

## Friday

Please read Proverbs chapter 27. Which verse(s) stands out to you and why?

Which of these proverbs do you want to focus on today?

How can you apply the proverbs you've studied to your life this week?

*Thank God today for the wise people He has placed in your life. Pray that you'll become that type of person for others. Ask God to give you patience to wait for wisdom and listen for God's voice. Pray that you will apply what you've studied this week and that you will grow to love wisdom.*

## Saturday

*Please be sure you've completed this week's devotions and know the memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we start our new series in the book of Ruth God will use Pastor Mark to teach, challenge and encourage us. Pray for our guest worship leader, Justin Fox, that God will use him to point us to Him as we worship together. Pray also for René and his family as they continue their sabbatical.*

## Prayer Updates

### Joy & Blessings

Ed and Brenda Williams welcome their grandson **Quinn Ronin Curtis**, born July 21, to their daughter Jennifer Jones.

### Home with the Lord

Don and Loretta Stone would appreciate our prayers as they grieve the tragic loss of Loretta's brother, **Ken Thrash**, who had a heart attack while on vacation at Donner Lake with his wife, Terri and their three boys.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Pam Gandolfi in the loss of her mother, **Barbara Galdolfi**. Pam is very thankful that God went before them in every way allowing her to be by her mother's bedside at the time of her death.

Please keep John Hamilton, a TLC staff member, and his wife, Sylvia, in your prayers. John's mother, **Peggy Hershberger**, was a great friend and prayer warrior for John. She was also a loving and devoted, grandmother and great-grandmother. They had a family reunion just two weeks prior to her death and all recognize it was a God-orchestrated celebratory "good-bye".

### Hospitalized & Surgeries

Bonita Montoya — surgery complications

Dusti Zuniga — third back surgery, 7/28

Lorraine Kenyon — back surgery

Nicholas Rendon — cancer surgery, 7/28

Tiffany Shaffer — cancer complications

**Recent hospitalizations/surgeries:** Wes Henson, Kara Kreer, Robert Gilles

### We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is in need. Prayer Updates at the Info Desk.



## The Final Countdown

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### Matthew 25:1-13

"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'

"But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'

"But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'

"So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return."

### The Final Countdown

**1. The bridegroom is \_\_\_\_\_ and the bride is the \_\_\_\_\_**  
"Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. **For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself.**" *Revelations 19:7*

**2. The virgin \_\_\_\_\_ are symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_**  
"For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. **I promised you as a pure bride (virgin) to one husband — Christ.**" *2 Corinthians 11:2*

**3. The flame is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_**  
"The human spirit is the Lord's light, exposing every hidden motive." *Proverbs 20:27*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the symbol of the \_\_\_\_\_**  
"Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head, anointing him and making him holy for his work." *Leviticus 8:12*

**5. Pray that someone will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_**  
"When the bridegroom was delayed they all became drowsy and fell asleep." *Matthew 25:5*

**6. While they \_\_\_\_\_ the foolish ran out of \_\_\_\_\_**  
"The five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'" *Matthew 25:8*

**7. The wise took \_\_\_\_\_ in a vessel with their \_\_\_\_\_**

“...but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.” *Matthew 25:4*

**8. The \_\_\_\_\_ is symbolic of your \_\_\_\_\_**

“We now have this light shining in our hearts, **but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.**” *2 Corinthians 4:7*

**As we wait for \_\_\_\_\_ we must grow \_\_\_\_\_**

**What must \_\_\_\_\_ do to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually?**

How can you apply the proverbs you've studied to your life this week?

*Thank God today that He is the giver of wisdom. Thank Him for the Bible and the opportunity to study it. Talk to God about the areas of your life where you resist wisdom. Pray that you'll be willing to set aside your ideas and choose the wisdom of God. Pray that you'll apply what you've studied today to your life.*

**Tuesday**

Please read Proverbs chapter 11. Which verse(s) stands out to you and why?

Which of these proverbs do you want to focus on today?

How can you apply the proverbs you've studied to your life this week?

*Thank God today for the beauty He has surrounded you with. Thank Him for His grace and mercy. Talk to Him about the struggles you're currently facing. Pray for His wisdom and direction. Pray that you'll apply what you've studied today and that your life will reflect God's love.*

**Wednesday**

Please read Proverbs chapter 16. Which verse(s) stands out to you and why?

Which of these proverbs do you want to focus on today?

How can you apply the proverbs you've studied to your life this week?

*Thank God today for at least 10 blessings. Pray that you will grow in your relationship with Him. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith and the willingness and courage to take them!*

**Thursday**

Please read Proverbs chapter 22. Which verse(s) stands out to you and why?

Which of these proverbs do you want to focus on today?

How can you apply the proverbs you've studied to your life this week?

*Thank God today for the peace and hope that He provides. Thank Him for loving you. Pray that you will be reminded throughout the day of the Proverbs you've studied this week and that you'll have opportunities to apply what you've learned.*



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.” *Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Coming Soon**

**August 9 & 10**

**Pie-O-Rama!  
Ollaliberry Pie Baking Contest**

Bring in your pies! Plus there will be pie for everyone to enjoy!

**New Series for September...**



**Daily Meditations**

**Throughout August...**

New Series:



INSIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

**Plus Guest Musicians:** Justin Fox, Trent Smith, and the Genesis Band

**Monday**

This week we're going to read one chapter of Proverbs a day and answer a few questions. Proverbs is a book of wisdom whose goal is “for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight, for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair.” *Proverbs 1:2-3*

Please read Proverbs chapter 3. Which verse(s) stands out to you and why?

Which of these proverbs do you want to focus on today?

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