

# Prayer Updates

## JOY & BLESSINGS

Kevin & Hannah Deutsch welcome into their family, Joshua Daniel, born October 18. Kevin is our TLC Graphic Design artist.

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Bob Glissman – RCU, recovering from disc fusion

George Smiley – testing, very weak

Minnie Martin – RCU, pulmonary problems

Nancy Bittinger – back injury, transferring to care facility

Ray Johnson – complications of diabetes

Tristan Beverly (parents Nathan & Catherine) – at Stanford PICU, born 8/15

Trudi Jackson – asthma complications

**RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES:** Bob Gubser (pacemaker), David Kiff

## HOME WITH THE LORD

A dear former member and deaconess of our churchfamily, Carrie Funk, has been “welcomed home” by the Lord. Caring cards may be sent to her son and wife, Rev. Steve and Susie Funk, 16260 S.E. Woodland Heights Rd., Amity, Oregon 97101

## 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](http://www.tlc.org/profiles).**

# 40 DAYS OF FAITH

WEEK 5

## God Uses Ordinary People in Extraordinary Ways!

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## David's Story

“The LORD said to Samuel ‘I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king’... Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel... he asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘Well, there is the youngest,’ Jesse answered, ‘but he’s out in the fields watching sheep.’”  
*1 Samuel 16:1, 10, 11*

## Obstacles Faced by David

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(David) “My father and mother have forsaken me.” *Psalms 27:10*
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“‘Well, there is the youngest,’ Jesse replied.” *1 Samuel 16:11a*
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“But he’s out in the fields watching sheep.” *1 Samuel 16:11b*
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(David’s brother Eliah) “I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is...”  
*1 Samuel 17:28*  
(David) I am estranged from my brothers...” *Psalms 69:8*
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“No... Moabite or any of his descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, even down to the tenth generation.” *Deuteronomy 23:3*
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(David:) “In sin did my mother conceive me...” *Psalms 51:5*
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“Then the LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; he is the one.’” *1 Samuel 16:12*  
“The LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height... The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the **outward appearance**, but the LORD looks at the **heart**.’” *1 Samuel 16:6-7*

# 40 Days of Faith Overview

What Hebrews 11 reveals about faith:

(God says) "I have **found** David my servant...  
"He will call out to me, 'You are my **Father**...'  
"I will also appoint him my **firstborn**...  
"I will maintain my love to him **forever**.  
"I will establish his **line** forever...  
"I will **not take my love from him**, nor will I **ever** betray my faithfulness."  
Psalm 89:20,26-29,33

"You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." *Psalm 139:13*

## This is how God always operates!

"But God chose the foolish things of the world... the weak things... the lowly things... the despised things... the things that are not." *1 Corinthians 1:27*

## WHO does God use?

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"The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart..." *1 Samuel 13:4 (See 1 Samuel 15:22)*

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"They repeated these words to David. But David said, '...I'm only a poor man and little known.'"  
*1 Samuel 18:23*

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"Now Jesse said to his son David, 'Take... these ten loaves of bread for your brothers, and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses...' Early in the morning David... loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed." *1 Samuel 17:17-18, 20*

## Daily Meditations

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

### 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)*



"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."  
*James 2:17 (NIV)*