

## Footprints in the Sand

*One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*When the last scene of my life shot before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realized that this was at the lowest and saddest times of my life. This always bothered me and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.*

*"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You, You would walk and talk with me all the way. But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I need You most, You leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

## Celebration of the Life of Lewis Pearsall

Thursday, December 8, 2022

GATHERING

Mountainside Jug Band

THE WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

\* HYMN *Amazing Grace*

PRAYER \*

**Eternal God,**

**we praise you for the great company of all those  
who have finished their course in faith  
and now rest from their labor.**

**We praise you for those dear to us  
whom we name in our hearts before you.**

**Especially we praise you for Lewis,  
whom you have graciously received into your  
presence.**

**To all of these, grant your peace.**

**Let perpetual light shine upon them;**

**and help us so to believe where we have not seen,  
that your presence may lead us through our years,  
and bring us at last with them  
into the joy of your home**

**not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
    he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
    he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
        for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk  
    through the valley of the shadow of death,  
    I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me;  
    thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
    in the presence of mine enemies:  
    thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life:  
    and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## \* GOSPEL LESSON

## SERMON

WITNESS ( Bob Van Allen - eulogy )

\* HYMN                   *How Great Thou Art*

## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN *I'll Fly Away*

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



*You are invited to a reception following the service in the MAC and to burial at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 2 pm. Military personnel are invited to attend in uniform.*

*Music provided by the Mountainside Jug Band, of which Lewis and his family have been members for many years.*

*Eulogy given by Bob Van Allen.*

*Ushers: Claudia and David Broadwater  
Don and Mary Jackson*

*Presiding: Rev. H. Blaine Wimberly, pastor, Mountainside UMC*