

ON YOUR WALLS, O JERUSALEM,  
**I HAVE SET WATCHMEN;**  
ALL THE DAY & ALL THE NIGHT.

ISAIAH 62:6 [ESV]

## WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

Dear Watchman,

Followers follow. As we spend our hour each week as Watchmen with the Lord, our hearts are being molded to match His heart. 1 John 4:16 (NCV) states: *“And so we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.”*

What does it look like to “live in love”? Each month we praise God and petition Him for areas in our church where we see and know we need His hand at work. While you may serve in one area of ministry, you’ll also find yourself praying about a ministry area where you do not serve. Instead of rushing through a list, consider this time as invaluable to stretching your own heart for what is in God’s heart.

When it comes to a ministry area or need you are unfamiliar with, slow down and ask the Lord to enlarge your heart for that area of ministry. You may just be surprised to see how the Lord answers your prayer.

In the fictitious Christmas classic film, the Grinch’s heart grew three sizes. I know Mobberly is a far cry from Whoville, but can you imagine the potential if everyone in the Mobberly family experienced three times the love for the things of God, starting with one another. Jesus declared others will know we are His disciples by the love we have for each other (John 13:35).

- Pray for divine protection and eternal impact through our three Spring Break Mission trips (South Dakota, Ecuador, Nederland, TX).
- Ask God to develop a deeper love for each other in your own Connect Group and all Connect Groups.
- May God increase the love in our homes and every household, especially through Kirk Cameron’s “Family Reset” on March 22.

*Pastor Dlynn*

**Praise:** Praising God for who He is and for what He is doing.

- God gives us a new heart when we follow Him
  - Psalm 51:10 (CSB), *“God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*
  - Ezekiel 36:26 (CSB), *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”*
  - Jeremiah 24:7 (CSB), *“I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God because they will return to me with all their heart.”*

**Praise the Lord:**

- For God’s creative ideas and provision for substitute leaders during these past several weeks of illness and absence among leaders in the Children’s area.
- For the completion of the new preschool facility...thanks be to God!
- We are wrapping up the renovations in our existing preschool building. God has been so faithful to provide everything we have needed right when we needed it. We are ever thankful and blessed by the resources we have available to help us love and lead preschoolers to hear and learn about God’s great love for each of them!
- The youth ministry has seen souls added to the kingdom every week.
- For the many girls that attended Princess Weekend at Elevation.
- For students who engage others.
- Each Connect Group has adopted one of our local mission groups and the gospel is being shared each time they minister to the people at these locations.
- Our Engage Wall count is now at 5,153. Each week people are engaging people and dropping a ball with initials into the wall.
- God is working in our prison/jail ministry. We are in the Gregg County jail six times a month sharing the Good News of Jesus. We give out fantastic prison Bibles thanks to your giving to our church budget and special monetary gifts for Bible purchases.
- For new leaders God has raised up in Senior Adult Connect Groups and the impact they will have in leading others in an ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Our Women’s Connect Groups (single moms, generational groups and mature women’s groups) are meeting very specific needs of the women in their groups. Praise God for their sensitivity and loving other women well, according to His desires!
- For faithful people to serve for the inaugural Upward soccer season in Marshall.
- For bringing first-time guests to the Marshall campus from the neighborhood.
- Mobberly en Español will be celebrating their 6-year anniversary on March 31st. We praise God for all He has done in these six years of ministry and for the work He will continue to do.
- For the completion of Mobberly en Español’s fourth Engage 201 class in Spanish and for the participation of our members during this endeavor.
- For our bilingual college students from LeTourneau and ETBU, who have committed to being part of and serving in our Mobberly en Español ministry.
- For the Grand Opening for Hope Road Counseling. Hope Road has seen over 360 clients since opening.
- For provision of physical and financial needs for Hope Road Counseling.
- The Hope Road Counseling team has come together. We are thankful for devoted and godly counselors and staff members.
- For six people now trusting in Jesus through a saving relationship with Him discovered during the Tuesday morning Family Services Ministry since our last Watchman report! Pray for these new believers as they begin their walk with Christ: Alene, Jose, David, Larry, Jennifer, and Jacqueline.

**Repent:** Of sins committed and commands neglected.

Our ongoing sins disturb our fellowship with our heavenly Father. This is why we need to repent of our sins and confess them to God. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (I John 1:9, CSB)

As you pray, take time to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal your sins. Think through various areas of your life: sins of thought, sins of attitude, sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of self-rule, sins of self-reliance or sins of relationships. Ask God for the grace to repent and to restore your fellowship, and then thank God your sins have already been paid for by Christ. Rest in His unfailing love.

**Ask:** When our hearts are God-oriented in praise, and purified through repentance, then we are ready to “Ask.” God encourages us to come boldly to Him and ask. *“Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:16, CSB)

### **Ask God:**

- For protection around our leader’s marriages and for healing for those marriages that are hurting.
- To help our Children’s ministry staff as they relocate to new offices. Pray for smoothness of transition and joy as they settle in.
- To provide for the health of our children and leaders that they may remain strong and free of any sickness. Healthy kids and leaders are so important to our ministry from babies all the way through to our preteens!
- To guide in upcoming Children’s ministry preparations for the Passion Week Friend Night. We are already planning for this incredible opportunity to have children invite their friends to hear the gospel! Pray we will cover all the details so there will be no barriers to the gospel being shared!
- To lead our adult leaders in the classrooms on Wednesdays and Sundays that they will be strong in their faith and would continue to grow in their spiritual life so they can lead boys and girls to know about God’s great plan for each of them.
- To bless our upcoming Youth Friend Night on Passion Week.
- To bless the many new believers as well as all our students, asking that they will grow stronger in their relationship with God.
- To prepare and use our youth choir and praise band, that God would be glorified through their talents as they lead the youth in worship at Elevation each Wednesday night.
- To bless our junior high students and sponsors (30 total) who will be on our mission trip to Nederland, TX (March 10-13). Pray for each person going:
  - ❖ Hannah M., Luke A., Reagan H., Preston A., Asher A., Mia F., Dean D., Blythe D., Josh A., Bianca F., Libby F., Alec R., Jagger S., Noah P., Avery P., Caleb B., Austin B., Mackenzie B., Kinleigh M., Ashlyn M., Abby P., Craig B., Cory P., Christina F., Michael M., Josh N., Joel A., Susan S., Gary H., Will H.
- To bless our High School students and sponsors (35 total) who will be on our mission trip to Ecuador (March 9-15). Pray for each person going:
  - ❖ Abigail A., Mallory A., Reagan A., Logan B., Colby B., Chloe C., Grace C., Clancy D., Emily D., Meigan D., Kylie G., Nick H., Emily K., Mason L., Adamaris L., Marcy L., Macie M., Kate M., Adam M., Elliott N., Emily P., Kate P., Zach P., Luke S., Trey S., Elizabeth W., Katherine M., Denny B., Heidi A., Kenna P., Jonathan L., Kim C., Jaime W., Courtney A., Michael C.
- To bless our College students and sponsors (16 total) who will be on our mission trip to Sturgis and Rapid City, South Dakota (March 8-16). Pray for each person going:
  - ❖ Justus M., Ashlynn S., Gracie K., Jessica C., Johnathan M., Gabe K., Daniel S., Sara W., Mpanga C., Abi S., Titus M., Nang Minh V., Joe P., Jay S., Lindsay J., Kevin J.

- To use our next round of Engage 201 classes starting at the Longview campus, Wednesday, March 27 in D112 at 6 p.m. and March 18 at the Marshall campus. Pray learners will be equipped to share the gospel in their daily lives.
- To provide hundreds of screened Decision Prayer Partners to assist during Passion Week, as well as our Power Team Events in Longview and Marshall. (April 30-May 5)
- To open the door for further opportunities for Mobberly to minister at the Bradshaw Unit and East Texas Treatment Facility in Henderson. They are affiliated with the Texas State Jail System.
- That lives be touched and caregivers encouraged through the upcoming Alzheimer's Seminar "A Caregiver's Journey through Alzheimer's and Dementia" with Dorothy Horne.
- For wisdom and God's equipping of Alyssa Whitehurst as she steps into leading the Ministry to Women at Mobberly.
- To call out women He has purposed to be a part of the Women's Ministry Core Team and for the Women's Generational Team from leaders on both campuses.
- To prepare the hearts of those leading in Mobberly women's ministry to embrace the truth of God's Word regarding His command to "Go and make disciples... (Matthew 28:18-20)" – focusing on being actively involved in life-changing discipleship, preparing & developing themselves with wonderful resources and helping to lead and teach others about what true reproducible disciple making looks like.
- To use the Children's choirs as they prepare to present their musical, "Danny and the Shacks" on March 27. This musical tells the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Please pray our children will learn and internalize the message that God is always with them. Also that unchurched families who attend will hear and respond to the gospel message.
- To allow the Marshall campus people to grow a deeper love for the families of Travis Elementary.
- That the families involved in Marshall campus Upward soccer season will experience Jesus' love.
- To use the Marshall United multi-ethnic worship gathering at ETBU led by SODA Lake churches March 23.
- To open the doors for a college ministry at Wiley College in Marshall.
- To bless Mobberly en Español's Engage monthly visits to the community on Saturday March 9.
- To help Mobberly en Español to persevere in our efforts to cultivate a culture of prayer, which will continue to sustain and strengthen our evangelism efforts.
- To lead in the start of a leadership class and training for Mobberly en Español on March 11.
- For wisdom and strength for Hope Road Counseling counselors to walk with people through many life struggles including: marital strife, trauma, grief, depression, parenting heartaches, anxiety, lack of confidence, insecurities and many others.
- For wisdom in adding additional counselors at Hope Road to meet the growing need for counselors who can see people in the evening and on Saturdays.
- For wisdom and strength for Hope Road administrative staff to facilitate a growing number of appointments, schedules, and other administrative tasks so counselors can work with minimal distraction and disruption.

**Yield:** to what God says to me. Yield my will to the will of God. Yield my agenda to the plan God has for my life. We must be willing to yield our desires and our thoughts to God's sovereign wisdom. As Jesus faced the cross, He prayed in Matthew 26:39 (CSB) "*My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.*" We must pray with that same spirit, humbly yielding our will to God's will. To close our prayer by "yielding" to God is a way where we submit our desires to Him. In the end, it is our way of acknowledging His will is what will truly satisfy us anyway. God's will and plan is better than ours. He knows the end from the beginning and He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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