will find all their needs met in him.

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- This week's theme has a connection with the "God's Not Dead" movie we are currently viewing in LIF@E Time, knowing that even those who say there is no God are often searching for him, and that our responsibility as believers is to make him known. Pray that God will help you to "search for the Lord and for his strength, and keep on searching" and to help others do the same.
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go: To Honor Me with Purity" (Exodus 12:14-20).\* Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons from the worship service and the LIF@E Time presentation of the film "God's Not Dead" (part 1 of 3).
- Thank the Lord for Evangel's long history of involvement with missions, particularly since many of the current and former missionaries we have supported have had a direct connection to Evangel. Pray that God will bless us and the missionaries we support as we continue our special focus on missions this week.
- 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. 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 other materials, will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.