

Prayer Updates



“Making A Difference”

Message by Mark Spurlock, July 29 & 30, 2006

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES UPDATE

Beth Duckart – surgery complications, but all the cancer removed, excellent prognosis
 Candi Whitney – testing, follow-up to recent mild heart attack, Stanford
 Darlene Fitts – surgery
 Ian Tupper (age 16) – accident recovery, Stanford, coming home soon
 Jerry Zamzow – heart valve problem
 Kelly Welty – cancer surgery, all the cancer removed, excellent prognosis
 Linda Crabb – foot reconstruction surgery
 Matthew Powell (age 5) – surgery on both eyes
 Nancy Bittinger – back problem
 Roberly Bedayan – cancer treatment, Stanford

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS /SURGERIES

Leslie Nelson, Mary & Harvey Linder, Rosemary Baker, Andrew Carlton

HOSPICE CARE

Jane Evers

HOME WITH THE LORD

Please remember Charlie Broxton, our Genesis pastor, in the recent loss of his grandmother.

Sylvia Hamilton’s mother passed away after a lengthy illness with cancer. Her last years she was a delightful lady who sang hymns around her care facility up until a few days before her death.

The memorial service for Dorothy “Jeannie” Rising will be Thursday, August 17 at 1pm.

IMMEDIATE “SHARE HIS CARE” NEED FOR RONI WALKER

Kelly & Roni Walker must move out of their Aptos apartment (541 Questa) August 4th. Praise God that storage and movers have been provided by our TLC Family – now help is needed to pack boxes 7/31–8/3. Please call Cathy Sleeper, 476-2470, to participate in this “Share HIS Care” project.

Do you or someone you know need a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are now available to encourage individuals who have experienced a crisis or loss in their lives. If you know someone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact our Pastor of Care, Gary Williams, gary@tlc.org or 465-3395. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training.

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.

Acts 3:1–19

I will make a difference as I act on these 3 truths:

1. There is a _____ God wants me to _____ .

“One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer. . . Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, ‘Look at us!’” Acts 3:1–4

Q: Where can I make a difference?

2. There is a _____ God wants me to _____ .

“So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk.” Acts 3:5–8

Q: What has God given me to give?

3. There is a _____ God wants me to _____ .

• People notice _____ .

“When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging. . . and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” Acts 3:9–10

• The message is about _____ .

“When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? . . . By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.” Acts 3:12,16

• There is a balance of _____ .

“You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.” Acts 3:14–15

Q: Who can I share the message of Christ with?

“Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. . . Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. . .” Acts 3:17,19

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

You'll find the Memory Verse at the bottom right corner so you can conveniently cut it out and keep it.

Monday

Read Acts 3:1–19. What stood out to you in this story? Look back over the notes from last weekend. Which point impacted you the most? Why?

What is appealing to you about making a difference? If you could make a difference in any way, what would it be? How do you think the three truths from the sermon will help you make a difference in the lives of those around you?

Thank God today that He works through you. Pray that you will have a soft heart willing to follow God's leadings. Commit the week to the Lord. Pray that you'll see the many ways God works in your life this week.

Tuesday

Read Acts 3:1–4. Place yourself in the beggar's place. What do you think was going through his mind on a typical day? What usually goes through your mind when you pass by a person asking for money?

What was unique about Peter and John's reaction to the man?

What do you have to offer to others who are disabled or in need? What specific attitudes need changing toward those weaker or more needy than you? How would that change you?

Thank God today for whatever health and financial security you enjoy. Talk to God honestly about your attitude towards the poor and needy. Ask God to work in your heart to make your heart more like His. Pray that God will give you opportunities this week to apply what you've learned.

Wednesday

Read Acts 3:5–8. Peter's words must have baffled this man. What do you think was going through this man's mind when Peter responded to him? How do you typically respond when God suddenly answers your daily prayers in a dramatic way?

What is the man's response to Peter's words and actions? What do you learn from him? When is it hard for you to step out in faith?

What do Peter and John's words and actions teach you about interacting with people who are either emotionally or physically needy?

How can you help someone who is needy?

Thank God today that He answers prayer. Thank God for the miracles that you have seen Him perform in your life. Pray that you will not become complacent in your prayers and that you'll be open to God's sudden miracles.

Thursday

Read Acts 3:9–14. What did the beggar do after he was healed? Think about the most recent miracle you saw in your life — what was your response?

How did the people feel about what happened to the beggar? How do you typically respond to God's miracles in someone else's life (with joy, jealousy, indifference, etc.)?

Write down five ways you have seen God change your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

How can you weave these together and use them as a way to share your faith?

Thank God today for the changes He's brought to your life. Thank Him for the miracles you've seen Him perform. Pray that you will rejoice in His miracles whether they're in your life or the lives of those you know. Ask God to give you boldness to share your faith as He gives you opportunity.

Friday

Read John 1:14 & Acts 3:14–20. What can you learn from the way Peter shared the truth about Jesus?

Why is it important to share both grace and truth? What happens when one is emphasized over the other?

Think about your life this week. Spend time in prayer asking God what truth He wants to teach you. Write down how you will apply God's truth to your life to change your attitude and actions.

Thank God today that He wants to be involved in your life. Thank Him for both the truth and grace He shares with you. Ask God to keep your heart soft towards applying His truth in your life.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that our guest speaker, Craig Barnes will be an encouragement to the church. Pray that you will have a soft heart to learn what God has for you at church this weekend. Thanks!



Memory Verse

"Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'" Acts 3:6

