


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

Isaiah 62:6



WATCHMEN ON THE WALL



Grace To Excel

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

What does it take to get the job done? Whether it's building a house, repairing a plumbing problem, or seeking to establish a business we all want to know going into the project we will have everything we need to do what we have set our hearts to do. Paul references this in 2 Corinthians 9:8 where he writes *"And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work."* What is true in the physical realm is true in the spiritual realm – we want to know that we will have everything we need to do what God calls us to do. Let's break out a few truths in this powerful verse...

- **God is able.** The word here shares the root from which we get "dynamite." God is powerful – the creator and sustainer of the universe. There is no power He does not have, no obstacle He cannot overcome, no resource He cannot provide. The mighty God who calls us is able.
- **God gives overflowing grace.** The word for grace is "charis," from which we get the word "charity." It is God's merciful kindness and good will towards us, giving the believer joy and peace. It is overflowing grace, exceeding anything we could ask or imagine. And it is all a gift – not something we have to work hard enough or be good enough to earn.
- **God provides everything we need.** God's provision is always sufficient for the need. It is always enough. Whether it is wisdom for next steps, people to do ministry, financial resources to meet needs, or simply His peace in the journey...God has everything we need.
- **God calls us to excel in His good work.** God calls us to a good work. What could be better than to be heralds of the gospel and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ? It is life-changing both for this world and for eternity to those who will respond. We are to be the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus. Because this good work is so important, we are not to make half-hearted attempts in carrying out our mission. Rather, we are called to excel. We are to give our very best.

Put it all together. God has called the people of Mobberly to do His work here in East Texas to help people to know Jesus and to grow in Jesus. He has called us to meet spiritual needs and physical needs. He has called us to do His good work in an excellent way (not perfect but giving our very best to join His work). We are a part of God's world-wide and eternity-long mission to reach people.

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, pray today that we (individually and collectively) will appropriate the grace God overflows towards us so that we can excel at His good work to which He has called us.



Greg Martin
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.

- View Worship Gatherings online (mobberly.org/online)
- Prayer concerns (mobberly.org/pray)
- Give to the Lord through Mobberly (mobberly.org/give)
- 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.

- **The Holy Spirit empowers us**

- **Zechariah 4:6 (CSB):** *“⁶So he answered me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by strength or by might, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of Armies.”*
- **Romans 15:13 (CSB):** *“¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*
- **Ephesians 3:16 (CSB):** *“¹⁶I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit,”*

Praise the Lord:

- For 20 decisions at our Friend Day with Shane Pruitt.
- For a successful Choir & Orchestra Kick-off event! There were 17 new people who attended and expressed interest in getting plugged into the Worship Ministry! Praise the Lord!
- For a great Choir Sounds of the Season "Boot Camp" where we did some concentrated rehearsing on the upcoming Christmas music! We had great attendance, had some awesome desserts, learned a lot of the music, and had a great time of fellowship!
- For the Missions Development Committee. We are grateful for those who have served these last three years (Joel Soape, Jay Shepherd and George Tijerina) and for the new committee members rotating on (Dale Harper, Sheryl Noe and Coty Pratt).
- The Love the Nations Offering is approaching \$400,000 of the \$500,000 goal. We are thankful for the generosity of our church and the impact that this offering will have in spreading the Gospel all over the world!
- For daily energy and ability working through a challenging month of details and the kicking off a new school year in the Preschool Ministry.
- About 60 youth that expressed interest in volunteering with the Preschool/Children's Ministry.
- Four new babies were added to Mobberly families in Longview.
- Children's Ministry Leader Training went smoothly and it's such a blessing to see our Sunday Volunteer.
- The Fall Kick-off's have gone well for Children's Ministry Promotion Sunday and KidsLife on Wednesdays.
- For all the children who have returned to church after being in and out this summer.
- For providing Junior High and High School small group leaders for the upcoming school year.
- For Youth leaders that desire to disciple and walk alongside our students this year.
- For an incredible summer of Youth Ministry at ELEVATION.
- For Will Hagle and Curtis Lane. These two men lead our students with integrity, passion and a deep love for the Lord. They are a gift to our student ministry.
- For new life in our Young Adult Ministry. Several college students/young adults have been visiting our Connect Groups.
- For an impactful and encouraging Women's mentor training session led by Sonya Reeder and Treva Braham. We are so thankful for the time they spent sharing their wisdom and reminding us how we can sit well with those we are mentoring.
- For the new members God is bringing to Mobberly who are eager to help in Women's Ministry. They have such an open heart to serving, and we are incredibly blessed by them.
- For new and continued partnerships both in the community and within Mobberly for the Worthy ministry to women who have experienced an unexpected pregnancy.
- For the turnout at the Men's Ministry Back-to-School breakfast. There was lots of good fellowship among the guys and interaction between dads and their children.
- For new partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For new flourishing Thrive! support groups.
- For showing up in the small moments and showing His always-on-time provision and glory.
- For his protection of His people and calling us back to Himself.
- For the children finding forever families through Heart Gallery Etx.
- For new Thrive! Champions coming forward to start new support opportunities.
- For Marshall campus members and attenders catching the vision for Love the Nations, praying for mission partners, and going on mission trips.
- For the ability to partner with local Marshall community organizations such as Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center, 4Families/4Kids, and CASA.

- For continuing to draw people to salvation and baptism in Marshall.
- For the largest Discover Membership class in Marshall yet.
- For using our college students and young adults who have served on missions this summer and for bringing them back to us more equipped for ministry in Marshall.
- For three healthy babies born in Marshall this summer.
- For our beautiful Hope Road Counseling (HRC) space and the opportunity we had to Glorify Him as we hosted the East Texas community for the Longview Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for HRC.
- For the addition of our wonderful folks up front in HRC: Suzette Whinnery, our “Finance Specialist” and Olivia Pedroza, and Ariana Alberts, our “Schedulers”, to the Hope Road team.
- For the official adoption for the Whitehurst family and our HRC Advisory Council Member, Alyssa.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Six** people put their hope in Jesus through this team’s ministry since the last Watchmen Alert! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ: **Dayla, Keoshanay, Danielle, Alexis, Nashaiya, and Mekio.**

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 comfort and encourage the Hébert family in the loss of Pastor Andrew’s grandfather, and especially for his grandmother Nita Hébert.
- To bless our upcoming Single Moms' Oil Change Day on October 18.
- To bless the KidsLIFE Worship Team as they help lead us in worship on the Longview campus on September 7. May they learn that God is able and provides all they need as they get up early and lead from the platform.
- To bless the LeTourneau University Choir as they come to lead the Longview campus in worship on September 28. May God be praised and glorified through their gift of song.
- To protect, bless and use the mission team that will be leaving for Scotland (Sept. 26-Oct. 5). They will be doing remodel projects at Glenrothes Baptist Church and Gospel outreach in the city. Team members include Gina Adams, Emma Carpenter, Debbie Conner, Marty Conner, Lisa Fenton, Cassidy Fuller, Scot Graham, Andrew Hébert, Mackenzie Hébert, Megan Jameson, Wayne McGarity, Darrin McKittrick, Ashley Nichols, Chris Nichols, Michael Curl.

- For wisdom and planning as we lay out the 2026 Mobberly mission trips.
- For comfort for families in pregnancy loss.
- For perseverance in the recovery road for young families fighting cancer.
- To raise up four more 11:00 a.m. adult volunteers for Sunday mornings to commit to serving weekly, or every other week in the Preschool Ministry.
- To create strong bonds between our children and our leaders in the Children's Ministry so kids quickly feel loved and connected.
- To give wisdom and discernment to Junior High and High School Connect Group leaders as they point our students to Jesus and walk alongside them this year.
- To begin preparing the hearts of our students who feel led to go on mission trips in 2026.
- For wisdom, creativity, and fresh new ideas for our Youth Staff as they begin planning for SPARK, Camps, Spring Break and all the other ministry opportunities in 2026.
- To provide 2 couples needed to help shepherd some of our Young Married Connect Groups.
- To bless the onsite packing event with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC):
 - Providing a full complement of volunteers needed to pack 300,000 meals.
 - Giving safe travels for the leadership team coming from FMSC along with the support that they will offer.
 - Allowing set-up and logistical needs to take place efficiently.
 - Helping the embedded partners that will distribute these meals on location and the ministry that they carry out.
 - Blessing families plagued with hunger and poverty that will receive these meals.
 - Showing the love of Christ and the message of the gospel that will touch the lives of those impacted by this ministry.
- To bless and use new leaders that have begun serving in Mobberly's six senior living community ministries and the people whose lives are impacted by these ministries.
- To provide additional volunteers to serve as part of the Hope and Help Alzheimer's and dementia respite ministry each Thursday.
- For His peace as we begin our busy Women's Ministry "kick-off" season. Pray that our leaders feel energized and excited for this new semester and that the ladies feel welcome and ready to grow in His word.
- For strengthened community within each of our Women's Ministry Bible study/book club groups, as they actively participate in the body of Christ.
- For new Women's Ministry mentoring partnerships taking place this year. Pray the Lord will guide each of them as they learn and grow.
- For calm hearts and loving response to families and individuals in crisis.
- For bravery and courage to walk into the uncomfortable spaces that God leads us into.
- For safe families to rise up and provide care and mentoring for youth in the foster care system.
- For the continued success and attention to Heart Gallery ETx and for the future adoptive families of the children featured in the Gallery.
- For the needs of the children that attend Thrive! for Kids and Students (TFK) to be met. May they feel seen, heard and valued by people with whom they come into contact with as they practice the emotional management and self-leadership skills they learned during their time at TFK.
- For Celebrate Recovery (CR) participants and leaders to stay focused on their recovery and not let fear and anxiety overcome them.
- For bravery for those that are seeking to release the chains of hurts, habits, and hang-ups and are fearful to take the first steps through the doors of CR.
- For a continued healthy partnership with Dept. Family and Protective Services families.
- For the healthy support of children that remain in state conservatorship.

- For healing of those that are experiencing the dissolution of their marriages and are seeking recovery thru DivorceCare.
- For people grieving a loss, life change and/or challenges.
- For single moms in our midst to feel love and a sense of community in their current circumstances.
- For Selah Moms to bring hope and comfort to women in the midst of heartbreak from pregnancy and infant loss and for the right man to come forward to lead a support group for dad's dealing with this loss.
- For Thrive! to "speak Jesus" into the hearts of all those with which we interact, endurance when the path gets difficult, and for "next steps" to be made clear and the path to be bathed in His light.
- For wise decision-making in situations that present themselves in the course of ministry.
- For wisdom and protection in new avenues of support for the suffering in our community.
- For Thrive!'s partnership with Hope Haven of East Texas and the following prayer needs for them:
 - Pray for Keyla and Dania at our supervised independent living home, Oak Haven, as they are both starting the fall semester at Tyler Junior College (TJC).
 - Lift up Baby Ellie and her adoptive family as she undergoes surgery and cancer treatments.
 - Join us in praising God for Libby, who recently accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior! Please continue to pray for her as she grows in her faith.
 - We also ask for your prayers for all of our girls as they begin a new school year. Pray that they feel confident, supported, and well-equipped for the challenges ahead.
 - Please pray for strength and unity for our staff and teams. Ask for wisdom and compassion as they walk through difficult situations.
 - We currently have several open positions, please pray that God would bring the right people to join our team.
- To lead the three college men who do not yet know him but are coming to our college ministry events to put faith in Christ and begin following Him.
- To bless the Women's Ministry efforts to disciple college women in 1:1 relationships this year.
- To bless Mary Harmening as she leads as Marshall Campus Coordinator for Mobberly's "Worthy" women's mentorship ministry.
- To provide both male and female adult leaders for student ministry in Marshall.
- To guide the process of vetting potential new deacons to serve at the Marshall campus.
- To speak through Aaron Deville as he preaches in Marshall Sept. 7.
- To give extra grace to Pastors Andrew and Geoffrey for the Revelation sermon series. Pray for grace and unity in our congregation to rally around the things that are primary and keep fellowship despite differences on things that are secondary or tertiary.
- To bring more musicians to the Marshall campus: electric guitar, drums, bass guitar.
- To grow our Marshall campus in unexpected ways over the summer months, and keep our congregation in tune with what He is doing among us and through us.
- To grow the Marshall campus members and attenders into saints equipped for ministry and that they would find fulfillment in fulfilling their ministry roles and that no role would be left unfilled. We are putting opportunities in front of people each week during August.
- To grow our children's ministry volunteer base as our children's ministry in Marshall has doubled in size since 2024 and continues to grow. We are praying daily for four new preschool teachers and four new preschool helpers for Sundays.
- To raise up a new Adult Connect Group leader for Sunday morning and one-two more for a mid-week group in Marshall.
- To provide more men to lead on Wednesday nights in Marshall Student Ministry.

- To lead our Marshall campus members and attenders to make a tangible impact in the Marshall community by growing in generosity and sacrificial giving to God through the church.
- To grow our church as neighbors who love others as Jesus does, serve others as Jesus served, and invite others to know of follow Jesus.
- To grow us in Head, Heart, and Hands during our church focus for 2025: Love the Nations. Ask God to send more from the Marshall campus on short-term and long-term missions.
- To go before the group traveling in September to Zambia, Africa to further discipleship ministry of Jericho Road Ministries.
- To provide for Keisha Robinson, one of our young adults who is serving at our church plant in San Antonio and working toward the International Mission Board (IMB) Journeyman missions program.
- For wisdom and safety for the Hope Road Counseling (HRC) counselors attending National Conference for Registered Play Therapists in Houston.
- For wisdom for RJ, Joey, Lisa and Sonya as they teach Spiritual Formation classes starting in September and for those participating in these classes to receive the wisdom and understanding that He desires for them to know and live out.
- To use our Night of Hope sponsor letter to lead to renewed and new generosity toward the ministry of HRC.
- To guide Heather Hill as she coordinates volunteers and logistics for Night of Hope, Nov 13.
- For Chad Bird to be led by the Spirit as he prepares to speak to our local ministry leaders at the HRC Minister's Breakfast Oct. 21.
- For the resources and solutions for two unforeseen challenges faced in the new HRC facility.
- To continue to lead HRC regarding our ongoing ministry partnerships: 1) Buckner's fatherhood program with Arturo Morales being the first counselor engaged; 2) Mobberly's Worthy ministry with several counselors engaging with opportunities to train and equip ministry leaders.
- For good health for our HRC counselors, staff, and advisory council members and their families going into Fall.

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.

"⁸And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8
