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Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Since I was in Texas visiting, four persons spoke for Laity Sunday. Enjoy these two testimonies!

“This being Laity Sunday, members of the Ad Council had been asked to volunteer to speak on one of the subjects. I’m going to talk about Prayers.

First off, I don’t consider myself a Prayer Warrior. I get distracted easily. My prayers are not eloquent, not elaborate, and many days they’re quite brief. But, I find myself praying her and there throughout the day.

I consider all of you my Church Family, some long time, some short, still, our list of Prayer Concerns in the Bulletin insert and prayer chain is a testament that we are a praying church. If we have someone who needs prayers we ask for it. These shared concerns keep us connected.

I think you’ll agree technology can be distracting, but it can be a blessing too. In the past month as I was looking on Facebook, I kept seeing a name of a church member pop up. So I prayed for that person. This name showed up almost every day for 2 weeks. I don’t know why this was happening but I think the Holy Spirit was prompting me to pray for that person. I believe in that power and I think there are many of you who may have had similar experiences.

I know many of you have prayed for me throughout the years – while planning Vacation Bible School, God’s Team, whatever . . . your prayers have helped me more than you know. I pray for Pastor Debbie that she continues to inspire us and to challenge us to care for one another. I pray for the leaders that they may be encouraged to use their gifts and abilities for the ministries of our church. I pray for all the members that they may find joy in helping to fulfill our ministries

One doesn’t have to be a Prayer Warrior to pray for our church. – Just pray and God will hear you. May He continue to bless our Church, the Body of Christ Believers. And may God inspire us to step out and to reach others. Amen” - Diane Lewis

Why I Came to This Church and Why I Have Stayed – Mary Fulton

I came to Lewistown originally because of Lorna! Lorna watched our children. She involved them in the church and in the youth group. Back then we had a nice size church youth group.

As time went on, and they began to be involved in the church, Bill and I began to attend in 1985 and eventually we felt at home and made new friends. We were married in this church in 1987. Then I began to be involved in the church committees and Bible studies. God began working on me (especially after my Emmaus Walk). I was on the committee to build the Community Center. This is where I saw God's mighty works in Lewistown.

I know you have heard me tell this story before but again, every time we needed something (usually not initially thought of) we got it. No need to worry, God had it covered. He still has it covered today, lately I seem to have some issues in interpreting his wants but I know he is here and speaking to me.

I'll be honest, there have been times I have seriously thought about searching for another church. Sometimes, I can't feel the Holy Spirit in this room. Would another church be any better? More fulfilling? I doubt it. But, I stay because (#1) I have been here for 36 years! I love this old church. I love this sanctuary, I love this altar. This is MY church. I love all the people and I can feel your love for me. In the difficult times in my life I have especially felt your love in my heart. You have cared for me in my times of sadness or illness. You have encouraged me to teach Sunday School and to lead on several committees. I feel if I go somewhere else, I will be letting God down.

I am invested in this church but can never give back as much as I have been given in this church. God is counting on me and you to keep the doors open for all those who want to come in. He has another great plan for this church, this congregation. I must stay so I can do my part in whatever he is calling me to do.