

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of June 12, 2016

When You’re Anxious about the Future

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: We have confidence in the Lord . . . *1 Thessalonians 3:4*

REFLECT: As a child, whether riding my bike through city streets or scampering along a beach, I wondered what was around the next corner.

This set me on my way to many wonderful adventures, like the time I biked around an unfamiliar corner and came to a field where a baby calf had just been born. But more often than not, it got me into trouble.

One day I urged a childhood friend around “just one more bend of the cove” of our favorite beach. Within minutes we were trapped by the incoming tide. It was a good thing friends came looking for us and rushed for the lifeguards.

As an adult, I am still curious. “I wish I had a futuristic spyglass to see what’s around the corner for us,” I told my husband over dinner.

“It’s a good think that you don’t.” He wagged his fork at me, “Leave well enough alone. God has a plan. Trust Him.”

—Fay Angus

PRAY: *Moment by moment, through every day, I will trust You, Lord, knowing the plans You have for me are good.*

DO: Rather than looking ahead, look back and remember some of the good things God unexpectedly brought into your life.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. Copies can be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org/archive). The full Pause to Pray is used in our Wednesday prayer time. An abbreviated version appears in the Sunday bulletin.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “By the Breath of His Mouth” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)*—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing and witness to people you have contact with during the week.
- 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 and compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.
- Pray that God will bless our succession planning efforts (Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement, tentatively late spring 2017). See Pause to Pray for specific prayer requests. See the Succession Planning page on our [website](http://www.evbapt.org), with additional updates and information to help you better understand our succession planning process. (The handout from the Open Forums May 15 and 22 will not be posted on the website. See Stu Johnson or Pastor Dave if you missed the sessions and would like a copy).

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

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