

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Celia Brown – 3/26 thyroid cancer surgery

Don Pocock – doing better, still on oxygen

Edith Manchester – RCU rehab for broken hip

Irene Kester – RCU for rehab after a fall

Irvin Smith – slow recovery from being hit by a car

Jennifer Gieseler – knee surgery UCSF

Karla Bogard – recovering from major, experimental cancer surgery

Kimberly Mills – surgery to repair broken leg

Linda Johnson – heart procedure 3/9

Margie Bishop – stent surgery

Stan Stewart – testing, some kidney problems

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Mike Hiddleston, Velma Dittman, Howard Mettler, Warren Odell went to Santa Cruz Health Center

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

A long time member of our Twin Lakes Church family, Charles Engles, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord, March 11. His son, Jerry, came for a graveside service in San Jose.

Reminder: A memorial for Gordon Brown will be at Twin Lakes Church, Sunday, March 18th at 2pm.

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 & Brad Bogard as she recovers from major, experimental cancer surgery. If you would like to help, but cannot attend, please email contact information to Susie@tlc.org or call 465-3395 to be sent participation forms. Karla’s heart’s desire is to share in the joy of her daughter’s July wedding – team members receive regular prayer updates, the greatest support!

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.



GETTING READY FOR EASTER ^{WEEK} 1

THE { PROMISE } OF Jesus FOR YOU

“Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. . .”
John 13:1 (NIV)

Promises from Jesus in Uncertain Times

1. He promised me a _____

“There are many rooms in My Father’s house. I wouldn’t tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with Me. Then we will be together.” John 14: 2-3 (CEV)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12 (NIV)

2. He promised me a _____

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads all to Truth . . . He lives with you now and later will be in you. . . I will not leave you as orphans.” John 14:16-17 (NLT)

3. He promised me a _____

“I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.” John 15:12 (NLT)

My response: _____ to trust _____

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.” John 14:1 (NIV)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 (NIV)

“I’ve told you all this so that trusting Me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world.” John 16:33 (Message)

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read John 13:1-17. What a striking way for Jesus to begin His last meal before his crucifixion – by serving His followers. Think about this – Jesus was fully God and He was on His knees washing twelve men's dirty feet!

What do you think Jesus was teaching His disciples through this act?

Write down three things you learn from Jesus' example.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What makes it difficult for you to serve? How can you apply what you learn from Jesus' example to break through that barrier and serve those God has placed in your life?

Thank God today for the example He has set for you. Thank Him for His willingness to humble Himself. Pray about the barriers you face when it comes to serving as He did. Pray that God will give you a soft heart and a willingness to serve those God has placed in your life.

Tuesday

Read John 14:1-4. In what area of your life do you need to hear Jesus say, "do not let your heart be troubled"?

In what area of your life are you struggling to "trust God"? Think honestly about the hope of eternity with God. How could that hope help you trust God?

How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus is preparing a place for you? How are you preparing to be with Him?

Thank God today that you can have the hope of eternity with Him. Thank Him for the opportunity to cast your cares on Him and trust Him. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you're struggling with fear. Pray that you will grow in your trust of Him and His promises.

Wednesday

Read John 14:5-14. Jesus was blowing the disciples' minds with His words. In these verses Jesus tells the disciples that to know Jesus is to know God. Why do you think it was especially important for the disciples to understand who Jesus was?

Reread John 14:6. This is an amazing claim that Jesus is making! Describe your journey to believe the truth of this verse.

What did Jesus say His disciples would do? How can we do "greater things" than Jesus did?

Wednesday (continued)

According to this passage what is the goal of the "greater things" that we do? Why is that important to keep in mind?

Thank God today that part of His plan is to use you to share the Good News of His amazing love. Pray that you will grow in your understanding of who God is. Pray for the people in your life who have not yet come to believe that Jesus is the way, truth and life. Pray that you'll have an opportunity to show them God's love and hope this week.

Thursday

Read John 14:15-31. What did Jesus say would show Him our love? How have you seen this in your life?

Reread verse 18. What promise does Jesus make in this verse? How does that encourage you today?

Reread verse 27. This is the second time this week we've read a command and promise like this. In what area of your life are you lacking peace right now? In what way can you use this verse to help you?

Thank God today for the peace He has available for you. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you're struggling to rest in His peace. Pray that you will keep our eyes fixed on Him today and that you'll consistently turn your cares over to Him and fall back into His peace.

Friday

Read John 15:1-17. These are the verses we'll be studying this coming weekend. Write down three things these verses tell you about your relationship with Jesus.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

When is it most difficult for you to stay close to Jesus? How have you seen the fruit of your life change as you remain close to Him?

What steps can you take to develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus beginning today?

Thank God today that life is not up to you! Thank Him for the strength and growth He gives. Pray about your relationship with Him. Pray that your relationship with Him will grow deeper in the days and weeks ahead.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's Bible verse and have finished all the devotions. Please pray for opportunities to invite people to the Easter services. Pray that God will use this weekend's service to grow you and all those who attend!



Memory Verse

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27

