


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

Isaiah 62:6



WATCHMEN ON THE WALL



Ambassadors in Our Neighborhoods

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Have you ever thought about being appointed as an ambassador? Our country has ambassadors who represent America to other nations across the globe. Merriam Webster defines an ambassador as a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government. These men and women are sent to live in a foreign country and be the voice of America among those people. Sound interesting to you?

But wait...YOU have been called to be an ambassador! 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 says, *"¹⁸Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, 'Be reconciled to God.'"* You are called to be an ambassador for Christ!

In 2024 our Mobberly family is embarking on a bold adventure...the Neighborhood Initiative. Through this initiative we will be challenged to live out God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Your neighborhood can take several forms – the actual physical area in which you live, the workplace or school where you spend many of your days, your family, the social club or hobby group that you see regularly. In each of these places you have been sent to represent Christ Jesus, to be a voice to share His love and His story with those who need redemption. We are to pray for our neighbors, serve them as Jesus would, and share the gospel - the good news of Jesus' love - with them.

Remember that before we were called to share this life-changing message of being reconciled to God through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, we were given this gift for ourselves. Because of your trust in this same Jesus our sins are not counted against us and we are made new creations in Christ. We will be the very best ambassadors we can be as we remember what it means for us to be a part of God's Kingdom through Jesus. We have gone from death to life because of Jesus.

Prayer Warriors, you'll hear more about this game plan in the coming days. But please begin to PRAY NOW that each Mobberly member will experience the joy of being an ambassador in their neighborhood and through the Mobberly ministries below. You are appointed a prayer ambassador!



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Pastor of Congregational Care



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. ([Psalm 103:19](#))
- Ask God to protect our missionaries and their families around the world, using these global circumstances to advance His Good News to all nations. ([Mark 16:15](#))
- 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 wisdom for governmental leaders to have the wisdom to direct us in the best course of action for our country. ([Romans 13:1-4](#)).
- Pray for peace, calmness, freedom from fear, anxiety and panic among individuals and communities. ([Philippians 4:6-7](#))
- Pray for racial understanding, peace, and harmony. Pray every person as an image-bearer of God, would experience justice and protection. ([Galatians 3:28](#))

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

- View Worship Gatherings online (mobberly.org/online)
- 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.

- **Christ is our Reconciler**
 - **Romans 5:10-11 (CSB):** *"¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation."*
 - **Ephesians 2:14-15 (CSB):** *"¹⁴For He is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In His flesh, ¹⁵He made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that He might create in himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace."*
 - **Colossians 1:21-22 (CSB):** *"²¹Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²²But now He has reconciled you by His physical body through His death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before Him."*

Praise the Lord:

- For the impact of the 2023 Homefront Initiative. God blessed our personal spiritual lives, our homes, and our marriages through this year.
- For new relationships formed with Everhart Elementary and the many families who attended Sounds of the Season! Over 500 came representing Everhart Elementary families to the Sounds of the Season. We fed over 500 at the dinner and over 350 gifts were given to the children from our generous MBC members. Many responded that they want to come back and visit Mobberly.
- For a wonderful Sounds of the Season program this year! With almost 4,500 people in attendance and 20 people making decisions for Christ, we praise God for moving in the hearts of people! Praise God for all departments of our Staff working together to make this year come off!
- For children who got to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Happy Birthday Jesus parties in the Children's Ministry in December.
- For nine youth who expressed a profession of faith at the Youth Christmas event. God used Steven Bargatze and Will Hagle to share the gospel.
- For making the Special Ministries Christmas party a special time of celebration.
- For the foundation work continuing on the site for the new Hope Road Counseling (HRC) Facility and the building project moving forward.
- For the HRC annual fundraiser dinner "A Night of Hope", for and those who support the HRC ministry to meet the mental, emotional and spiritual needs of the East TX communities.
- For His faithful love and guidance for those who lead, counsel and serve Hope Road Counseling.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Twelve** people put their hope in Jesus through this team's ministry over the last two months! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ: **Cindy, Kavon, Charlotte, Bobbie, Emily, Maddison, Hector, Brenda, Daniella, Daniella's sister, Daniella's niece, and Myron.**

Repent: Our 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 that Christ has already paid for your sins. 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:

- To guide the Mobberly family through the 2024 Neighborhood Initiative, leading each member to pray for and serve their neighbors as they seek to share the gospel with them.

- To bless our monthly church-wide visitation that begins on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. Pastor Andrew will guide our prayer time before going out at 5:00 p.m.
- For times of refreshment and rest for our Staff after such a busy Christmas season. Pray for genuine spiritual renewal as we enter a new year.
- To raise up volunteers (male and female) to assist in the baptism ministry.
- To raise up needed leaders in the Children's Ministry in the Preschool, Children's and Preteen areas, as well as for KidsLife on Wednesday nights.
- To bless the January launch of a two-hour morning program (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.) for the Leaps and Bounds Special Needs children's classes.
- To guide in the development of a Parent Resource Area to be developed on the second floor of The Bridge. The goal is to provide materials for children's spiritual growth and development, parenting helps for growth and development, Children's Ministry favorites, etc. - all with links to purchase.
- To guide in the development of a Youth Resource Area in Elevation. Resources will be provided to guide youth in spiritual growth, as well as for issues they face in these days.
- To lead our Women's Ministry team as they plan toward Spring Bible studies and the launch of new mentoring relationships in January.
- To stir in the hearts of prospective seriously dating or engaged couples to begin to consider attending the Merge Premarital Ministry in Mar.-Apr. 2024.
- To provide facilitators to lead a Foundation Newlywed Group (six-eight couples) on Wednesday nights.
- To bless plans for upcoming national and international mission trips, and to raise up the right four-five staff members to lead mission trip in the next 12 months.
- To bless the new Thrive! support ministry semester that begins Jan. 8. Pray that God will bless a new ministry to support moms who have experienced miscarriage, still birth or death of an infant.
- To lead in considering the implementation of new support ministry for individuals with cancer.
- To provide traveling mercies and spiritual growth for 15 college students attending the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 3-5.
- For wisdom for maximizing Marshall campus space for ministry programming on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- To give courage and guidance to several Marshall adults going through addiction/recovery to seek next steps.
- To encourage several bi-lingual families who have visited church to join the bi-lingual Connect Group in Marshall.
- For a move of His Spirit as we launch the 2024 Neighborhood Initiative at the Marshall campus.
- To encourage Marshall campus members and attenders to practice inviting others to church. Ask that 50% of Marshall campus guests this year come from personal invitations from our members.
- To provide new Sunday morning and Wednesday night volunteers in kids and youth ministries for the spring in Marshall.
- To give favor for the Marshall community, and for economic development and the recruitment of new industry to Marshall.
- To raise up more adult Connect Group leaders and hosts for off-campus groups in Marshall.
- To continue to lead the building and planning committee as well as the contractor in the Hope Road Counseling (HRC) building project.
- To continue to provide for the remaining financial resources needed for the HRC Building project in His timing and according to His will.
- To provide rest for the counselors of HRC and time to be present with and loving connection with the LORD and with their families during the holidays and as they begin the new year.

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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2 Corinthians 5:18-20
