

Dear Friends,

As it was for most of you, this past week was a chance for Brenda and I to celebrate friends, family, and the things that are most meaningful. As a tradition, my family goes out of town to visit close friends in Nashville. Among the many memories we make, one of my favorites is the workout I get to do with my friend Morris. Morris is a personal trainer and owns his own business called Pray and Exercise. Morris has helped many people from all walks of life get healthy and in shape. One of Morris' favorite sayings is, "If it was easy, everyone would do it!". Let's just say, I was a little stiff after my workout.

Morris is keenly aware that exercise is only part of living a healthy life. Beyond being a fitness guru, Morris is a prayer warrior! During our five mile hike through a popular hiking trail, we stopped often along the way. Three times, we stopped for specific exercises like push-ups, but the other times, Morris stopped and said, "This is a good place to pray". In the middle of this heavily populated park, our group joined hands and began to pray. Morris' prayer was confident, urgent, and bold, and left an impression not only on those working out, but on every passerby that was in the park that day. In the same way, the book of James tells us to pray powerful and earnest prayers (James 5:16). I am grateful that we serve a God who hears our prayers when we call out to him, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Lord, may we be a community dedicated to praying powerful and earnest prayers. May our prayers be helpful for the individual praying, as well as those who may be on the fringes, seeing and hearing us as we live out our faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 26 | Chapel: Justin Crews | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, Nov 26 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Nov 28 | Chapel: Dr. Clint Bryan | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Nov 30 | Chapel: Student Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

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