

**Praying Our Hymns of Faith
"I Sought the Lord" UMH 341**

Have you ever wondered that no matter how much you seek to find God, your search seems in vain, or at least difficult to keep up? Maybe the problem is that you don't seek God as much as God seeks and finds you. The hymn "I sought the Lord" teaches us this truth.

Spend time this week praying and singing the hymn. A link to the hymn is on the Fork Chapel website as www.forkchapelumc.org. Recall and give thanks for those times when God found you, especially in the "storm-vexed" times of your life. Psalm 34:4 reads, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." Recite this verse often throughout your daily life, especially when life may be difficult.

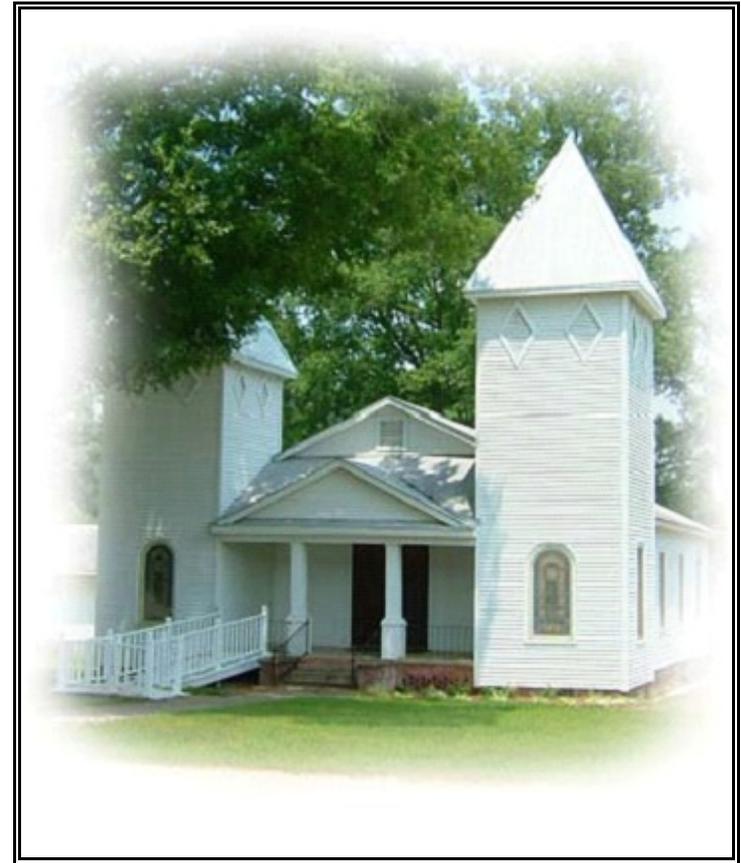
Important: We will sing this hymn in worship next Sunday. Go online and listen to it, sing it, pray it. Then come next Sunday to praise God in song for his care and love.

1. I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found of thee.
2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, on me.
3. I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always thou lovedst me.

Ronald McDonald House Meal - Macon, Georgia

Swords UMC is scheduled to provide the dinner for parents whose children are hospitalized on Tuesday February 12th. The menu is assorted chicken casseroles, so we are asking that any who want make their favorite. Only needs to be enough for a family. For anyone who wishes to help, but cannot go to RMH, they can bring it to the Swords church on Sunday 2/10. If anyone would like to make a dessert, that would be great.

Prayer Leaders Next Sunday, February 3
Swords: Ava Savage Fork Chapel: Carolyn Copelan



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Epiphany 4th Sunday

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Peace

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

The Offering with the Doxology

Hymn Sing

Special Music: Zandy Cook

Our Church in Prayer

Swords: Ron Hess; Fork Chapel: Bonnie Duvall

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

+Pew Bible, NT p. 77

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-10

+Pew Bible, OT p. 652

Sermon

"The Lord's Supper and the Touch of Grace"

+Dr. Gavalas

Please pray for the Church throughout the world: (personal prayers)
Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in holiness of life. Strengthen Sue, our bishop, Brian, our District Superintendent, our pastor, Tony, and all your church in the service of Christ that we may be witnesses to your compassion. **God of love grant our prayer.**

*Hymn 622: "There Is a Fountain"

Service of Word and Table III - Hymnal 15

*Hymn 370: "Victory in Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

Dismissal Chorus

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide up hold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."

Please pray for those who are suffering: (personal prayers)
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bless those who care for them. We especially pray for those we name before you O God (Pause) We remember those who have died in Christ, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. **God of love grant our prayer.**

Welcome to All Who Worship with Us Today

We welcome you to worship today. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. If you desire to join with us, please meet the pastor at the altar during the last hymn.

Please pray for ourselves and our ministries: (personal prayers)
Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. **God of love grant our prayer.**

Unshakeable Hope - Small Group Study - Wednesday. 7:00p.m.

How is your prayer life? Do you wish it to be more disciplined, more power filled? Come Wednesday night to learn more about the power of prayer. Lay servant Ron Hess will be our instructor.

Please commend yourself to God's care and faithfulness: (personal prayers)
Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints on earth and in heaven, we commend ourselves and all people to God's unfailing love. **To you, O Lord, to you!**

Green County Food Pantry - February Food Items

Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta, - Bring to Church by Feb. 17

Please examine your soul and ask God to forgive your shortcomings and sins: (personal prayers). Let us confess together praying:

Swords Stain Glass Window Repair Fund

Work begins this week on repairing the Stain Glass Window at Swords UMC as a cost of \$18,000. An anonymous gift of \$2,500 has been given that will match the first \$2,500 given by members and friends of Swords Church. To date, \$1,575 has been given toward meeting the matching gift. Thank you for your support. Mark your gift "Swords Stained Glass Window Fund." Thank you.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.