

Prayer Updates

JOY & BLESSING

Scott and Janelle Mace welcome daughter, **Kyleigh Noel**, born September 22; delighted grandparents are Jeff and Carol Mace and Kevin and Debbie Larkin.

Amanda Torrente, and grandparents Joseph and Kimberly Torrente, welcome into their hearts **Joseph Michael**, born 10/2.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Adrienne Gomes – testing, not doing well, sometimes incoherent

Chris Ramsey – Stanford, fork lift accident, crushed his left foot and part of his leg, muscle and nerve issues

David Kiff – remains in ICU, doing a little better, he is off the ventilator and coming around, will be having speech therapy

Dick Downs (teacher at Pajaro Rescue Mission & former Wycliffe missionary) – appendix near bursting as of 10/2

Eileen LaFrance – surgery

Howard Mettler – testing

John “Johnny” Stocker – born 9/9 weighing less than five pounds, expected to remain in NICU up to two months

Lisa McMillan – surgery

Marcia Pelton – advanced cancer (she is caregiver for her daughter Leah, who has Huntington’s disease)

Tristan Beverly (parents Nathan & Catherine) – at Stanford PICU, born 8/15, up to two pounds (parents anxious to bring him home!)

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Carol Perrigo, Ron Hughes

What is “Stephen Ministry”?

“God’s love in action” – a confidential one-to-one ministry of encouragement to individuals in our church family experiencing loss or a life crisis. **Who can become a Stephen Minister?** For more information, write “Stephen Ministry” on your Welcome card today – training begins October 23.

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. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update online at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

How do I move out in faith?

4 lessons from Abraham:

1. By faith he _____

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as an inheritance, **obeyed and went**, even though he didn’t know where he was going.” *Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)*

How to start in the direction of God’s call:

- Look at the _____ instead of the whole journey.
- Look at _____ instead of myself.
- Look at the _____ instead of the short-term struggles.

2. By faith he _____

“By faith he made his **home** in the Promised Land. A stranger in a foreign land; he lived in tents as did Isaac and Jacob who were heirs with him of the same promise, for he was **looking forward** to the city with foundation whose architect and builder is God.” *Hebrews 11:9 (NIV)*

He built his _____ upon the foundations of the _____

“All these people were still living by faith **when they died**. They did **not** receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance... they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.” *Hebrews 11:13,15 (NIV)*

3. By faith he _____

“By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was able to become a father because **he considered Him faithful who had made the promise.**” *Hebrews 11:11 (NIV)*

3 sons are mentioned in Abraham’s life:

- “I’ll _____ ” (Eliezer; Gen. 15:2-6)
- “I’ll _____ ” (Ishmael; Gen. 16:1-2)
- “I’ll _____ ” (Isaac; Gen. 21:1-3, 5-6)

“And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.” *Hebrews 11:12*

4. By faith he _____

"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. . . ." *Hebrews 11:17 (NIV)*

What is the meaning of the story of Abraham and Isaac?

God was turning traditional religion on its head by showing that sacrifice is provided by _____ for _____, not by _____ for _____

"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" *Romans 8:32 (NLT)*

Trust is believing that " _____ "

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." *Proverbs 3:5*

"Abraham believed in God who **gives life to the dead** and who **creates something out of nothing**." *Romans 4:17 (NCV)*

Where do I need to move out in faith?

Daily Meditations

This week's daily meditations are in the book "40 Days of Faith" or online at www.tlc.org/40days

40 Days of Faith Overview

What Hebrews 11 reveals about faith:

WEEK 3:

How to Overcome My Fears with Faith (Hebrews 11:22-28)

"It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and **was not afraid** of the King's anger. **He held to his purpose** like a man who could see the invisible." *Hebrews 11:27 (JB)*

- Ministry Fair and Chili Cook-Off!

WEEK 4:

How to Change the World through Faith (James 2:14-26)

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." *James 2:26 (NIV)*

- Oct 27: Sharefest (We'll go into the community and do good!)
- Oct. 27,28: Final weekend for food drive

WEEK 5:

How to Have Faith God Can Use Me! (Hebrews 11:31-35)

"By faith these people. . . shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. **Their weakness was turned to strength**." *Hebrews 11:34 (JB)*

WEEK 6:

How to Keep the Faith in Tough Times (Hebrews 11:35-40)

"Others trusted God and were tortured, preferring to die rather than turn from God. . ." *Heb. 11:35b (JB)*

WEEK 7:

How to Finish the Race of Faith (Hebrews 12:1-3)

"Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us. . . run with endurance the race God has set before us!" *Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)*

"It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." *Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*



Memory Verse

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And do not lean on your own
understanding." *Proverbs 3:5 (NASB)*