

# Foothills Church of Christ

*"We treat you like family."*



September 25, 2022

## ***I Need Thee Every Hour***

*"I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like  
Thine can peace afford."*

These words penned by Robert Lowery show the attitude Christians have in deep relationships to God. This hymn shows the vulnerability of Christians and how desperately they depend on their Lord. Lowery co-wrote this piece with hymn-writer Annie Hawks. The hymn points to an avenue of peace in the Creator during a time of uncertainty. The words to this beloved hymn bring a timeless message that seem just as appropriate to this day and time. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7). The peace which is found in Jesus is one that transcends reasoning. It is a peace that does not waver in the face of unimaginable hardships, since our eternal life rests in God's abundant grace. What a blessing of assurance for us as Christians!

*"I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh."*

The Lord is a place of refuge. Through prayer and meditation, we have a way to bring God our problems, cares, and worries. The stresses of this world become burdensome to bear. It is easy to fall into temptation when

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our focus becomes so stretched. I am reminded of David in Psalm 23:5: “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.” When troubles and temptations come our way, when our enemy of sin tries to keep us trapped by our own fleshly desires, by looking to God for strength, we can overcome any challenge.

*“I need Thee ev’ry hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide,  
Or life is vain.”*

We often consider our need to rest in the Lord when pain is present. However, we hardly ever consider the hardships that come in joy, promotions, new jobs, weddings, bringing in new life, etc., all of which are events that bring joy to many. With that joy come hardships. New challenges, changes, all these things can become consuming. Our need for the Lord is not limited to tough times, but all times. Without Jesus as the center of our life, nothing that we do has any real meaning. “Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Our ultimate purpose in life is to focus on going to heaven.

*“I need Thee ev’ry hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son.”*

The love that God has for us is that of a father to a child. John 1:12 reads, “But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” With that honor comes blessings and responsibilities. The blessing that comes from being children of God is the greatest of them all, his grace. God’s grace gives us access to the home prepared for us in Heaven. Along with the blessing, we have a responsibility. Our responsibility is to honor him in all we do (Col. 3:17). Through our choices and God’s love, we can be made his children through obedience to him.

The chorus ends with the phrase, “I come to Thee.” Our Christian walk is a choice. God is there waiting and willing to accept us and be the anchor in a time of storm. However, it is our responsibility to go to Him. We all are in desperate need of God’s love and His grace. What can keep you from accepting that love (Rom 8:35-39)? We must all make a conscious effort to choose to follow God each day, since we all need Him every hour.

—Jon Alexander

## Announcements

### *Birthdays This Week*

James Libby (September 25)  
Payton Zerby (September 29)  
Nellie Hardin (September 30)  
Jeremy Sciba (September 30)

### *Mission Trip to India*

This Thursday, Dennis Widner will leave for a mission trip to India, with Larry Nokes to join him on October 2. Larry will return on October 16 and Dennis the following day. They request your prayers for a safe and effective trip.



“O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You understand my thought afar off.

You comprehend my path and my lying down,

And are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,

But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.”

**Where in the Bible?**

Do you know where this passage is found? See page 4 for the answer.

## For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 122  
Contribution Last Sunday: \$4,726

## Prayer Concerns

### **Current:**

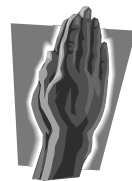
Brenda Brown  
Jackson Bruce  
Larry Eubanks  
Carrie Herrmann  
Ann Holland  
Randell Holden  
Joe Hopper  
Janice  
Don & Wilma McPhail  
Joyce Murrell  
Robyn & Mary Roach  
Jim Shoop  
Blaine Thomas

### **Ongoing:**

G. David (India)  
Bristol Garner  
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins  
Nellie Hardin  
Etta Holden  
Danny Langer  
Doris Pruitt

### **Assisted Living:**

Donna Brewer  
Ann Flippin  
Cloe Jordan  
Doris McCoy  
Dorothy Pensoneau  
Gladys Widner



“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”

(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

# Those Who Serve

## Sunday Morning

	September 25	October 2
<i>Announcements</i>	Dennis Widner	Jason White
<i>Song Leader</i>	Steve Carrell	Chip Braswell
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Roger Bruce	Steve Carrell
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Paxton Davis Ethan Falconer James Libby Wade Lamberson Larry Nokes	Andrew Ross Mason Sciba Case Sciba Jaden Zerby Jason White
<i>Presiding</i>		
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Jon Alexander	Gabriel Hodges
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Josh Alexander
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Micah Heavin	Marshall Halliburton

## Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Alex Howard	Randy Goodman
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Chip Braswell	Bruce Lemieux
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Jon Alexander	Gabriel Hodges
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	James Libby	Jaden Zerby
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Reese Cartwright	Bobby Cofer

## Wednesday

	September 28	October 5
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Paul Anderson	Larry Eubanks
<i>Song Leader</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Alex Howard
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Dennis Widner	Reese Cartwright

Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 3: **Psalm 139:1-4**

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### Worship Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 pm