

"On your walls,
O Jerusalem I have
set watchmen
all the day and
all the night."

Isaiah 62:6

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

Holding Up Each Other's Hands

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Teaching Pastor Paul Coleman shared an amazing message with us on Sunday, October 24. In that message of encouragement regarding God's sovereign control, care and plan he mentioned a story in Exodus 17:11-13, telling of the Israelites as they were sent out to fight the Amalekites: "¹¹While Moses held up his hand, Israel

prevailed, but whenever he put his hand down, Amalek prevailed. ¹²When Moses's hands grew heavy, they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat down on it. **Then Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other so that his hands remained steady until the sun went down.** ¹³So Joshua defeated Amalek and his army with the sword."

God is our greatest encourager (see Praise below). The Holy Spirit is called the "Comforter" or "Counselor" in John 14:16. It is the word *paraklētos* – one who comes alongside to encourage, comfort, plead one's case before the judge. He directly pours into us strength, courage and power. He holds our hands up in visible and invisible ways as we fight the daily battles of life.

But God also uses His people to encourage one another. Moses encouraged Joshua (Deut. 3:38), Jonathan encouraged David (1 Sam. 23:16), Barnabas encouraged the Antioch believers (Acts 11:23) and Paul encouraged the disciples in Ephesus (Acts 20:1). We too are called to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11), "encourage each other daily" (Heb. 3:13), "encourage each other...and all the more as you see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

How will you use your words in the days ahead? Let's choose to lift up each other's arms through prayer, asking God to intervene and work in the lives of believers we know. We can also lift up each other's arms through words of encouragement and affirmation, speaking "what is good for building up someone in need" (Eph. 4:29). Our words – to God and to each other – have great power.

The Pastor Search Committee needs your prayers of encouragement in these days. Just as importantly, every member of the Mobberly family can be encouraged as you pray for them and speak life into them. **Pray for encouragement, Watchmen, as we hold up one another's arms, see God win the battles and allow Him to be glorified in East Texas and beyond.**



Greg Martin
Pastor of Congregational Care

"LONGVIEW PRAYS" GATHERING
Friday, November 12 (6:45 AM)
FBC Longview, The ROC
Everyone Invited

Special Prayers for All in These Times

2 Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”* As believers, we have the authority Christ has given us to pray about the spread of any disease and pray for healing for those who have the Coronavirus.

- Praise God for His sovereignty. He is and always will be in control of all things. Pray that we will trust Him to help us navigate this season of uncertainty.
- Ask God in His mercy to stop this pandemic and save lives, not only in our communities but also around the world, particularly in places unequipped medically to deal with the virus. (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in this moment of fear as the foundations of what we know are shaken, that others would realize how fragile life is and how real eternity is and they would see their need to turn to God. Scripture says: *“Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.”* (Psalms 90:12)
- Ask God to protect our missionaries and their families around the world, using this global crisis to advance His Good News to all nations. (Mark 16:15)
- Pray for wisdom for governmental leaders, the CDC, researchers, other medical personnel, leaders in churches and other strategic places to have the wisdom to direct us in the best courses of action for prevention and care. (Romans 13:1-4).
- Pray for the protection of doctors, nurses, crisis response teams, emergency first responders, researchers and other medical professionals who risk their lives to protect ours.
- Pray for comfort and healing for those stricken with this virus. Pray they will receive the quality health care needed to regain health and strength. Pray for healing and for a treatment to cure and eradicate this virus.
- Pray for the effectiveness of the vaccines that are being distributed.
- Pray for peace, calmness, freedom from fear, anxiety and panic among individuals and communities.
- Pray for racial understanding, peace and harmony. Pray that every person, each an image-bearer of God, would experience justice and protection. Pray for an end to violent confrontations.

See web links below for the most up-to-date information about our campus schedules and COVID-19 guidelines.

Here are some places on our website (all accessible from our home page at mobberly.org) where you can get encouragement and information:

- View Worship Gatherings online (mobberly.org/online)
- Find information about the Pastor Search Committee and process (mobberly.org/psc)
- Prayer concerns (mobberly.org/pray)
- Give to the Lord through Mobberly (mobberly.org/give)
- Information about Mobberly and COVID-19 (mobberly.org/corona)
- Stay connected with our social media accounts on [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).
- Subscribe to our [email news](#) list.

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

- **God encourages His people.**

- **Ezra 7:27-27 (NKJV):** *"²⁷Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, ²⁸and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. So I was encouraged, as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me."*
- **Romans 15:5-6 (ESV):** *"⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- **1 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (CSB):** *"¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word."*

Praise the Lord:

- Pastor Search Committee (PSC):
 - Praise God for the outpouring of love, support and prayer from our church family toward the Pastor Search Committee as they prepare their hearts to reset the search process.
 - Praise God for His sovereignty over the pastor search process. We join the church in standing confident that God will reveal His called man in His perfect timeline.
- For the opportunity for Pastor Geoffrey to speak to 40+ students at ETBU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).
- For 75 Marshall campus volunteers coming together for "Team Night" for encouragement and equipping.
- For Mobberly's partnership with Soda Lake Baptist Association and the cooperative ministry and missions' efforts.
- For the 35 Mobberly Marshall members committed to an eight-month vision discovery process for how God can use the Marshall campus for local ministry impact.
- For the Marshall campus families who utilized our Halloween family discipleship and outreach resource.
- For the visitors to Mobberly campuses we are meeting each week. Ask God to help us connect these folks to Christ and our church family.
- For allowing the city of Marshall to grow and develop economically with families moving in regularly from out of state, and through incredible school district improvements.
- For kids who have accepted Christ as their Savior.
- For our children's New Christians Class where kids can be disciple in their relationship with Jesus.
- For faithful Children's Ministry leaders who are willing to give of their time to love and lead kids.
- For the Children's Ministry resources, we have to teach and care for all children who attend throughout the week.
- For students who have a heart for the world and for serving others. Our students have begun to serve in various projects locally, as well as filling and packing boxes through Operation Christmas Child.
- For three new apprentices who have started serving in the Student Ministry.
- That several new young couples have been attending our Worship Gatherings.
- We have added several talented young adults to our Young Adult Worship Team.

- For the opportunity to host a regional Special Ministries Mini-Camp at Mobberly with over 70 people participating from area group and individual homes.
- For Dong Do (Vietnamese Ministry) and Ricky Ruiz (Mobberly en Español) and their call to serve the Lord. It was a joy to see them ordained by our church to serve in the Vietnamese and Spanish ministries.
- For consistent and faithful involvement of leaders and participants in the GO Share/Disciple/Multiply class this fall as they meet in disciple making teams to grow and learn to make disciples who reproduce.
- Our GO Share/Disciple/Multiply class invited people far from God, unchurched, or lost to join us for a Hamburger Cookout at the lake on Oct. 3rd. We had 150 people enjoying spiritual conversations, a great meal, games and gift cards. God gave us beautiful weather and we were able to connect people to one another for a great evening.
- For six salvations at our Upward Celebration. Please pray as we continue to contact parents and navigate the next steps for the children.
- For our new Women's Ministry welcome team who will serve to welcome all new female members into the Mobberly family and help them connect the dots as they plug into church life.
- For the countless ways our women's Connect Group leaders, Bible study leaders, Widow to Widow leaders, Prayer Shawl leaders, Entrusted (staff wives) encouragers, Moms in Prayer leaders, event team leaders and leadership council have persevered, encouraged and shown up consistently and selflessly over the last year with the deepest desire to honor God and love His women well.
- For Karen, who has come to serve fulltime in the front office at Hope Road Counseling (HRC).
- For men and women who continue to faithfully serve on the HRC Advisory Council.
- For the ongoing gracious donors giving to HRC, allowing us to offer scholarships to provide for counseling needs.
- The Thrive! support ministry is reaching marginalized communities in our area.
- Child Protective Services (CPS) continues to partner with Thrive! to provide services to families in their care.
- New mentoring opportunities are becoming available to families-in-crisis in our area.
- Celebrate Recovery has new and returning participants each week. One participant celebrated 20 months of sobriety in a recent session.
- Our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continues its vital ministry. **Four people** put their hope in Jesus through this team's ministry since our last Watchmen report! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ, **Shakaria, Christopher, Cheryl and Bobby.**
 - Pray for follow-up by GO Share-Disciple-Multiply teams and others seeking to call these people into discipling relationships with Mobberly or another church family.

Repent: Of sins committed and commands neglected.

Our ongoing sins disrupt 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."* (1 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. 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:

- Pastor Search Committee (PSC):
 - Ask God for a renewal of strength, deepening commitment and focus as the PSC resets the process of searching for a senior pastor.
 - Pray for peace, protection and an extra gifting of patience for the PSC team, their families, their time, their energy and their spiritual formation as they persevere in the pastor search process.
- For His presence and guidance in the Marshall Campus ministry vision discovery process as we meet monthly until May 2022.
- To speak to and through Pastor Geoffrey as he leads the vision team toward shared ministry vision clarity.
- To continue to use live preaching at the Marshall Campus and to guide Pastor Geoffrey as he preaches more often.
- To give Marshall Campus attenders ownership of the ministry through serving and giving.
- To move three or four single adults to commit to the new Single’s Connect Group led by Jeff Welch at the Marshall campus on Sundays at 11 a.m.
- To move in the hearts of more people who would be willing to step in and lead in our Children’s Ministry on Sunday morning and Wednesday night.
- To move in the life of our kids so when they are ready they will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior.
- For continued health and protection over our Children’s Ministry leaders, kids and families.
- To protect all the children that attend Mobberly from the evil and confusion of our times. Ask God to draw our children to Him so they can know Jesus.
- To use our resources to touch the lives of kids and families with the truth of the gospel.
- To bless the seeds planted at the Student Costumes & Candy on October 27 – We’re asking God that we would see a lot of students saved at this event.
- To provide Connect Group leaders for an additional Connect group for middle-aged singles.
- To encourage several young adults struggling with anxiety.
- To help Mobberly’s homebound members be encouraged and renewed as our deacon’s share the Lord’s Supper with them on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14.
- To provide volunteers that would provide transportation assistance to church for a couple of our Senior Adults and Special Needs Adults.
- To give wisdom to the Worship ministry staff as details are planned for the Sounds of the Season programs. Ask God to provide the many volunteers needed to play roles, help run tech, organize cast members and costumes, and help backstage.
- To bring exactly the right people to come and hear the gospel presented through the Sounds of the Season programs. Ask that many will respond to the gospel and be saved.

- To bring people to the Community Dinner during the Sounds of the Season who need to be loved and need to know Christ. May they feel loved and accepted and realize their need for Christ if they don't already know Him.
- To provide more opportunities to disciple others as our GO Share/Disciple/Multiply continues to meet lost and/or unchurched people.
- To help GO Share/Disciple/Multiply (GSDM) participants to identify one person they will begin and continue to disciple at conclusion of GSDM on Nov. 10.
- To bless GSDM teams who are actively working with individuals and couples in life messes as they learn to love like Jesus loves us.
- To guide evaluation of GSDM and planning for Spring 2022.
- To help the Nov. 1 Better Together women's event to be a gathering that is uplifting and inspiring for women of all ages and backgrounds learning to live in community as disciples of Christ.
- For the Women's Ministry leadership team to finish the year well and continue to pray fervently as He maps out the course for the upcoming spring semester.
- To direct every detail of the upcoming "Soul Shift" conference (Nov. 12th) and Hope Road Counseling (HRC) staff retreat with Dr. Curt Thompson (Nov. 13th). Pray that God's will, will be accomplished in each person's soul who attends.
- For continued guidance regarding a larger space for HRC.
- To continue to protect the health and unity of the staff at HRC and lead them to find space to refresh and rest.
- To grant the Celebrate Recovery Leadership Team-strength and time to work on own recovery while serving others in the recovery process.
- To bless Marriage Moments as they wrap up the fall Fruit of the Spirit series in Longview and Marshall.
 - November 8, 6:45 p.m. @ Papacitas in Longview
 - November 10, 6:00 p.m. @ José Tequila's in Marshall
- For comfort, peace, and felt-safety for the children, students, parents and adults that will be attending Thrive! support groups this fall.
- For the Mobberly family to become more aware of the opportunities and services that Thrive! provides
- For children in vulnerable situations to be safe and seen.
- For the health and safety of our area social workers.
- For Celebrate Recovery (CR) participants and leaders to stay focused on their recovery and not let fear and anxiety overcome them.
- For comfort in families grieving loss, particularly during this holiday season.
- For health and safety of the leaders, participants and their families of our support groups.
- For renewed energy in working with children that have experienced hard things in their young lives.
- For wisdom and flexibility to meet the needs of those on the fringes of our society
- For development of new Marriage Ministry opportunities:
 - Marriage Mentors-Lauren & Deb McGrew
 - Merge Pre-Marital Course [Praying for Coordinator/Leader(s)]
 - Foundations Newly Wed Connect Groups [Praying for Coordinator/Leader(s)]

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 in which we submit our desires to Him. In the end, it is our way of acknowledging His will, which is what will truly satisfy us anyway. God's will and plan are better than ours. He knows the end from the beginning, and He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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Exodus 17:11-13 [CSB]
