

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

September 13, 2020 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (please wear a mask)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

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Prayer March 2020

God is faithful, and He promises to hear when we call out to Him. On Saturday, **September 26th**, Franklin Graham is inviting the people of our nation, to gather with him, **at noon**, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The group will slowly walk to the U.S. Capitol Building, praying at stops all along the way and then at the Capitol. For those of us who can't attend, we should all make time to pray during the walk; and I am contacting others to see if we can hold some kind of unified prayer in Anderson.

When King David prayed for Israel, the Bible says, "*The Lord was moved by prayer for the land*" (2 Samuel 2:25, NASB). By now, it is obvious that only God can help us come to any worthwhile solution to our current situation. Will you join me to ask the Lord to intervene in this critical time for our country?

"I've Dreamed Many Dreams"

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,
I've seen them vanish at dawn.
But I've realized enough of my dreams thank the Lord,
To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came,
Though I've waited patient and long.
But answers have come to enough of my prayers,
To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed,
And left me to weep alone.
But I've found enough of my really true friends'
That will make me keep trusting on.

I've sown many seeds that have fallen by the way,
For the birds to feed upon,
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hand,
To make me keep sowing on.

I've drunk from the cup of disappointment and pain,
I've gone many days without song.
But I've sipped enough nectar from the Roses of Life,
To make me keep living on!

-- Ron DeMarco

FINDING JOY IN PEOPLE

(Continued)

Philippians 1:1-2 / Acts 16

Paul, in his horrible circumstances, was joyful because of the many people who had loved and helped him, especially and first of all, Jesus. Second were the people he wrote to in Philippi, 150 miles NE of Athens. They did not come together by accident, but by God's **providence** as it worked out His **purposes**.

Providence in Paul's Life The story of this church, told in Acts 16, has a special place in my heart; because it is like my story, when I came to Christ and when I was called to preach. (When we read our Bibles, we find people just like us.)

On his second missionary journey, with Timothy and Silas, Paul was making his way through Turkey to share the Gospel (Acts 16). He tried to go North, but God, in some way, stopped him. It was the same when he headed South. He would not go back, so he kept going until he came to Troas on the ocean that separates Europe and the Middle East.

It could well be, that his "stops" were due to health problems, because in Troas he was joined by Luke, the Gentile medical doctor. Luke became his personal physician for 12-13 years, when, we think, Paul was beheaded.

Troas seemed like a dead end, but there are no dead ends when we serve the Lord. A vision of a man dressed in European clothes appeared to him and said, "Come over and help us!" So, he and his friends went across the small sea to Europe.

When things like illness stop us from going where we want to go, we are often confused about what God is doing. We find out in our Troas.

They came first to the city of Philippi, and founded the first Christian church in Europe. God let him know, he was where He wanted him to be. He gave him three converts from the top, the middle and bottom of society.