

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of March 6, 2016

When You Need to be Uplifted

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.

READ: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. *Isaiah 40:31*

REFLECT: A young minister in our town asked some of us to describe the role we’d like to have God play in our lives. “In just one word,” he said.

An interesting collection of words came forth: Protector, Redeemer, Guide, Comforter, Friend and so on. But there was one unexpected reply. “I’d like Him,” this man said, “to be my Chauffeur.”

All of us were taken aback until he explained his choice. “When hot-air ballooning was invented some two hundred years ago in France,” he said, “the man in charge of the fire underneath the balloon that produced the hot air was known as a chauffeur, from the French word *chauffer*, meaning, to heat. Without the work of the chauffeur, the balloon couldn’t even rise.

“I like the thought of God breathing His life-giving Spirit into me every single day so that I can rise above the trials and difficulties and preoccupation with material things. Without the lift that God supplies I can do nothing.”

Arthur Gordon

PRAY: *Lord, help us to seek and find the power that comes to those filled with Your Holy Spirit.*

DO: Every day ask God to fill you anew with His Holy Spirit.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week—it will be used in our weekly prayer time, which has moved to Sundays at 11:15am for the winter months. Copies can also be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org).
- Reflect on this week’s worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “Reviving Repentance – Part 2” (Revelation 2-3)—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing to people you have contact with.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.
- Pray that God will bless our succession planning efforts. For more information, pick up a copy of the Evangel Profile (one per household). Also see the [website](#) for information to help you better understand our succession planning as Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement (tentatively late spring 2017).

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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