

Prayer Updates

THANKSGIVING

"Thanks for the loving support and most of all the many prayers for Lee during his surgery. Our God is awesome. 'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.'"
— Lee and Glenda Gwin

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Barbara Miller – testing

Dixie Hanson (Lee's mother) – gall bladder surgery

Duard Gravis – risky major surgery, 11/27

Jay Fred – gall bladder surgery, very serious complications, pray for his doctor's wisdom and family's peace

Jerry Zamzow – RCU recovery

Kathy Stewart – high blood pressure, dialysis

Linsey Wade – cancer surgery

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Bob Kampa, Carla Robbins, Courtney McEntee, MariAnn Wilson, Dixie Hanson, Irene McCarty, Joyce Evenson, Julie Baker, Mary Shugart, Roger McGary, Russ Condry, Wayne South, Norma Anderlin

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

Please remember Mildred Simmons in the loss of her dear husband, Buck, who is now present with the Lord. Buck and Mildred were long-time TLC members. Expressions of love and prayer may be sent to 616 Pear Blossom Ct., Roseville, CA 95747.

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.



"Building a Home People Love to Come Home To"

Message by René Schlaepfer
November 25 & 26, 2006

During the holiday season, wanderers will come home: to your family, and to this church. But coming home can be a discouraging experience if people perceive cliques and judgment rather than a warm welcome. How can you help create a home people long to come home to?

Five Ways to Build a Home People Love to Come Home to

(Romans 12:9-21)

1. Be _____

"Love must be **sincere**." Romans 12:9

Literally, let your love be without _____

2. Be _____

"Be joyful in **hope**, **patient** in affliction, **faithful** in prayer." Romans 12:12

"**Bless** those who persecute you; **bless and do not curse**." Romans 12:14

Help others have _____

3. Be _____

"**Share** with God's people who are in **need**. **Practice hospitality**." Romans 12:13

Meet _____

4. Be _____

"Honor one another **above yourselves**. . . Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but **be willing to associate with people of low position**. Do not be **conceited**." Romans 12:10,16

Literally, give _____ to others

5. Be _____

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. . . Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. . . Do not be overcome by evil, **but overcome evil with good**.'" Romans 12:17-20

Look for ways to show _____

Plan Now To Invite Friends!

TLC Christmas Concert:

Friday: 8pm • Saturday: 5:30pm & 7:30pm • Sunday: 9am, 11am & 6pm

Candlelight Services:

Dec 23rd: 6pm • Dec 24th: 10:45am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 7pm

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read Romans 12:9 & 1 Corinthians 13. How would you define "sincere" love?

Write down the definition of love given in 1 Corinthians 13.

Who are you having a hard time showing sincere love to right now? Why?

How can you apply the verses you read today to that relationship? What impact could your love have on that person? What impact could it have on you?

Thank God today that His love for you is sincere and perfect. Talk to Him about the way you love. Ask Him to show you any place where your love is not sincere. Pray that your love will grow to reflect His love today.

Tuesday

Read Romans 12:12, 14 & Ephesians 4:29. How has someone else's positive attitude impacted you?

Reread Romans 12:12. Which of these is hardest for you to do? Why? How are these three character traits connected?

Write down the names of two people you know who need hope right now. Next to each name write down at least two ways you can encourage them and be positive.

Thank God today for the hope you have in Him. Thank Him for using you as a conduit of His hope to others. Thank Him for the people in your life whose positive spirits have encouraged you. Pray that the words you speak today will be full of grace and hope.

Wednesday

Read Romans 12:13 & 1 Peter 4:9-11. What is hospitality? How are hospitality and generosity connected?

How do you show generosity? What do you enjoy about being generous?

How does being generous impact you?

Wednesday (continued)

What real needs do you see around you in your family? In your friends?

Spend some additional time in prayer today asking God to place on your heart the name of someone who He wants you to reach out to. Pray that He will give you an opportunity to meet a real need of that person. Ask God to give you the courage to reach out in a way that is gracious and Christ-like.

Thursday

Read Romans 12:10, 16; Galatians 6:10 & Philippians 2:1-5. When you arrive someplace how does a warm welcome make a difference?

During the holidays we all get so busy that it's easy to put tasks above people. Think about your day today. How will you live it with a welcoming attitude?

How do you see pride in your life hindering you from giving preference to others?

Thank God today that He has welcomed you into His family. Thank Him for the people in your life who have made you feel welcomed. Pray that you'll have God's eyes to see people the way He does. Pray that you'll have an open heart towards the people that God brings your way today.

Friday

Read Romans 12:17-20, Colossians 3:12-14 & 1 Peter 4:8. Forgiveness – this can be a hard one to live out at home, or anywhere! Write down five things these verses say about forgiveness.

Who are you struggling to forgive right now? How has that impacted you?

Take each of the five things you wrote down about forgiveness and write down one way you could apply it to your life.

Thank God today for His forgiveness. Thank Him for the example His forgiveness has left for you. Talk to Him honestly about your struggles with forgiveness. Be trusting – open your heart to His healing of your hurts. Pray that you will faithfully share His forgiveness with others in your life.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and work on this week's memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that they will encourage and build up those who bear them. Thanks!



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