

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Barbara Miller – testing
 Bob Kampa – shoulder surgery 11/22
 Carla Robbins – shoulder surgery 11/10
 Courtney McEntee – shoulder surgery 11/20
 Dixie Hanson (Lee’s mother) – gall bladder surgery
 Duard Allen – risky major surgery, 11/27
 Irene McCarty – angiogram 11/21
 Jay Fred – gall bladder surgery, very serious complications, pray for his doctor’s wisdom and family’s peace
 Joyce Evenson – testing
 Jerry Zamzow – RCU recovery
 Julie Baker – tonsillectomy 11/15
 Kathy Stewart – high blood pressure, dialysis
 MariAnn Wilson – surgery 11/28
 Mary Shugart – gall bladder surgery
 Roger McGary – testing
 Russ Condry – surgery, cancer on ear 11/16
 Wayne South – two strokes, good recovery, eyesight blurred

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Ted Kitch, David Carlson, Janelle Cridland

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

Susan Dubin, a shut-in in the community that contacted Twin Lakes with feelings of emotional loss, is now present with the Lord. She was lovingly cared for by one of our Stephen Ministers. The Santa Cruz Sentinel did a feature story about her life.

THROUGH CANCER WITH CARE

Connect with others who understand, personal interaction & resources, encouragement & prayer. New times & place – first & third Thursday, begins with refreshments at 6:45, at TLC Gym, Rm. 104. Call Jan, 462-2271 or Gerry, 476-8735, or go to www.tlc.org/care

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups – call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.



“Celebrating God”

Message by Mark Spurlock
 November 18 & 19, 2006

I. Choosing My Focus

The natural option: _____

- Overwhelmed by my _____
- Overwhelmed by my _____
- Overwhelmed by my _____
- Overwhelmed by my _____

The spiritual option: _____

“Holy delight and joy is the great antidote to despair.” -Dallas Willard

II. Celebrating God

Psalm 100. A psalm for giving thanks.

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the LORD is God.

*It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and praise his name.

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever,
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

1. Celebrate _____

“Shout... Worship... Come before him”

- **Our LORD is** _____ *“Know that the LORD is God.”*
- **Our LORD is** _____ *“For the LORD is good”*

2. Celebrate _____

“Enter... give thanks... praise his name.”

- **God** _____ *“It is he who made us”*
- **God** _____ *“we are his”*
- **God** _____ *“we are his people, the sheep of his pasture”*
- **God** _____ *“his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations”*

“The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing” Zephaniah 3:17

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read Psalm 100 through several times slowly. What is one thing you learned in last weekend's sermon? How can that impact you this week?

This week you're going to memorize a whole chapter of the Bible – Psalm 100 – all five verses! Please spend some extra time today beginning to commit these verses to memory. Memorizing scripture is such a blessing! You'll be amazed how you'll see the truth of these verses this week. Be on the lookout for it!

Thank God today for the Bible. Thank Him for the encouragement you receive from the Bible. Pray that as you memorize Psalm 100 this week you'll have opportunities to apply it to your life. Pray that you will grow in gratitude this week.

Tuesday

Read II Samuel 22, Psalm 38 & Psalm 100. What is most overwhelming to you when you think about the holidays? What triggers the feelings of being overwhelmed?

How were the writers of II Samuel and Psalms overwhelmed?

How can you relate to their feelings?

How did they handle being overwhelmed? Write down three things you learn from their response.

Thank God today for the examples of those who have gone before us in the faith. Talk to God about how you feel overwhelmed right now. Ask Him to comfort you and give you the strength to turn to Him instead of circumstances. Pray that His peace will overwhelm you today and give you joy.

Wednesday

Read Deuteronomy 4:30, 7:9, 33:27; Psalm 18:2, 46:1, 54:4, 73:26 & 116:5. Write down who God is according to each of these verses.

How does understanding who God is help you celebrate Him?

How can these verses be an antidote for your feelings of being overwhelmed? How will you apply them today?

Thank God today for who He is. Thank Him for at least four things that He's blessed you with. Pray that you'll have an attitude of celebration today.

Thursday

Read Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139 & Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. Write down ten things God has done for you this week.

How can you celebrate the unique way that God has made you?

How can you celebrate God's ownership of you?

How can you celebrate God's leading in your life?

How can you celebrate God's love today?

Think about the ways you feel overwhelmed. How would celebration combat the feelings of being overwhelmed?

Thank God today that He made you, that you belong to Him, that He loves you and that He's leading you. Thank God for the many things He's done in your life this week. Pray that you will choose to celebrate Him instead of surrendering to feeling overwhelmed.

Friday

Zephaniah 3:17. This may be going out on a limb for some of you, but take some time to write a song of delight to God today. It doesn't have to rhyme, it doesn't have to be complicated – just write it from your heart. Write a song of delight to God with the abandon of a child.

Pray your song to God today. Thank Him for His unending song of delight that He sings over you. Pray that you'll remember His love and delight when you feel overwhelmed.

Saturday

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we continue to focus on gratitude we will grow as a church in our worship and love for God. Pray for the opportunity and courage to invite people to church. Pray that God will use TLC as a beacon of hope and light in our community.



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