



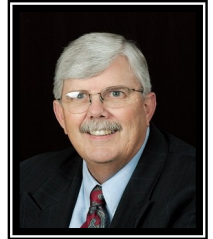
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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

As I thought about the deaths of Tina Droscha and then this week John Pardee, I remembered something I had written some years ago. *It is about walking with God.* Tina and John certainly gave us examples to follow. Let me share with you what I wrote.



Hand in Hand with God

George VI of England had the kingship thrust upon him when his brother, King Edward VIII, left the monarchy to marry a divorcee, Wallis Simpson. In a moving speech December 11, 1936, Edward abdicated the throne, the only British king to do so voluntarily. King George carried out his duties faithfully until his death in 1952.

A friend of mine sent the following quote, documented by historian Minnie Haskin, by George VI in his first New Year's address following his brother's abdication. In light of the uncertainty of politics, this is quite a word for us today.

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.' So I went forth, and, finding the hand of God, strode gladly into the night, and He led me toward the hills and the breaking of the dawn in the lone east."

With that as a background, here is a devotional based on an imaginary conversation between a young Noah and his father.

"Tell me about Great Grandpa Enoch again, Papa," young Noah might have said. "Did God really take him away?" "Yes," Lamech assured his son. "He walked with God every day. He loved the Lord and taught his children and grandchildren to love God as well." Noah nodded. "Go on," he said. "Well, one day Grandpa Enoch said to me, 'Lamech, be sure to tell my great grandchildren to walk with God. I won't get a chance to tell them myself.' He was thinking of you, Noah, even before you were born." "And then what happened, Papa?" Noah liked hearing this part. "Then he said he was going to meet with God as he usually did in the evening. We watched him go. He was there, and then he was not. God took him." "Do you think God will take you, Papa, or me?" Noah wanted to know. "Walk with God, my son. That is enough. God will take us home; how and when are of no concern. Walk with God."



It is my prayer that you will "Walk With God" every day. If you do then we will build a great church here in Charlotte.

February 12 is Upward Sunday. It is a day when many guests will be joining us for worship. Be sure to come with a smile as we welcome our Upward families.

The **Jamaica Mission team** leaves on Sunday, February 19. Keep them in your prayers.

Our youngest daughter, Bethany is marrying Justin Cox on February 18. Becky and I ask for your prayers as we celebrate this

great day with them. We are so blessed.

I hope you will make every effort to be with us in worship each week in February.

Pastor Conrad

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>Check out the FBC library</i></p> 			<p><i>1</i> 9:30 AM Ladies' Study 4:30 PM Youth Choir 5:30 Supper 6:30 Discipleland 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adults 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i> 7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Mother's Day Out 5 PM Upward</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 8 AM Upward Basketball and Cheerleading all day</p>	
<p><i>5</i> Communion 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 CE Hour 11:00 Worship 12:15 PM Youth Fund Raiser Dinner 4:00 Financial Peace 4:30 Adult Study 4:30 Youth 7-12 Gd 4:30 KidzChoir</p>	<p><i>6</i> 5 PM Upward 6:00 Ladies Book Club 6:30 American Heritage Girls</p>	<p><i>7</i> 8:30 AM Mother's Day Out 5:30 PM Upward 6:45 Praise Team</p>	<p><i>8</i> 9:30 AM Ladies' Study 4:30 PM Youth Choir 5:30 Supper 6:30 Discipleland 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adults 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>9</i> 7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Mother's Day Out 5 PM Upward</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 8 AM Upward Basketball and Cheerleading all day</p>	
<p><i>12</i> 11 AM Jamaica Commissioning Upward Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 CE Hour 11:00 Worship 4:00 PM Praise Band 4:30 Handbells 5:30 Financial Peace 6:00 Adult Study 6:00 Youth 7-12 Gd</p>	<p><i>13</i> 5 PM Upward 7 Women's Home Fellowship at Jo Voorhorst's "Sisters Ministries"</p>	<p><i>14</i> 8:30 AM Mother's Day Out 5:30 PM Upward 6:45 Praise Team</p>	<p><i>15</i> 9:30 AM Ladies' Study 4:30 PM Youth Choir 5:30 Supper 6:30 Discipleland 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adults 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>16</i> 7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Mother's Day Out 5 PM Upward 6:30 Stephen Ministries</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 8 AM Upward Basketball and Cheerleading all day 8:30 AM FBC Board</p>	
<p><i>19</i> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 CE Hour 11:00 Worship 4:00 Praise Band 5:30 PM Financial Peace 6:00 Adult Study 6:00 Youth 7-12 Gd 6:00 KidzChoir</p>	<p><i>20</i> 5 PM Upward 6:30 American Heritage Girls</p>	<p><i>21</i> 8:30 AM Mother's Day Out 5:30 PM Upward 6:45 Praise Team</p>	<p><i>22</i> 9:30 AM Ladies' Study 4:30 PM Youth Choir 5:30 Supper 6:30 Discipleland 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adults 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>23</i> 7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Mother's Day Out 5 PM Upward</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 8 AM Upward Basketball and Cheerleading all day 8:30 AM FBC Board</p>	
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