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When we pray to God to “deliver us from evil” we must be praying for insight into the evil that we, as good people with good intentions, might nonetheless do, and also for the strength to confess our sin to repent, and forgive others. We must value what Jesus taught us how to pray.

“OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN, HOW GREAT IS YOUR NAME! YOUR KINGDOM COME AND YOUR WILL SHALL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS DONE IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL, AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOREVER AMEN”

The Lord’s prayer not only teaches how to pray like Jesus by giving us the words to say, but lead us into talking to and hearing from the Lord. We must examine what each phrase means and helps us to think about how to apply it in our lives.

Bryon Gould, Northeastern Jurisdiction Prayer Advocate President

Scriptures of The Month For Prayer

Romans 12:17— Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to what is honorable in the sight of all.

Hebrews 8:12— For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Proverbs 15:1—A soft answer turns away wrath, but an harsh word stirs up anger.

John 13:34- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also love one another.



Ephesians 2:8— For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not by your doing: it is the gift from God.

Matthew 5:7- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

2 Chronicles 7:14— If my people are called by my name humble themselves, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land.

Luke 17: 3— If your brother trespass against you rebuke him; and if repent... if your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents , forgive him.

KEEP ON PRAYING!

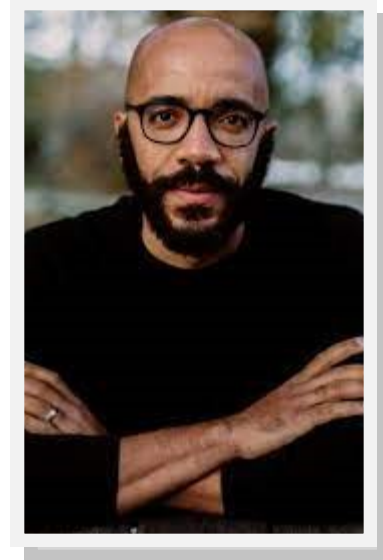
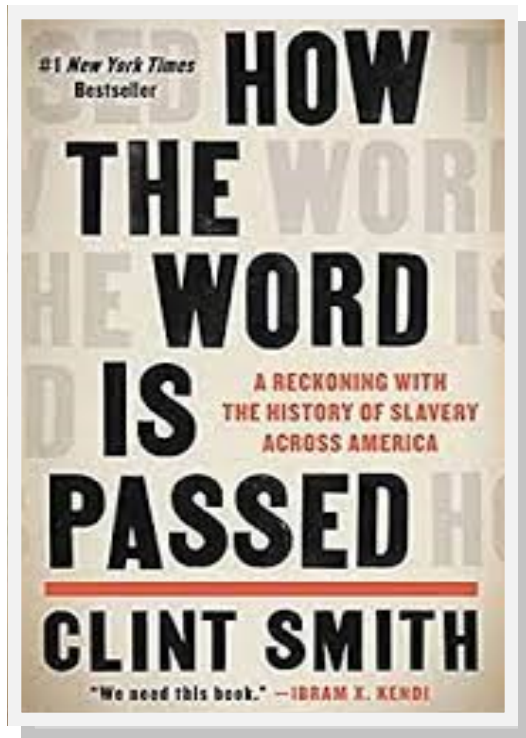
The importance of watch night for the African– Americans

The tradition of watch night may be traced back to the early 18th century in Moravian churches, when churchgoers began marking the occasion with a Virgil to reflect upon the year past and contemplate the one to come. John Wesley adopted the practice for his Methodist followers, who held similar vigils monthly with full moon. It was given new significance among African Americans on December 31, 1862, when according to tradition, slaves in the Confederate states gathered in churches and private homes on the night before U.S. President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was expected to go in effect, pending his signing of the document. The soon to be free slaves stayed awake all the night and watched the night turn into a new dawn while waiting for the news of the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued, thus making all slaves legally free. Lincoln had used the occasion of the Union victory at Antietam to issue a preliminary proclamation, which freed all black slaves in the rebellious states after January 1, 1863.

He justified his decision as a wartime measure, and did not go as far as to the slaves in the border states loyal to the Union. At the stroke of midnight, all slaves in the Confederate states were declared legally free. When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts of joy as many people fell to their knees and thanked God. Still the proclamation deprived the Confederacy of the bulk of its labor forces and put international public opinion strongly on the Union side. Some 186,000 black soldiers had joined the Union army by time the war ended in 1865, and 38,000 lost their lives. Blacks (in particular) have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve ever since, praising God for bringing us through another year. It's been over a century and a half since the first Freedom's Eve and tradition still brings citizens at this time of every year to celebrate "How we got over"!

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BOOK OF THE MONTH



Beginning in his own hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader through an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an inter-generational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation’s collective history, and ourselves.

It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving over 400 people on the premises. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, one of the only former plantations devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work sustained it. It is the story of Angola, a former plantation-turned maximum security prison in Louisiana that is filled with Black men who work across the 18,000-acre land for virtually no pay. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers.

In a deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, *How the Word Is Passed* illustrates how some of our country’s most essential stories are hidden in plain view—whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods—like downtown Manhattan—on which the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women and children has been deeply imprinted.

Informed by scholarship and brought alive by the story of people living today, Clint Smith’s debut work of nonfiction is a landmark work of reflection and insight that offers a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country and how it has come to be.

In a series of visits to public places with history associated with slavery **Clinton Smith** explores what is taught, obscured, avoided, and misrepresented and unknowable about each of those places past.

Clinton Smith is a staff writer for “The Atlantic”. *How the word was passed* was an #1 seller for the New York Times Magazine, Poetry Magazine, The Paris Review. Born and raised in New Orleans received BA in English from Davidson and Ph. D in education from Harvard University.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A PRAYER FOR THE LOST

Dear God, I pray for the world that doesn't know you. I pray for those who are lost. God show yourself to those who don't believe. Allow me to be a source of your light to those who need you. Help me to tell others about you and the words they need to hear. God I pray for the world to know you in Jesus name Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL ILLNESS

Eternal and unchanging God, I pray for the sickness of this world. I pray for those who are suffering with COVID-19. I pray for those who are suffering from cancer. I pray for those suffering from heart disease. I pray for those who are suffering from any form of sickness and ailment. If it is your will I ask you to be with their families and provide them peace in Jesus name Amen.

A PRAYER FOR POVERTY

Almighty and most gracious God, so many people are suffering from poverty. God we pray for those today who are experiencing financial needs. We pray for those who don't have enough food to feed themselves or their families. We pray for those who don't have enough money for healthcare or medicine. We lift up those who don't have a home. Lord we pray that you provide their needs. Let them know that you are there for them. In Jesus name Amen.

A PRAYER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dear God there is so much brokenness in the world. Please be with each family suffering from violence within the family. Please God keep them united, loving and seeking you. We for each family member that has been torn apart by divorce, abuse, alcohol, drugs, death or any other circumstances. We pray for peace and healing in Jesus name. Amen

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PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



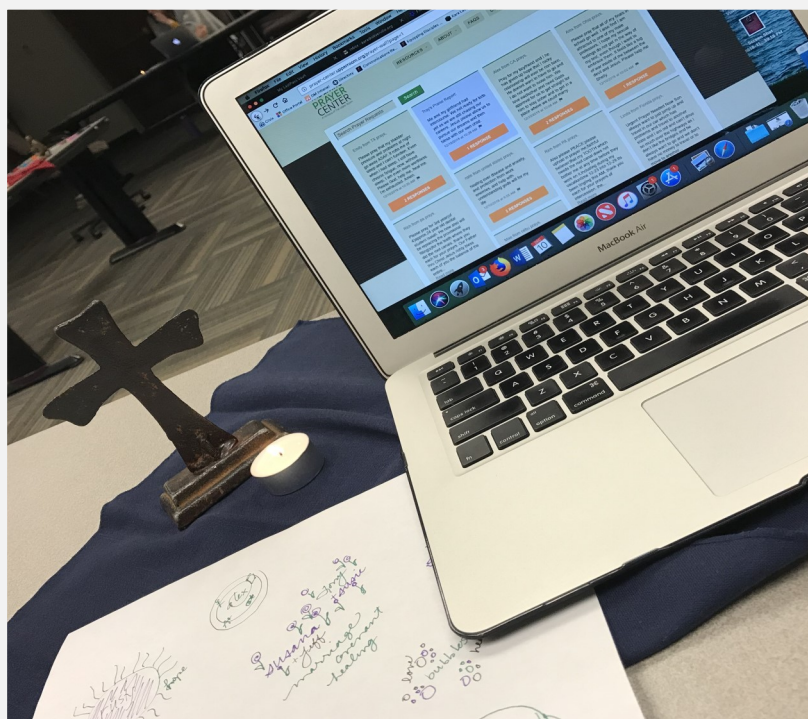
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We have unlimited openings for motivated prayer warriors to meet the need of God's people. Start immediately. Responsibilities include performing random acts of kindness, serving, and pleasing God, and doing what He commissions you to do. No experience is needed, God will equip you with on job training, Benefits will include growth opportunities leading to one incredible raise at the end of your service. You will need to:

- (1) Recognize God's voice-Discover God's plan for our lives
- (2) To discern God's will-Understand how to apply God's word
- (3) To make wise decisions- Everyday is filled with decisions
- (4) Be humble and have compassion for those who are hurting
- (5) To distinguish good from best- We need to thrive for greatness

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The Power of Prayer

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Zoom ID 964 845 3714 Every Sunday from 2 to 4pm

Pass code: 121500

Annapolis District UMM

Hosted by Richard Campbell and Morgan Smith

Zoom ID 862 4489 7410 pass code 768838

Every Thursday Evening 7pm –8 pm

Baltimore Metropolitan District UMM

Hosted by Bryon Gould

Zoom ID 318 690 0495

Every Saturday Morning 10 am – 11:30 am

Binghamton District UMM

Hosted by John Conklin

Zoom ID 863 6352 7822

Every Monday evening at 7 pm

THE UNITED METHODIST MAN CREED



I am a United Methodist Man. I am a man as human and as sinful as any other man. However, I have been changed forever by the merciful grace of GOD, grounded in his word, and attempting, with his help, to live out my faith in the world. I feel especially called to a ministry to men and desire to see that every man reach the fullness of God and experience the wonderful saving grace of our Lord and Savior whom I am privileged to know.

I am a United Methodist Man. I belong to community of men within the United Methodist church who share my call to ministry and who are moved action by the whispers of the holy Spirit. Together, we are committed to serving God through the word and deed and strive to live out our faith as we take up our cross and follow him.

I am a United Methodist Man. I struggle with demons of the flesh as I live in the world even though I am not of this world. I strive to spend with him daily in prayer and meditation and look to the word for guidance and inspiration. I believe in his power working through me as I seek to bring other men to him.

I am a United Methodist Man. I take seriously Jesus' words "Come follow me" I have a special concern for the sick, the marginalized, and the needy. I assist the young through the scouting ministry of my church, honor the military and first responders with copies of Strength for Service, and help the hungry through participating in events led by Stop Hunger Now and the Society of St. Andrew. I want to respond in a healing way to the brokenness of the world in which I live.

I am a United Methodist Man, I will honor and uphold the traditions, polity and structure of the United Methodist Church. We can accomplish more together than we can as individuals I believe our Wesleyan heritage makes us unique and well equipped to witness our faith to a dying and sinful world. Our connectedness gives us strength to respond to God's call to love others as we would love him. I encourage my local fellowship to charter annually in order to support ministries beyond the local church.

I am a United Methodist Man. God's call on my life and my obedience to him makes me a radiating power. Through the faithfulness of my commitment to him. I become a living symbol, the hands and feet of Jesus, a sign of his Kingdom here on earth.