

Prayer Updates

JOY & BLESSING

Nate & Crystal Voeltz welcome into their hearts and home **Leila Marie Voeltz**, born March 5. Nate is on our TLC maintenance staff.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Don Pocock – testing
Edith Manchester – broken hip
Howard Mettler – surgery for two stints
Irene Kester – RCU for rehab after a fall
Irvin Smith – recovering from being hit by a car
Karla Bogard – major extensive experimental cancer surgery
Mike Hiddleson – cancer surgery
Velma Dittman – rapid heartbeat
Warren Odell (age 92, one of our shut-ins who is blind) – broken hip & pneumonia

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Barbara Smiley, Charles Engles, Charlie Ottawa, Maiya McQueen

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

A very special TLC family member, **Gordon Brown**, is now home with the Lord. He was a compassionate and benevolent man who had a heart to serve the poor in our community. Remember with prayer and care his wife, Marian, and sons, Kyle and Eric. Gordon's memorial will be at Twin Lakes Church, Sunday, March 18 at 2pm.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Todd Connor and family in the recent loss of his dear mother, **Carol Connor**.

Remember Dennis Godfrey in the sudden loss of his father, **Al Godfrey**, and pray for his mother, Annette; they had been married 58 years.

SHARE HIS CARE

An orientation meeting is scheduled for **7pm Monday, March 19** in Monschke Hall to organize a "Share HIS Care" team to mobilize volunteers to support Karla and Brad Bogard after her major, extensive, experimental surgery. If you have an interest in participating please come — OR — email contact information to Susie@tlc.org or call 465-3395 to be sent participation forms.

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.

VISION DAY 2007

"Celebrating God's Goodness"

Message by René Schlaepfer
March 10 & 11, 2007

Throughout the Bible, God tells His people to regularly have days of celebration!
17 different times these harvest feasts are described in detail!

Three reasons to celebrate:

1. Remember

"You and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household." Deuteronomy 26:11

_____ times in the Bible we're commanded to remember what God has done!

"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past." Deuteronomy 32:7

"Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1

Some of this past year's amazing harvest:

2. Realize

"Be joyful at your feast... for the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete." Deuteronomy 16:14,15

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Jesus: *"I tell you, look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."* John 4:35

Some of the ways we're planning for harvest this year:

3. Renew

(At the end of an eight-day feast) "We are making a binding agreement... we assume responsibility... we will not neglect the house of our God." Nehemiah 10:35,39

"Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.'" Joshua 3:5

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

How I can help in the harvest field this year:

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read Psalm 105:1-5. What did you learn about the importance of celebrating God's faithfulness last weekend?

As you look back over the last year at TLC what are you most thankful for? How has God used TLC in your life in the last year?

Remember that René asked in the message this weekend for you to e-mail him a short description of how faith in Jesus has changed your life. We will use some of your e-mails in our Easter services next month! His e-mail: rene@tlc.org

Thank God today for His faithfulness to you and TLC in the last year. Thank Him for His work in your life. Pray that God will continue to use TLC to be a beacon of hope and truth in your life and the community as a whole.

Tuesday

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-5, 32:1-7, 1 Samuel 7:12 & Psalm 115:1. What great things are listed in these verses that God has done?

Why do you think God places such an emphasis on remembering what He has done in the past? How have you seen the importance of this in your life?

What "systems" do you have in place for remembering God's faithfulness to you? How can recounting God's faithfulness help you resist the temptation to worry?

Take time today to thank God for at least ten ways you've seen His faithfulness in your life. Pray about the things that are troubling you right now. Ask God to strengthen your faith and confidence in Him. Pray that you'll be an encouragement to those you encounter today.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 1:1-9, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 16:13-18 & 28:16-20. What do these verses teach you about God's power over the future? What do they say about His plans for your future?

Are you a glass-half-empty person or a glass-half-full person? Would your closest friend agree with your answer? How does that attitude impact your view of the future?

How can you use the verses you read today to develop a more godly view of your future?

What are two ways you can celebrate the promise of your future with God this week?

Thank God today that He knows the future and has plans designed just for you! Thank Him that He will be with you each step of the way. Pray that you will see your future through God's eyes. Pray that your faith in God's ways and plans will grow.

Thursday

Read Joshua 1:10-18, 3:5, 24:14-18 & Acts 2:42-47. What do you learn about commitment from the Israelites and the early Church?

How would you describe your commitment to God's plan for you?

How can you specifically renew your commitment to God's plan in 2007...

- ___ In the area of worship:
- ___ In the area of fellowship:
- ___ In the area of discipleship:
- ___ In the area of ministry:
- ___ In the area of outreach:

In what area of your life are you reluctant to commit to God's plan? Why? What is one step of commitment you can take this week to surrender that area to God?

Thank God today for His mercy and grace. Thank Him for His patience. Talk to Him about the areas of your life that you're reluctant to give to Him. Pray for a soft heart and willingness to commit to Him and His ways.

Friday

Read Psalm 145. Write down five attributes of God that you can celebrate today.

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

Remember to e-mail René (rene@tlc.org) a short description of how faith in Jesus has changed your life.

As you spend time in prayer today, rejoice in God's love and faithfulness. Praise Him specifically with the attributes you wrote down today. Pray that God will continue to build into your life a daily awareness of His goodness. Commit to building "Ebenezers" in your life and ask God to use you to encourage others who need to be reminded of God's love and goodness.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's Bible verse and finish up any devotions you may have missed. Pray for those who will be baptized this weekend. Pray that it will be an "Ebenezer" in their Christian life. Please begin praying for opportunities to invite people to Easter services in a few weeks!



Memory Verse

"Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1

