

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES

Don Edwards (age 94, Lois Dickman's father, former missionary) – progressively better
Kay Drews – intestinal infection
Lois Tice – angioplasty to remove blood clots
Michelle Stewart – cancer surgery 9/5
Jack Christenson – irregular heartbeat

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Jeannie Carlson, John Galli

Hospice care: Jane Evers

AMAZING PRAISE & THANKS FOR PRAYER

“Susie and I express our deepest appreciation for all your prayers on my behalf. We believe God performed a healing miracle regarding my stage four Lymphoma which invaded my entire body and bone marrow. We were told initially that remission was not attainable, but that we could achieve about 80% regression. Following my PET Scan our doctor announced that **I am in remission!** A bone marrow test is scheduled for next month. **YES, I am back to my normal ministry schedule.** Please call upon me for any pastoral care needed. We love you all!” – Gary Williams, Pastor of Care and Second Half Ministry

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

The TLC family extends sympathy to Richard Rymmer on the death of his mother. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

THROUGH CANCER WITH CARE

Connect with others who understand, personal interaction & resources, encouragement & prayer. New times & place – first & third Thursday, begins with refreshments at 6:45, at TLC Gym, Rm. 104. Call Jan, 462-2271 or Gerry, 476-8735, or go to www.tlc.org/care

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY (Preview Weekend 9/23-24)

Prayer Focus: THE OVERVIEW WEEKEND

Pray that the Overview Weekend will be one of God's catalysts that will ignite enthusiasm, participation, and commitment.
...pray the same for all the churches worldwide that are participating in the 40 Days of Community.
...pray for the response of people to the appeal for Host Homes, that God would move in hearts and cause a groundswell of response to this challenge.

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

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.

Reframing Your Worldview

“Where Did We Come From?”

Message by René Schlaepfer, September 2 & 3, 2006

Worldviews can be analyzed in three categories:

- _____ : **Where did we come from?**
- _____ : **Why is the world messed up?**
- _____ : **What's the solution?**

Where did we come from?

1. GOD _____

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

“He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited.” Isaiah 45:18b (NIV)

2. GOD _____

EACH OF US

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born.” Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

3. GOD _____

US TO _____

US

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

“The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

What are the implications of this worldview?

1. MY LIFE HAS _____

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

(God to Jeremiah) “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

2. MY IDENTITY HAS _____

“Show respect to everyone.” 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

“Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all... So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (NIV)

3. MY DAYS HAVE _____

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

4. MY PROBLEMS HAVE

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

"You intended to harm me. But God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

5. MY FUTURE IS

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

Interesting books about developing a Christian worldview:

Finding God at Harvard: Spiritual Journeys of Thinking Christians Kelly Monroe

Finding God in the Questions Dr. Timothy Johnson (ABC News medical editor describes his faith journey)

God: The Evidence Patrick Glynn (Prof. at George Washington University and Washington Post writer)

How Now Shall We Live? Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey

Total Truth Nancy Pearcey

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read Psalm 139. What was most challenging to you in the sermon? Why?

List five things Psalm 139 says about how God created you.

How does knowing about how God intricately created you encourage you?

Think about a relationship in your life that has some struggles right now. What would it mean to apply Psalm 139 and 2 Corinthians 5:16 to that relationship? What step will you take towards that this week?

Thank God today for how He made you. Thank Him for caring about you as an individual. Pray that you will believe Psalm 139 is true of you. Ask Him to give you His eyes to view the people around you.

Tuesday

Read Genesis 1:27 and Jeremiah 1:5. What does it mean to you that your life has sanctity?

How does life's sanctity impact one's worldview? How have you seen that play out in your life or the lives of your friends?

How can knowing that your life has sanctity impact your struggles?

How will you encourage someone in your life with this truth?

Thank God today that He made you special. Thank Him for the immense value that He has placed on you. Pray that your worldview will reflect His heart and His love for people. Ask Him to use you to encourage someone today.

Wednesday

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 & 1 Peter 2:17. These are amazing verses! We can all imagine what

an impact treating people with dignity would have on the world but, on a more local scale, what impact do you think it would have on your neighborhood?

Think about a person that consistently respects who you are. How has that impacted your life?

What connection do you think there is between the amazing love Jesus demonstrated on the cross and your dignity?

What did your thoughts and actions reveal about your view of your identity? What did your thoughts and actions reveal about your view of other's dignity?

Thank God today that He has lavished His love on you. Thank Him for the position you have with God because of Jesus' death on the cross. Confess to God any actions that have not reflected the dignity you have in Him. Pray about your struggles reflecting Christ's love to others. Ask God to give you more of His heart for the people you encounter today.

Thursday

Read Ephesians 2:8-10. This is huge! God has a plan for your life, tailor-made for the gifts and skills He's given you; talk about having purpose! What is your initial reaction to this truth?

How does a God-given sense of destiny impact your worldview?

What is generally your attitude toward your daily routines? How can destiny impact your attitude towards your life's routines?

How has a clouded vision of your destiny impacted you in the past? Who around you is struggling with the same thing? How can you share this Truth with them this week?

Thank God today that He has given you a mission. Thank Him for the skills and gifts He's given you. Pray that you'll view your day as a destiny – not just a day. Ask God to give you the courage and wisdom to know how to encourage the people around you with the fact that God has a plan tailored just for them.

Friday

Read Genesis 50:20, Psalms 23:6 & Romans 8:28. What do these verses say about your present problems and your future?

How does your response to trouble betray your worldview? Based on that, what do you think people around you would say your worldview is?

How can knowing your ultimate future impact the present?

What "course corrections" do you need to make in your attitude towards your problem?

Thank God today that your future is secure in Him. Thank Him that even your problems have possibilities in His grace. Talk to Him about the problems you're facing. Ask Him to show you how to live your worldview with integrity. Pray that the future you have in Christ will encourage your heart today.

Saturday

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we continue to study what it means to have a Christian worldview that people would be encouraged and challenged. Also pray the 40 Days of Community would have a powerful impact on you and Twin Lakes Church.



"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view."
2 Corinthians 5:16a

