

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Alan "Woody" Wood – complicated back surgery

Anne Webb (Gayla Reed's mother) – moved to RCU, lacks strength

Bud Varni – knee surgery

Diana Kawamoto – surgery 11/16

Lori Dueck – surgery 11/13

Mike Taylor – gall bladder surgery 11/20

Natalie Adams – surgery 11/13

Paul Barton – heart valve replacement 11/14

Peggy Wehr – gall bladder surgery

Raymond "Buck" Hornbeak – walking pneumonia

Sheila Snavelly – total hip replacement 11/20

Tristan Beverly (parents Nathan & Catherine) – born 8/15 Dominican NICU

Recent hospitalizations / surgeries: Cheryl Trowbridge, Connie Upton, Howard Mettler, Kimberly Bonds, Lara Goldsmith, Rachel Silva, Valerie Madeley, Susan Rymer

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.**

40 DAYS OF FAITH

CELEBRATION WEEKEND
What Have We Learned?

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1. Where God _____, God _____

"God is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or **imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us..." *Ephesians 3:20*

But I must take that _____ in faith!

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, **even though he did not know where he was going.**" *Hebrews 11:8*

"By faith Abraham, even though he was **past age** — and Sarah herself was **barren** — was **enabled** to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. 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*

2. Faith is _____

"And let us consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage one another...**" *Hebrews 10:24,25*

3. Faith is a _____, but also an _____

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" *James 2:14*

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, **they may see your good deeds** and glorify God on the day he visits us." *1 Peter 2:12*

4. Faith is a way _____, not a way _____

"These were all commended for their faith, **even though** none of them received what had been promised. **God had planned something better** for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." *Hebrews 11:39*

The bottom line: The leap of faith is _____ !

"**You yourselves are a case study of what he does.** At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now... **Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together...**" *Colossians 1:21 (Msg)*

Daily Meditations

Monday

After spending 40 days studying faith from all angles, I thought it would be a good thing to spend Thanksgiving week focusing and meditating on God's faithfulness. Each day we'll read a passage of scripture, spend some time meditating on it and answer a few questions about the passage.

Spend a few moments in prayer before you read Psalm 57. Ask God to encourage you with His faithfulness and speak to you through His word.

What do you learn about God's faithfulness in this passage?

What encourages most as you read this passage?

What can you apply to your life this week?

Thank God today for three ways that you have seen His mercy in your life. Thank Him for His love and faithfulness to you. Ask God to remind you throughout the day of His faithfulness. Pray that your faith will grow as you reflect on His faithfulness.

Tuesday

Spend a few moments in prayer before you read Psalm 86. Ask God to encourage you with His faithfulness and speak to you through His word.

What do you learn about God's faithfulness in this passage?

What encourages most as you read this passage?

What can you apply to your life this week?

Thank God today for His forgiveness and goodness. Ask God to use you as a source of encouragement in the lives of others today. Pray that as you study God's word you will apply it to your life daily.

Wednesday

Spend a few moments in prayer before you read Lamentations 3:18-26. Ask God to encourage you with His faithfulness and speak to you through His word.

What do you learn about God's faithfulness in this passage?

What encourages most as you read this passage?

Wednesday (continued)

What can you apply to your life this week?

Thank God today that no matter what you have encountered in life God's faithfulness never ends. Talk to God about the areas of your life where you feel "that all you've hoped from the Lord is gone." Ask God to restore your hope in some way today.

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving! Spend a few moments in prayer before you read Psalm 100. Ask God to encourage you with His faithfulness and speak to you through His word.

What do you learn about God's faithfulness in this passage?

What encourages most as you read this passage?

What can you apply to your life this week?

As you spend time in prayer today focus on thanksgiving. Try to spend five minutes thanking God for whatever comes to your mind.

Friday

Spend a few moments in prayer before you read Psalm 28. Ask God to encourage you with His faithfulness and speak to you through His word.

What do you learn about God's faithfulness in this passage?

What encourages most as you read this passage?

What can you apply to your life this week?

Thank God today for His help and concern for you. Pray for those in your life who are struggling with hope and faith. Ask God to for opportunities to share the hope and faith you have in Christ.

Saturday

Look back over the devotions this week. What stands out to you most about God's faithfulness?

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will use them to focus people on thankfulness and help set the stage for a wonderful holiday season here at TLC.



"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23