

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

"These words of Jesus to the woman of Samaria are His first recorded teaching on the subject of prayer . . . The Father seeks worshippers: our worship satisfies His loving heart and is a joy to Him . . . The Son has come to open the way for this worship in spirit and in truth, and teach it to us . . .

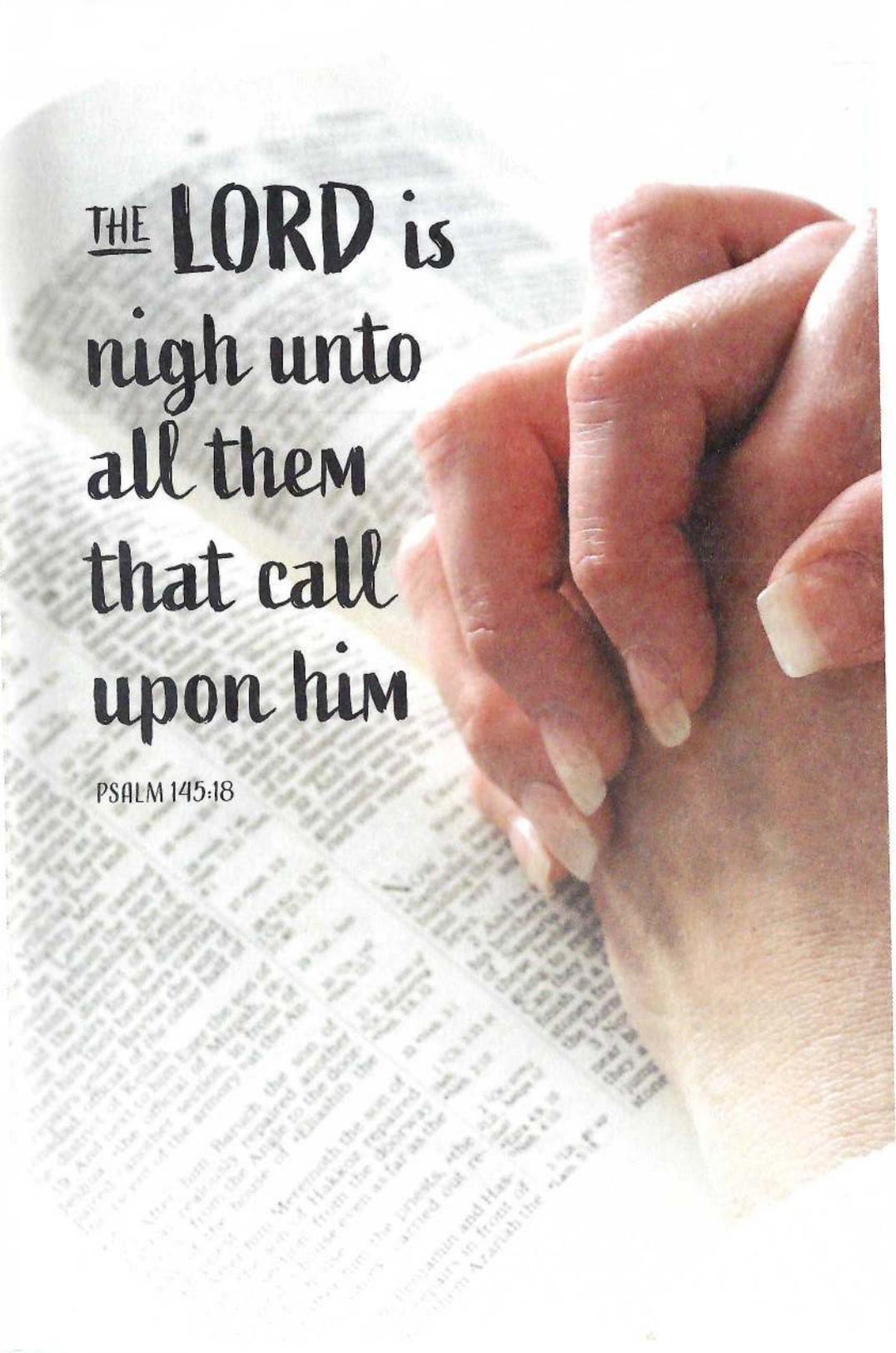
"To the woman of Samaria our Lord spoke of a threefold worship . . . Among Christians one still finds the three classes of worshippers. Some who in their ignorance hardly know what they ask: they pray earnestly, and yet receive but little. Others there are, who have more correct knowledge, who try to pray with all their mind and heart, and often pray most earnestly, and yet do not attain to the full blessedness of worship in spirit and truth. It is into the third class we must ask our Lord Jesus to take us; we must be taught of Him how to worship in spirit and truth . . . In prayer everything will depend on our understanding well and practicing the worship in spirit and truth . . .

"In truth. That does not only mean in sincerity . . . The expression is one of deep and Divine meaning. Jesus is the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. The law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Jesus says, I am the truth and the life . . . And so worship in spirit is worship in truth; actual living fellowship with God, a real correspondence and harmony between the Father, who is a Spirit, and the child praying in the spirit . . .

"Above all, let us hold fast the blessed truth . . . that the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God, the revelation of His infinite Fatherliness in our hearts, the faith in the infinite love that gives us His Son and His Spirit to make us children, is indeed the secret of prayer in spirit and truth."

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THE LORD is
nigh unto
all them
that call
upon him

PSALM 145:18

Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

May 1, 2022

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #11 Come Thou Fount

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ron Marks

Worship in Song

Hymn #9 Glorify Thy Name

Hymn #10 Majesty

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Special Music

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #485 Into My Hear

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for May is the Arbor House. Arbor House provides affordable housing in a communal setting to working mothers with children. There are 13 rooms available for rent, where residents get their own room, but share bathrooms, kitchen, and living room with other tenants. Each family works with a case manager to design a plan to move to self-sufficiency.

May has 5 Sundays so we will be collecting paper goods and toiletries for Pine Grove. Pine Grove Apartments offer studio and one bedroom apartments for people 62 and older with low incomes.

Thank you for all of the wonderful desserts brought in for our 35th Anniversary Celebration last week.

Unite

A single firefly makes little show,
But it goes on giving its spark,
And when many act in union,
They really light up the dark!

If you think you're insignificant,
Don't give in to despair,
Join with others in doing your best,
And soon there'll be light everywhere!
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