

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of October 30, 2016

When You Need Direction

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: I am with you always.... *Matthew 28:20*

REFLECT: I got lost the first time I drove by myself across Albuquerque *at night after moving to New Mexico. Panic shivered through me when I realized I’d wandered into a section so dark I could no longer see landmarks or street signs. I couldn’t even tell in what direction I was headed.*

Frightened and desperate, I whispered, “Lord, I need Your help. Please, show me how to get home.”

That’s when I remembered: Sandia Crest, the mountain that looms east of the city, has a light on top. I peered through the car windows, trying to find that light among the thousands of stars that twinkled in the midnight sky. Yes, there it was, a steady point of light, unmoving, unchanging, a beacon I could follow.

My shivering stopped, replaced by the assurance of Jesus’ guidance, which is available to me wherever I go.

Madge Harrah

PRAY: *Let me always be looking for Your guiding light, Lord.*

DO: Be a light that leads a lost friend to Jesus.

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 “Hear I Stand” (Romans 1:16-17 – a message for Reformation Sunday —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). Pray for the Lord’s leading on today’s Open Forum and the vote on establishing a Negotiating Team to pursue the sale of our property to one of the two churches that have extended offers.

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

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