

Prayer Updates



**"Finding Your Place
In Life"**

Message by Bill Butterworth, May 28 & 29, 2006

HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Angel Navarro, Sr. – ICU, serious infection
Crystal Kusalich – RCU (restorative care)
Eileen Wakelin – testing
Joan Anderson – RCU (restorative care)
Judy Helmle – RCU (restorative care)
Linda Davenport – procedure at Stanford
Mildred Osenga – ICU, pneumonia
Virginia Fair – RCU (restorative care)

HOSPICE CARE

Josephine Walmer – pray for pain relief from cancer, also hope to be able to go to Pacific Coast Manor

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES:

Dan Bailey
David Delucchi
Ken Stewart
Pamela Stewart
Roger McGary
John Bowen
Jay Webb

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.

Three Truths About Me. (First Corinthians)

1. I _____ . (1:3)

My relationship with God _____ .

I am His _____ .

2. I have _____ . (1:22-23)

My relationship with God _____ .

I am His _____ .

3. I am _____ . (12:4-11)

My relationship with God _____ .

I am His _____ .

Three Truths About Us. (First Corinthians 12)

1. We are _____ ,
giving us a broader base. (12:12-14)

2. We all have a _____ ,
giving us a quality approach. (12:15-17)

3. We _____ **each other,**
giving each person equal importance. (12:18-25)

Final Thought: We are _____ . (12:12)

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this weekend's message

This Week's Memory Verse: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27

Monday

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 & Ephesians 1:11-14. What is one application you took away from last weekend's sermon? How will you put that into practice in your life?

What do these verses teach about your relationship with God?

How can understanding that you belong to God impact your view of yourself?

How has your life been enriched by your faith in Christ?

Thank God today that you belong to Him. Thank Him for the many ways He's blessed you. Pray today you'll live like the child of the King that you are. Ask God to use you to encourage the people you encounter.

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Ephesians 2:1-10 & Revelation 19:6-8. It is difficult to think of ourselves as the Bride of Christ. What does it mean to be someone's bride?

How does knowing you are the Bride of Christ impact your sense of worth?

Reread Ephesians 2:1-10. How do these verses specifically speak to who you are in Christ? What is most encouraging to you and why?

Write down the name of someone in your life who needs to be encouraged about the truth of their value. How will you reach out to them in the next week?

Thank God today for Jesus. Thank Him for His immense love for you. Talk to God about the ways you struggle with believing that you have worth. Ask Him to give you the faith to relax in His view of you. Pray that you'll point people to Jesus today.

Wednesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. How do these verses affirm your competency in Christ?

Who works through the various gifts Christians have?

How have you experienced being a vessel of the Holy Spirit? How did that impact you?

In this passage, what is the reason for the work of the Spirit in you life?

Based on this list of gifts, how do you think God has gifted you? (If you have questions about spiritual gifts be sure to take the 301 Class next time it's offered. You'll spend three hours learning about spiritual gifts and evaluating how God has uniquely gifted you!)

Wednesday (continued)

Thank God today that He has given you a unique gift and place in the body of Christ. Thank Him for the confidence you can have knowing you are competent in Him. Ask Him to give you the courage to put your gift into action. Pray that as you use your gift you will rejoice in being His vessel to serve others.

Thursday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-17. God in His wisdom gave each of us a part to play in representing Christ to the world – as a whole we are the body of the Christ.

What common element exists in the diversity of gifts?

Why is it important to remember that we are all members of one body? How does that impact your patience with diversity?

Why is the illustration of the human body a good way to describe the body of Christ? What does that teach you?

When have you struggled with feeling like a "little toe" in the body of Christ? How have these verses impacted your understanding of the importance of every part – big or small – in the body of Christ? How does that encourage you?

Thank God today that you are not alone in representing Christ to the world. Thank Him for giving you an important place in the body of Christ. Ask Him to give you patience with the other parts of His body that sometimes bother you. Pray that you'll be patient with diversity and eager for unity.

Friday

Read 1 Cor. 12:18-25. What lessons are there in seeing the church like a human body?

What does Paul mean when he says the "less honorable" parts should be treated with special attention?

Who appoints the members of the body to their positions? Why is this important?

What is one way you can show love and concern for another member of the body this week?

Pray for the body of Christ in Santa Cruz and at Twin Lakes Church today. Ask that the Lord bless and nourish it, and that we all understand how dependent we are on one another.

Saturday

Look back over any devotions you may have missed – and the memory verse for this week. Please pray for the services this weekend as we launch a new series in Philippians! Thanks!