

Taking the Next Step

...in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses.
—2 Corinthians 6:4

By: Oswald Chambers

When you have no vision from God, no enthusiasm left in your life, and no one watching and encouraging you, it requires the grace of Almighty God to take the next step in your devotion to Him, in the reading and studying of His Word, in your family life, or in your duty to Him. It takes much more of the grace of God, and a much greater awareness of drawing upon Him, to take that next step, than it does to preach the gospel.

Every Christian must experience the essence of the incarnation by bringing the next step down into flesh-and-blood reality and by working it out with his hands. We lose interest and give up when we have no vision, no encouragement, and no improvement, but only experience our everyday life with its trivial tasks. The thing that really testifies for God and for the people of God in the long run is steady perseverance, even when the work cannot be seen by others. And the only way to live an undefeated life is to live looking to God. Ask God to keep the eyes of your spirit open to the risen Christ, and it will be impossible for drudgery to discourage you. Never allow yourself to think that some tasks are beneath your dignity or too insignificant for you to do, and remind yourself of the example of Christ in John 13:1-17.



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WORSHIP SERVICE
7th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prelude	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	Glorify the Lord	Knowles
*Invocation		
*Opening Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	#529
*Psalter Reading	Canticle of Redemption	#516
New Testament Reading		Acts 3:1-10
Children's Lesson	God, Please Come With Me...	Rev. Ott
Anthem	My Spirit's Gonna Shine Bell Choir- Beth Klauber, Dir.	arr. Edwards
Prayers of the Church Family		
Hymn of Prayer	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Praise Team	#349
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	There Is A Balm in Gilead	Spiritual
*Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	#95
Sermon Text		Psalms 23
Sermon	Though I Walk Through the Valley	Rev. Ott
**Invitational Hymn	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	#452
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	Spirit Song (no refrain)	#347
*Postlude	March of Joy	Conner

***You are invited to come to God's altar as you feel led*

**Stand as you are able*

Audio Operators: Sandy Eaddy, Ryan Singletary, John Eichler

Shut Ins: Jewell Wall, Marian Pittman, Dot Redfearn,
Ann Hooks, Pearl Jackson

Mullins Nursing Center: Hazel Snipes

Methodist Manor: Betty and James Atkinson

Presbyterian Nursing Center: Evelyn Huggins

Southland Nursing Center: Mildred Strickland

Commander Nursing Center: Betty Miles

Atria Forest Lake: Nita Neely

Serving in the Military: Joey McGrath

Our College Students: Wesley Edwards, Emme Godbold, Caroline Klauber, Cami Godbold, Mary Klauber, Haley Scott, Coleman Ott, Sally Ott, Grace DeMarco, and Hannah Maddox.

Other Prayer Needs: Barbara Newell, Elaine & Don Cullars, Linda Steinbar, Bill Sensibaugh, Linda Steinbar's sister, Donna, Jean Barnhill's sister, Linda, Austin Taylor (broken toe), Jean Griffie, Lindsey McElveen (last month of pregnancy), Ann Hooks, the Roy Parker family (Martha Parker's brother), General Conference in St Louis.

BIRTHDAYS: 2/26: Sally Johns, Thomas McElveen **2/28:** Pauline Scott **3/01:** Patsy Glaze

ANNIVERSARIES: 3/02: Jim & Judy Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Lenten Luncheon. Beginning Ash Wednesday (March 6th) our church is providing the meal and our pastor will preach. We will also celebrate with the imposition of ashes.

Time: 12-1 pm **Place:** Marion Opera House **Cost:** \$5.00. The Lenten Luncheon and preaching will be every Wednesday through April 10th, with different churches hosting each Wednesday.

Upcoming This Week:

2/26: Golden Favorites 11 am
Book of James Bible Study 7 pm

2/27: Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 pm
Handbell Practice 6pm

Choir Practice 7 pm

3/02: Glorious Grits 8 am

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