

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

"We were overwhelmed with the generosity and helpfulness of our church family who came to move us from Aptos to Soquel – and did it all in just an hour and half. We are so, so grateful." — Paul & Nelda Barton

"The Sears Family would like to thank our TLC Family for your prayers and support throughout our recent surgeries. Both tumor removals were benign. Thanks be to God!" — Ken and Eunice Sears

JOY & BLESSINGS

James and Jeaneen Clayton and big sister Elizabeth welcome home Chelsea Anne who had been hospitalized since her birth October 11 (Chelsea's due date was late November). The Claytons are grateful for the TLC care and prayer support.

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David Carlson – irregular heartbeat
Janelle Cridland – testing
Jay Fred – gall bladder surgery
Jerry Zamzow – RCU recovery
Joseph Carota – cancer surgery
Susan Dubin – edema, lots of pain
Ted Kitch – surgery for diverticulitis before he resumes chemo
Barbara Miller – testing

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Harlaine Roome
Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

THANK YOU FROM FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

"I wanted to send you and the entire TLC family a deeply felt "thank you"! The entire Faith Community Church family thanks the TLC family for their generosity and prayers. We thank you for your generous gifts that have helped us get the ministry started in these past months. Our children's ministry received the bulk of your gifts and so we thank you for this helpful start to that very important aspect of our ministry here in mid-town. Most of all we thank you for your prayers! Our whole staff is constantly coming in contact with people from TLC who tell us they are praying for us consistently because of their belief that God wants to bless the mission of this new church. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your love!" — The Faith Community Church Team



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.

40 days of community

Part 7: What Have We Learned

Message by René Schlaepfer, November 11 & 12, 2006

"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him..."
Deuteronomy 11:2 (TEV)

"Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in Him!" Philippians 4:4 (Message)

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED...

ABOUT WORSHIPING TOGETHER

"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

"I will sing and make music with all my soul... for great is your love, higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens." Psalm 68:4 (NIV)

ABOUT FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER

"Since we are all one Body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."
Romans 12:5b (NLT)

"You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor." James 3:18 (Message)

ABOUT GROWING TOGETHER

"Encourage one another and build each other up" 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

"... that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature..." Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)

ABOUT SERVING TOGETHER

"By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

"Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith." Galatians 6:10 (Message)

ABOUT REACHING OUT TOGETHER

"Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity."
Colossians 4:5 (NIV)

"Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight." James 1:27 (Message)

NOW WHAT?

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more" Hebrews 10:25 (TEV)

"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard... and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

How did the 40 Days of Community impact your life? What are some key applications that you will continue to keep in place in your life?

Read Psalm 68:4, Matthew 18:20 & Romans 12:1. What did you learn about worship during the 40 Days of Community?

What do these verses say about worship? How can you apply them to your life?

How does understanding that your life is an act of worship impact your actions?

Thank God today that you can worship God through your whole life. Talk to God about the things that hold you back when it comes to worship. Ask God to soften your heart towards Him. Ask Him to remind you that living is an act of worship. Commit your day to Him as your offering of love and praise today.

Tuesday

Read Romans 12:3-13 & James 3:17-18. What do you think of when you hear the word "fellowship"? How did what you learned in the 40 Days of Community impact that definition?

What are some of the benefits of fellowship?

Write down four things that are important to healthy fellowship according to the verses you read today.

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

How will you apply these verses to your life and ensure that fellowship is a part of your life?

Thank God today that He has provided you the joy of fellowshiping with other Christians. Talk to God about the things that hinder your desire to fellowship with others. Ask God to fill you with His love for the Church. Pray that you'll be an active part of fostering fellowship at TLC.

Wednesday

During "40 Days of Community" we also learned about growing together. Please read Ephesians 4:25-32. What did you learn during "40 Days" about the topics covered in these verses?

How do you need help in any of these areas?

How can you help others grow as a part of the TLC church community?

Ask God to help you help others grow!

Thursday

During "40 Days of Community" we also learned about serving together. Please read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 12-21. What is the point Paul is making in these verses?

How have you seen this truth during the "40 Days"?

What skills, passions, experiences, or gifts do you bring to the Body of Christ?

Thank God for the way He arranges the whole body so we can make a difference in the world together!

Friday

During "40 Days of Community" we also learned about reaching out together. Please read James 1:22-27. How can you join the church in realizing this verse during the coming holiday season?

Please also read Galatians 6:9,10. How can you "make the most of every opportunity" this holiday season when it comes to reaching out to friends and neighbors? Please commit to memory the schedule of exciting Christmas events listed on the front of the bulletin. Who can you invite to the concert, or the candlelight services?

Ask God specifically for the courage and opportunity to invite those people to the wonderful outreach events approaching!

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that our new series "Home For The Holidays" will be an encouragement to the church, from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day!



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Deut. 10:12 (TEV)

