



# God Centered Growth

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## Shape Your Worries into Prayers

*“Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.”* Philipians 4:6–7

“Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers.” If I could do that perfectly I'd be set. I'd sleep better, at the very least. If you're anything like me, a concern has kept you awake a time or two during the night.

Last night I couldn't get comfortable. Same cozy bed as every other night. But strangely, the pillow felt too lumpy. The covers were too hot . . . no, too cold . . . no, too hot. Ice dropping from the refrigerator's icemaker startled me. Every sigh from my children's rooms made me wonder if they were okay.

For a couple of hours slumber just didn't work well. I realized this morning that, although I wasn't overcome by worry, the nagging search for peace was plenty destructive. I needed Jesus to displace worry at the center of my night, like the verse says. Jesus spoke of trading in our burdens for His rest (Matthew 11:28). I wonder how much more relaxed and able to settle down I'd have felt if I had dedicated a few of those toss-and-turn minutes to prayer and praise that, in turn, would have reshaped my thoughts.

Surely “before [I knew] it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, [would have] come and [settled me] down.” Oh, the cost of anxiety!

Jesus cares about every detail in our lives, even the quality of our rest. It's up to us to tap in to His power through prayer and praise.

*Faith step: Next time you find yourself awake in the wee hours, toss off your tossing and turning with prayer and praise.*

## Prayer requests for this week:

- Several of our children are attending camp this week.
- Ann Wade had double knee replacement surgery and is recuperating at June Jones' home.
- Rodney Thomas had a stroke recently.
- Kathy Osborne's brother-in-law Bob Hobbs has health concerns.
- Barry Kiser is at the Mayo Clinic where he will soon have the lining of his heart removed.
- Harley Burke was in the ER yesterday, is doing better.



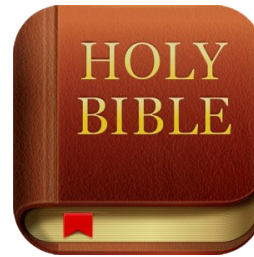
## Praises:

- It was good to have Helen Bass in church this morning.
- Kathy Osborne's loving witness to others
- Wilma Redman has finished her treatment and received a good report from her doctors.



Amber Burke's students will lead our worship service next Sunday. We will celebrate Communion as well.

The WMU Mission Action Circle will meet Monday, July 2, at the home of Vonda Kidd for potluck and a program. Lunch is at 12:30. Call Linda Walker or Shirley Campbell if you need a ride.



*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light."*

*Matthew 11:28-30*



**Annual Church Picnic**  
**August 12 ~ 11 a.m. ~ Camp Bethel**  
**Canoeing, kayaking, swimming, tubing**  
**And of course EATING!**



**Bring your favorite dish to share, and a friend or two.**  
**We will hold a worship service before the picnic.**

**As you pray this week,  
please remember the  
following.**

David & Jewell Ball  
Helen Bass  
Charlene Bates  
Libby Bowman  
Gail Buchanan  
Jim Campbell  
Jim & Sherry Collie  
Linda Cooke  
Tim Cox  
Rhonda Elliott  
Wayne Harrison  
Emma Harrod  
Alana Hash  
Sue Hobbs  
Rosalind Hunt  
Wanda Jenkins  
Elee Large  
Maddie Lewis  
Jim & Wanda Manicure  
Eugene Mullins  
Charlie Osborne  
Tracy Ott  
Donna Owens  
Roberta Owens  
Leah Riley  
Margaret Riner  
Bea Simmons  
Tammy Sturgill  
Marilyn Teasley  
Joseph Thomas  
Beverly Viers  
Susan Gillenwater Wells  
Brenda Whitaker  
Little Ed Withrow  
Our country's leaders  
First responders, volunteers  
Armed Services men and women  
Missionaries  
Nursing home patients



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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 9 ~ David & Jewell Ball  
June 12 ~ Bill & Rue Gembach  
June 25 ~ Shawn & Amber Burke

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*June 2 - Susie Bradley*  
*June 5 - Brianna Stallard, Mary Jo Stallard*  
*June 7 - Connor Walker*  
*June 9 - Jared Pugh, Tanya Riner*  
*June 10 - Jackie Withrow*  
*June 11 - Diane Cornett*  
*June 14 - Derek Mullins*  
*June 16 - Sharon Hamblin*  
*June 17 - Chris Hamblin*  
*June 20 - Peyton Stallard*  
*June 22 - Mary Hagy*  
*June 27 - Kyle Redman*  
*June 28 - Jewell Ball*  
*June 30 - Barbara Collins, Penny Osborne*

**First Baptist Church of Norton** gives anyone the chance to come together and worship with like-minded congregants as members of a strong, loving community. Whether you're looking for peace of mind, a way to give back, or simply want to be a part of a loving family — First Baptist Church of Norton welcomes you. Join our community, and start your journey to God-centered growth with us!

### How to join FBC Norton

- Baptism—You desire to express faith in Christ through baptism.
- Transfer—You wish to transfer membership from another church.
- Statement of Faith—You are a baptized believer and come on statement of faith.
- Watch Care—You would like to be connected to our church family without official membership.

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