

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

Isaiah 62:6

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

Taking Root, Bearing Fruit

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Each new year offers an opportunity to begin something fresh and new. It's like leaving home for a long-anticipated vacation. On that very first day as you climb into a packed car with snacks in hand for the first leg of your journey you know what your desired and eagerly anticipated destination is – but you also know that much of the joy will be in the adventures that come in getting to that destination. That first moment is full of hope and anticipation and joy and excitement. Hopefully you've got some desired outcomes you are anticipating in 2026, but you are also looking forward to the adventures that will come in the journey through this new year to arrive there.

A "journey" verse appears in the Old Testament. Isaiah 37:31 says, "*The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.*" At Mobberly our desire for 2026 is that our church family will grow deeper...sinking our roots deep in Christ and bearing fruit in our lives for God's glory. You can get more information about what this will look like in the life of Mobberly and in your life as well at [Deeper | Mobberly Baptist Church](https://mobberly.org/deeper/) (<https://mobberly.org/deeper/>).

But let's dig down for moment in what this looks like in the prayer ministry of Mobberly and in your prayer life as a Christ-follower. First we begin any spiritual journey by digging in deep to take root in Christ through prayer. Prayer is where Heaven and earth meet as you approach the throne of God, but it must begin with our deep and earnest desire to seek and to know Him. Jeremiah 29:12-13 says, "*You will call to Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*" And remember that you are not seeking to know a far-off despot but a loving Father. Romans 8:15 says, "*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!"*" Seek to know your Heavenly Father through Jesus before you petition Him in prayer.

Having taken root in Christ, your prayer life can bear much fruit. Promise after promise assures us that God wants to produce fruit through your prayers. James 5:16b says, "*The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.*" Hebrews 4:16 says, "*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.*" 1 John 5:14 says, "*This is the confidence we have before Him: If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*" God works through your prayer life to build His Kingdom, bringing people to Jesus.

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, let's begin in January to deepen our relationship with our Savior and, out of that, to boldly approach Him in prayer for Kingdom outcomes. Your prayers are impactful!



Greg Martin
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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.

- **God loves the nations – all people!**
 - **Isaiah 49:6 (CSB):** “*6He says, “It is not enough for you to be My servant raising up the tribes of Jacob and restoring the protected ones of Israel. I will also make you a light for the nations, to be My salvation to the ends of the earth.”*
 - **Isaiah 66:18 (CSB):** “*18Knowing their works and their thoughts, I have come to gather all nations and languages; they will come and see My glory.*”
 - **Revelation 5:9 (CSB):** “*9And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation.*”

Praise the Lord:

- For blessing Sounds of the Season with: five great performances; 4,233 people here in attendance; 1,661 people watching online; hundreds serving in the Choir, Orchestra, KidsLIFE Choir, tech crew, volunteer team, and cast; but most importantly, 30 people making professions of faith! Praise the Lord for bringing these individuals to the saving knowledge of Christ!
- For a successful and sweet Mother/Daughter event in our Youth Ministry. Praise the Lord for opportunities to encourage our students and moms.
- For opportunities to interact with students and witness student-led ministry on school campuses through worship nights, lunches, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meetings.
- For our time celebrating Advent with students and watching them dive into deeper study on what Christmas really means.
- For upper-classmen Bible studies, and the leadership of our upperclassmen students.
- For connections made within our students through our Christmas events.
- For a wonderful year of ministry among our Women's Ministry endeavors. He has built a wonderful team of leaders, long-timers and new-comers, all ages and stages, who are faithful to follow in His steps for serving and reaching others.
- 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 community organizations such as Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center, 4Families/4Kids, and CASA.
- For the ability to support the Marshall community with many acts of individual benevolence during 2025, and for Kendall Harper who wisely stewards these resources in Marshall and ministers directly to those in need.
- For our faithful Marshall campus deacons who serve in multiple roles every week.
- For new Thrive! partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For a healthy partnership with Buckner to bring Blueprint Dads group to equip fathers.
- For opening our eyes to see the growth in individuals that we serve in the Thrive! support ministry.
- For the children finding forever families through Heart Gallery Etx.
- For new Thrive! Champions coming forward to continue the offer of support groups at Mobberly
- For newly hired male counselor, Blair Warren starting at Hope Road Counseling (HRC) this past month.
- For the opportunity for time off for HRC staff to celebrate our Lord and spend time with family.
- For rest both physical and emotional for our HRC counselors/staff during their time off.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Eight** 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: **Shadarrion, Christy, Breanna, Tony, Ariana, Estella, Tucker, and Ashley.**

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."* (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. 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 bless and guide Pastor Andrew as he leads the Mobberly family through Romans beginning in January.
- To guide, protect, and use a mission team going to the Middle East Jan. 8-17: Moriah Sundholm, KeLaila Kim, Caleb Hough and Nathan Williams.
- To bless our follow-up of Sounds of the Seasons decisions to encourage baptisms and connections at Mobberly. Ask God to plant His Truth deep within the hearts of the 30 individuals who made a profession of faith at Sounds of the Season. May they grow in knowledge of You and in their commitment to You.
- To bless the KidsLIFE Worship Team who will help lead in worship on a Sunday in January.
- To motivate the Worship Staff, Media, Choir and Orchestra members to dig deeper in their personal relationships with the Lord. May each one bear fruit in their service within the Worship Ministry.
- To give us fresh eyes as we go into a new year of ministering to students where they are at.
- To protect our students over Christmas break both physically and spiritually.
- To guide our senior girls and our girls' ministry team as we plan and lead Princess Weekend. Ask that the Lord would bless our efforts and provide what our teen girls need.
- To help our Youth Ministry begin our preparation for an exciting Spring and Summer semester with compassion, patience, and creativity.
- To bring fruitful and life-changing truth to our students through mentoring/ relationship Sunday meetings.
- To bring students to Elevation who don't yet know Christ, and to open their ears to the gospel message.
- To guide our steps as we plan the Sunday Morning curriculum for the Youth Ministry.
- To bless BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), Womenary and Moms in Prayer as they return to weekly meetings on our campus this Spring semester.
- To bless our Women's Bible and Book study kick-off, helping our leaders to feel prepared, strengthened, passionate about His Word, and intentional with the women who sit in their rooms.
- To solidify our Worthy Crisis Pregnancy Mentoring Team's partnership efforts with Hope Road Counseling Center and Young Lives Longview, giving us direction and the ability to walk beside women in need of support, truth and love.
- To bless Grandparenting with a Long View a new ministry partnership with area churches to equip grandparents to build a legacy that impacts the generations of their families. Mobberly will host the first of these events on Feb. 2.
- To raise up additional volunteers to serve in the Hope and Help Alzheimer's/ dementia ministry that meets on Thursdays.
- To lead out as we plan for a regional retreat for Special Needs adults Feb. 27.
- To lead the Marshall campus in 2026 to grow our deacon ministry.
- To lead our campus deeper through devotion in 2026 and to see spiritual fruit from spiritual roots.
- To give us direction and leaders for discipleship equipping, men's, and women's ministries in Marshall as three key ministry areas for 2026.

- To work in people's lives who have drifted out of regular church attendance to work in their hearts, relationships, and schedules and through our church family to see them come back to participating and growing in Christ.
- To bless our effort to grow the prayer ministry in Marshall during 2026 by inviting more from our congregation to prayer time at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday and praying for specific congregational and community needs.
- To raise up key male and female adult leaders for student ministry in Marshall.
- To bring more musicians to the Marshall campus: electric guitar, drums, bass guitar.
- 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.
- For four new preschool teachers and four new preschool helpers for Sundays in Marshall.
- To raise up a new Adult Connect Group leader for Sunday morning and one-two more for a mid-week group in Marshall.
- For 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 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.
- To pave the path before us as we seek to build new infrastructure to support families.
- For calm hearts and loving response to families and individuals in crisis.
- For bravery and courage to walk into the uncomfortable spaces into which God leads us.
- 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 various agencies serving children to come together seamlessly in a community of support.
- For the needs of the children that attend Thrive! for Kids and Students (TFK) to be met. Ask that they feel seen, heard, and valued by the people they come into contact with as they practice the emotional management and self-leadership skills they learned during their time at TFK.
- For wisdom for new leaders stepping into existing support groups this spring. Ask that they will be able to see underneath the behaviors and appropriately meet the emotional needs of the participants.
- 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 Celebrate Recovery (CR).
- For a continued healthy partnership with Dept. Family and Protective Services families.
- For healing of those that are experiencing the dissolution of their marriages and are seeking recovery through 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 parents to have Godly wisdom in the every-day parenting of children.
- For moms to find true, supportive Christian community in the monthly Mommy Matters group.
- For truth, compassion, wisdom, and hope to lead the conversations within the new Sexual Integrity groups.
- For Thrive! to "speak Jesus" into the hearts of all those with which we interact, endurance when the path gets difficult, for wisdom in urgent decisions, and for "next steps" to be made clear and the path to be bathed in His light.
- To lead Geoffrey, Sonya and Treva as they steward the resources and organization of Hope Road Counseling (HRC) ministry.

- To lead HRC leaders to grow our pool of spiritual directors to partner with Oasis in the Pines and to meet other needs in the community.
- For the HRC counselors to continue to grow spiritually in ways that will impact Hope Road and the clients that we see.
- For each of the ongoing spiritual formation groups to be unified as they share shaping events in their lives and that those attending spiritual formation groups would have a renewed love for their Savior and an awakening to want more of Him in their daily lives.

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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