

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Bobbette Moore – knee surgery

Diana Perez – surgery 6/27

Irvin Smith – critical condition in ICU, remember his wife, Karen, and family in your prayers

Karla Bogard – testing to find an antibiotic to clear her infection (see update in Through Cancer With Care section)

Pete Schipper – surgery 6/26

Rachel Albrecht (Tim Beverly's mother) – testing

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Rita Busenhart, Gordon Coggins

HOME WITH THE LORD

Remember Glen and Richard Ifland, and their families, in the loss of their brother, **Don Ifland**, who passed into the presence of the Lord due to complications following open heart surgery. Don designed eight buildings on the Twin Lakes Church campus and was a member of our sister church, High Street Community. He touched many lives with his kindness and generosity, quiet and gentle nature. A memorial service will be held on Wed, June 27 at 2pm at High Street Community Church, 850 High St., Santa Cruz.

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. **You can also subscribe to our online Prayer Update by visiting our web site at www.tlc.org/profiles and signing up.**

Part 1: The New You

Ephesians 4:1-24
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IT CAME FROM WITHIN!

Because of all that God has done in and for us (see Eph. 1 through 3), Paul's message going forward is: _____ !

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." *Ephesians 3:21*

1. It changes my _____

"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God." *Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)*

2. It changes my _____

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." *Ephesians 4:2-6*

3. It changes my _____

"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.' (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." *Ephesians 4:7-12*

4. It changes my _____

"... until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." *Ephesians 4:13-16*

5. It changes my _____

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.” *Ephesians 4:17-19*

“You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” *Ephesians 4:20-24*

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Ephesians 4:1 and skim back over Ephesians chapters 1-3. Within the context of Ephesians 4:1 what do you think it means to “live a life worthy of your calling”?

What is the greatest obstacle you face when it comes to living a life worthy of your calling?

How can an understanding of this passage free you to be who God has made you?

Thank God today that He has lavished His love on you. Thank Him for the opportunity to read and study the Bible. Talk to Him about the obstacles you face when it comes to living worthy of your calling. Pray that knowing what God has done for you will give you hope and a sense of purpose.

Tuesday

Read Ephesians 4:2-6. What character qualities are listed in verse two? How do these impact unity?

Think about a relationship you have that is suffering from a lack of unity. How could you live out these character qualities in that relationship?

Thank God today that He cares about your relationships. Talk to Him about any part of your life and relationship that are currently suffering. Pray that God will grow you in humility, gentleness, patience and love.

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Wednesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-13:3 & Ephesians 4:7-13. The verses in Ephesians list some of the ministry gifts that God has given to His people. What other ministry gifts are listed in the 1 Corinthians passage?

How does this passage enhance your understanding of the link between unity and ministry?

Thank God today that He has gifted you for ministry. Ask God to give you courage to step out and use the gifts He's given you. Pray that you will be an agent of hope and unity in the church as you minister.

Thursday

Read Ephesians 4:13-16. How do these verses describe a mature person?

Take an honest inventory of your life. How does your life demonstrate this kind of maturity?

In what way would you like to see yourself mature? How can you apply what you have learned in Ephesians to that area of your life?

Thank God today that He is committed to your maturity. Pray for a willing heart to learn and grow and wisdom to know how to live a life worthy of your calling.

Friday

Read Ephesians 4:17-24. How have you seen your mindset impact your actions?

Write down three things you learn about changing your mindset in this passage:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Spend some additional time in prayer today. Talk to God about your current mindset. What are you thinking about your relationship with God? What are you thinking about yourself? What are you thinking about your relationships? Ask Him to show you where your mindset is not biblical. Pray for discipline in your thoughts and that day-by-day your mindset will reflect your new life in Christ.

Saturday

Be sure you know this week's memory verse and finish any devotions you may have missed. Please pray that the services this weekend with the Colorado Street Choir will be an encouragement to those who are here. Pray also for the safety and ministry of the Japan, Cambodia and Germany outreach teams.



Memory Verse

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

