

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES UPDATE

Don Edwards (age 94, Lois Dickman's father, former missionary) – cancer surgery

Gloria Daniels – second surgery in Hawaii, pray it will soon be possible for her to make the trip home for further care

Judy Powell – CT scan, cancer

Norma Souza – irregular heartbeat

Roberly Bedayan – cancer treatment at Stanford, also remember Bruce, her husband

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS /SURGERIES

Darlene Fitts, Don Eppembach, Roni Walker

HOSPICE CARE

Jane Evers

HOME WITH THE LORD

Pray for Shirley Flack in the passing of her father-in-law, which revisits the grief of losing her husband only three years ago. Shirley is our Stephen Ministry Coordinator and such a blessing to our church family.

Please remember Jack Hinds (former TLC pastor) and family in the loss of his mother, Margaret Spero Hinds, who would have been 100 in October. She was such a blessing to the family and it was comforting to them that she passed peacefully in her sleep. Services will be held at Gateway Bible Church, 5000 Granite Creek Rd., in Scotts Valley, Sunday, August 20, at 2pm.

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY

Prayer Focus: GOD'S POWER THROUGH PRAYER

"Whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray" – C.H. Spurgeon

Pray that the 40 Days of Community (overview weekend 9/23-24)

...will be a defining time in the journey of our church, small groups and neighborhoods

...that this spiritual growth campaign will deepen our church's faith and prayer life

...for the coming harvest of changed lives

...that our prayers will touch the fuse of God's power and we will see spectacular things happen during the 40 days

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.

FACING YOUR FUTURE



"Beyond Your Wildest Dreams"

Message by Ray Johnston, August 12 & 13, 2006

Joshua 1:1-18

Joshua's Circumstances:

A Time Of Change And Challenge (1:1-2)

	Joshua 1-5	Joshua 6-12	Joshua 13-21	Joshua 22-24
Death of Moses	Entering the Land	Conquering the Land	Dividing the Land	Farewell Message

"After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites.'" Joshua 1:1-2

"It is not difficult to picture the dismay and even the despair that gripped the nation when the time drew near for the firm capable hand of Moses to be withdrawn from the helm. For 4 decades their whole national life had revolved around him and it was to him that they looked for the solution of their problems, the settlement of their disputes, and it was he that interpreted the will of God for them. They could be forgiven for feeling that he was irreplaceable and that his death occurred at the very moment that they were to enter Canaan, imparting added tension to this crisis." J. Oswald Sanders

5 MAJOR CHANGES

- Changing _____
- Changing _____
- Changing _____
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- Changing _____

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

God's Instructions

Words Of Comfort And Challenge (1:3-9)

Lessons For Living

1. _____ is Essential (vv. 2-5)

"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, over over

and from the great river, the Euphrates — all the Hittite country — to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Joshua 1:2–5

3 TESTS JOSHUA FACED

1. The Test of _____
2. The Test of _____
3. The Test of _____

2. _____ is Essential (vv. 6–8)

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:6–8

Commitments That Produce Spiritual Vitality

• Be Strong and Courageous (vv. 6,7,9)

Lead Effectively

“Be strong and courageous, **because you will lead these people** to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.” Joshua 1:6

- God’s Purpose will _____ !
- God’s Purpose will _____ !
- God’s Purpose will _____ !
- God’s Purposes will _____ !

Live Effectively

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.” Joshua 1:7

• Saturate Yourself With God’s Word (v. 8)

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8

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3. _____ is Essential (v. 9)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

Monday

Read Joshua 1:1-9. What did you learn in the weekend message that encouraged you? How can you relate to Joshua? Write down two things you learned and how you are going to apply them to your life.

Thank God today that we have the privilege of looking back and learning from those who have followed God before us. Pray that your faith will grow and that your life will be an example for those who follow you.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 1:2-5. How did Joshua’s vision help him endure the tests he faced? In what area do you need God to give you a positive vision for your future? How will that impact your actions and thoughts?

Thank God today that He is with you each step of the way. Pray that you will see your life and tests through His vision. Pray that your confidence in Him will be an encouragement to those you cross paths with today.

Wednesday

Read Deuteronomy 31:6-8, Joshua 1:6-7 & 1 Chronicles 28:20. The same command and comfort was handed down from generation to generation. In what area of your life do you need to hear this command? How could focusing on God’s command impact your spiritual vitality?

Thank God today that for the challenge to stay focused on Him. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you need strength and courage. Pray that you’ll grow in faith and be bold enough to trust that God will give you what you need to meet the challenges you face.

Thursday

Read Deuteronomy 32:46-48 & Joshua 1:8. Why do you think it is important to know what the Bible says? What does it mean to “saturate” yourself in God’s Word? How can you make that a part of your life?

Thank God today for the Bible. Thank Him for the encouragement His words give you. Pray that you’ll develop the daily habit of saturating your mind in God’s Word.

Friday

Read Genesis 28:15, Joshua 1:9 & Matthew 28:19-20. What is the common promise in these three verses? What do you think it meant to Joshua to know that God would be with him? What does it mean to you today? How can God’s presence with you change your outlook on your fears?

Thank God today that He is with you each step of the way — good times and bad. Pray that you’ll be aware of the comfort of His presence and that you’ll make your attitude choices based on this truth. Pray that your faith will grow.



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