

# Prayer Updates

## JOY & BLESSINGS

We welcome two babies into the world, Chloe Grace, born 9/6 to Troy and Maureen Kitch (proud grandparents are Ted and Linda Kitch); and Eliot Reese, born 9/11 to Rob and Jennifer Namba.

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Jan Pavlovich – cancer surgery 9/11  
Michelle Stewart – cancer surgery rescheduled for 9/14  
Penny WhiteCloud – liver failure  
Stephanie Brunetti – gall bladder surgery 9/11

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Don Edwards, Kay Drews, Jack Christerson, Lois Tice

Hospice care: Jane Evers, Dorothy Thrash

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

Love and prayer for God’s comfort are extended to Edna Egbert in the recent loss of her nephew.

Pray for Bernice Bergman and family in the tragic accidental death of her precious great-grandson Jack – only two months old.

Russell Reeder, a life long member of TLC who had moved to Oceanside, is now present with His Lord. Russ was known for tirelessly spreading the gospel through tracts he printed; he was also very instrumental in establishing the AV department here at TLC.

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

### Prayer Focus: GOD’S PRESENCE

Pray that the Holy Spirit will confirm in each life that He is present and has called each person to participate during the 40 Days of Community.

... those who are discouraged would be encouraged by a new understanding of how to live life in community with others.

... those who are emotionally, physically and spiritually weary, to experience renewed strength and healing.

... for the National Event Day of Prayer and Fasting to be a day of deep heart preparation.

“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

# “What’s the Solution?”

Message by René Schlaepfer, September 16 & 17, 2006

## What’s the Solution to the World’s Problem?

### Different Worldviews Propose Different Solutions:

- Salvation by \_\_\_\_\_
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- Salvation by \_\_\_\_\_
- The Biblical Worldview: **Salvation by** \_\_\_\_\_

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.” Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

## Why Do I Need Inner Transformation?

### Human Heart Diseases

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“I was so swamped by guilt I couldn’t see my way clear. I had more guilt in my heart than hair on my head. And the guilt was so heavy that my heart gave out.” Psalm 40:12 (Message)

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“Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies in your mind because of your evil behavior.” Colossians 1:21 (NIV)

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“What I don’t understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. . . I know the law but I still can’t keep it. I realize that I don’t have what it takes. I can will it, but I can’t do it. I decide to do good, but I don’t really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. . . Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I’ve tried everything and nothing helps. I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does.” Romans 7:17-25 (Message)

## How Does Christ Transform My Heart?

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“God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God’s anger against us.” Romans 3:25 (LB)

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“For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!” Romans 5:10 (NIV) **over** 

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“God saved us because of His mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. He washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.” Titus 3:5 (CEV)

## So How Should I Live as a Christian?

### 1. Live with \_\_\_\_\_

“Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.” John 7:24 (NIV)

“Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.” 1 John 4:1 (NLT)

“You are the world’s salt to make it tolerable. If you lose your flavor, what will happen to the world?” Matthew 5:13 (LB)

### 2. Live with \_\_\_\_\_

“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matt 5:44 (NIV)

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

### 3. Live with \_\_\_\_\_

“... God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

## Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week’s topic

### Monday

Read Ezekiel 36:26. What point or points stood out to you from the weekend message? Which of the different worldview solutions have you tried?

Think about what salvation means to you. How does your worldview about salvation impact your daily life?

How have you seen the God’s transforming work in your life?

Write down three things about God’s transforming work in your life that you are thankful for today.

*Thank God today for His work in your life. Thank God for your salvation. Pray about your worldview. Ask God to continue to use what you’ve learned to shape your heart and mind. Pray that you’ll live your worldview consistently.*

### Tuesday

Read Psalm 40:12, Romans 7:17-25 & Colossians 1:21. What are some common reasons that people resist transformation? What has stopped you from embracing God’s work in your life?

Which of the “human heart diseases” do you struggle with the most: guilt, alienation or compulsion?

What would inner transformation in those areas look like in your life?

*Thank God today for His power to transform your heart. Talk to Him about the ways you struggle with “human heart disease”. Ask God to give you the faith to trust His forgiveness and love. Pray that you’ll increasingly experience His healing in your heart.*

### Wednesday

Read Romans 3:25, 5:10 and Titus 3:5. What do these verses say about transformation?

What does it mean to have your heart transformed by God? How does that change the way you live?

How can understanding Christ’s power to transform your heart give you hope in your relationships? In what area are you praying for Christ’s transformation?

*Thank God for His transforming love and power. Thank Him for the changes in your life because of His mercy. Pray that your life will be a testimony to God’s transforming power.*

### Thursday

Read Matthew 5:13, 44; Luke 6:38, John 7:24 & 1 John 4:1. What connection is there between discernment and grace? What truth is particularly striking to you in these passages?

Why is discernment important to your Christian life? How does it impact your worldview?

Who are you struggling to be gracious to right now? How could approaching that person with grace impact that person’s life? How would it change your heart?

*Thank God today that He has not only transformed you but He has given you what you need to live with a Christian worldview. Pray that your heart will be in tune with His and that you’ll have the courage to live with discernment. Pray about the people to whom you’re struggling to show grace. Pray that God’s love and grace will pour out from you towards that person.*

### Friday

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. In these verses, Paul describes his mission — and the mission of all disciples of Jesus. How would you put this mission in your own words? In what practical way can you be an ambassador of Christ to the world around you this week?

Read Col. 3:23,24. How can this help you live with a sense of purpose, no matter what you do?

*Ask God to help you live with a real sense of purpose and mission this week in all things.*

### Saturday

*Please pray for the whole church as we get ready to start the 40 Days of Community — that it would be a pivotal moment in the history of TLC!*



Memory Verse

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

