

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Brian Vonmelchert – serious complications after appendectomy

Carol Plaskett – surgery

Doreen Bartels – hip replacement surgery

Nancy Kronander – testing for lung problems

Roberly Bedayan – Stanford, cancer treatment

Ron Berry – infection

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS /SURGERIES

Dorothy “Jeannie” Rising

Mildred Osenga

HOSPICE CARE

Jane Evers, home hospice care

HOME WITH THE LORD

Josephine Walmer, a faithful and beloved member of our TLC family, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord after a lengthy illness with cancer. Her memorial service will be 2pm, Tuesday, June 20 in the Auditorium with a dessert reception following at Monschke Hall.

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.

ENJOYING



“Building a Great Team”

Message by René Schlaepfer, June 17 & 18, 2006

Philippians 2:1-11

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then...” (v. 1)

How to Build a Great Team

1. Focus on your common _____

*“...make my joy complete by being **likeminded**, having the **same** love, being **one** in spirit and purpose.” (v. 2)*

2. Eliminate selfish _____

*“Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or **vain conceit**...” (v. 3a)*

3. Give others the preferred _____

*“...but in humility **consider others better** than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but **also to the interests of others.**” (vv. 3b, 4)*

4. Remember Jesus Christ’s _____

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” (v. 5)

How should my attitude be like Jesus?

• Jesus did not demand his _____

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped...” v. 6

• Jesus was willing to _____

“...but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” v. 7

• Jesus was willing to _____

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!” v. 8

• Jesus was then _____

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” vv. 9–11

The objective: To be so _____, we _____ !

“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.” Philippians 2:14,15

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on today's message

This week's memory verse:

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:4,5

Monday

Which of the major points from last weekend's message are strengths of yours? Which are weaknesses? Read Philippians 2:1-4. As you heard this past weekend, Paul is instructing the Philippian church to be unified, because Satan has disrupted their fellowship with rivalries and arguments between church members. Is this still a tactic of Satan today? Why do you think this is such an effective tactic against churches? Do you see this happening in our church? How? Analyze yourself: Are you ever a cause of discord?

Take some time now to pray for unity to continue to grow in our congregation, as well as the whole community of faith in Santa Cruz County!

Tuesday

Read James 4:1-2. How does this relate to Philippians 2? When was the last time you had a squabble with a family member, friend, church member, co-worker, etc.? Is there someone you're struggling to get along with right now? What advice does Paul give in Philippians 2:1-11 that would help you?

Think of that person. Fill in the blanks with his/her name and see if this helps you apply this passage: "In humility consider _____ better than yourself. Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of _____."

Ask the Lord today to change your heart toward this person – and to love in Christ-like unity! If you need to go and make amends, make a specific plan today – and act on it as soon as possible.

Wednesday

Read Philippians 2:5-11. When Jesus left his heavenly throne, he not only took on human nature, but he served others and died for us so we might live! What impresses you most about what Jesus did? Are you trying to hang on to privileges that are keeping you from serving others, or creating conflict with others? A job, a house, a title, prestige?

If you are to have the same attitude Christ had, what practical steps can you take to serve others?

Take some time to worship Jesus right now and thank Him for what he did!

Thursday

Read Philippians 2:12-18. What do you tend to complain about? What do you tend to argue about? How do we "shine like stars" in a corrupt world?

In what situations this week will you make a conscious choice not to complain and argue. but instead to shine like a star?

Ask God to help you stay focused on the positive things you can give thanks for, instead of the negative things that might tempt you to complain.

Friday

Read Philippians 2:19-30. What would you say was Paul's opinion of Timothy? In Paul's view, why did Timothy stand out? How does this help illustrate Philippians 2:4? Epaphroditus was a Philippian church member who had been taking care of Paul, and probably carried this letter back to the church from Rome. He had recently recovered from a serious illness, and was going back home. How are he and Timothy excellent, counter-cultural examples of manhood?

Pray that God will help you to have the attitude Paul commends in Timothy and Epaphroditus.

Saturday

Please thank the Lord for his blessings on our church. Ask Him to move in a great way this weekend! Pray specifically for the message to be brought by René, and the music from Dan, Lisa, and the Summer Choir. Thank you!