

Prayer Updates



2 WEEKS AGO: The Master Bedroom
LAST WEEK: The Family Room
THIS WEEK: **THE OFFICE**

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HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Adrienne Gomes – brain cancer, weekly treatments
Harold Lindsey – surgery, tree limb fell on him
Howard Mettler – blood infection
Matt Powell – eye surgery
Morgan Stevens – testing
Steve Harper – at UC Davis, liver transplant 8/12
Vera Hetherington – RCU, broken hip

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries:

Bea Tara, Doug Mitchell, Elaine Hedges, Rod Seigle, Ruth Seidel, Steve Slinkey, Trudi Jackson

HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt love and prayer are extended to Jean Harris in the loss of her husband, **Buck (Floyd) Harris**, a beloved member of our church family who you could always count on for a hearty “amen”. Well into his 90’s, Buck still loved his job of ushering. He will be greatly missed! A celebration of Buck’s life will be here at Twin Lakes Church, Sunday, August 19 at 2pm with a dessert reception following.

Please remember Harland Adair in the loss of his precious wife of 66 years, **Jean Adair**. For many years beyond her retirement, Jean, a former school teacher, used her creative talents to make bulletin boards for our Children’s Ministry. Cards may be sent to Harland, c/o their daughter, Jan Winters, Director of Family Ministries at Calvary, Los Gatos (1575 Monteval Ln., San Jose, CA 95120).

Jane Nile thanks the church for prayers for her brother whom she believes accepted the Lord before his death this Sunday past, 8/12.

UPDATES FROM LONG DISTANCE TLC MEMBERS

New address for Edith Michaelian – Silvergate Retirement, 420 Elbrook Dr., #111, Fallbrook, CA 92028

New address for Helen Mueller – The Windham, 1100 E. Spruce, #241, Fresno, CA 93720

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. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update online at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

The Big Idea:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**” *Colossians 3:23-24*

Three Types of Motivation:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Because I serve Jesus...

1. My _____ is _____ .

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.” *Ephesians 6:5-6*

2. My _____ is _____ .

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.” *Ephesians 6:7-8*

3. My _____ is _____ .

“And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.” *Ephesians 6:9*

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Colossians 3:23-24. Often we know in our heads that our daily activities are an act of service to God. Translating that knowledge to our hearts and attitude can be more difficult.

Think about last week. What was the hardest part about your work or daily tasks? What percentage of the time were you thinking of your work and tasks as service to God?

What is the biggest stumbling block for you when it comes to seeing your work as serving God?

As you head into this week what is one change you'll make to help you remember "it is the Lord Christ you are serving"?

Thank God today that your daily actions can have eternal value. Talk to Him about the struggles you are facing at work or home. Pray that this week you'll see your work and life as an offering to God.

Tuesday

Read Proverbs 4:23 & Mark 12:29-31. When you look at the three types of motivation — external, internal and eternal — which do you think primarily motivates you?

What are the results of working for only internal or external motivations?

How would focusing on eternal motivations impact your daily life?

Thank God today for His love. Thank Him for the meaning He has given your life. Pray that your motivation will come from your faith in God and the realization that you are serving Him.

Wednesday

Read Ephesians 6:5-6 & Colossians 4:1. Of all the jobs you've had, which was your favorite?

What things do you look to receive from your boss? How have you been disappointed by an earthly boss?

How can knowing that ultimately God is your boss impact your view of your daily tasks?

Wednesday (continued)

As you spend time in prayer today, offer your daily tasks up to God. Pray that as you go about your work you will remember that God is with you and He is your boss. Pray that your efforts will be a light to those around you. Ask God for the strength to serve with joy and eternity's values in view.

Thursday

Read Luke 16:1-15 & Ephesians 6:7-8. What do these verses teach about motivation? How do you see yourself in the parable Jesus told?

Recall a time when money was your primary motivation. How did that impact your work? How did it impact your attitude?

As you think about the tasks still ahead of you this week how can you complete them in a wholehearted way?

Thank God today for His desire to be involved in your daily life. Thank Him for the gift of daily life. Pray that each task you do will be done wholeheartedly.

Friday

Read Luke 22:24-25, John 13:1-5 & Ephesians 6:9. What principles of leadership do Jesus and Paul teach and model in these passages?

What leadership role has God placed you in?

Describe a time when you were on the receiving end of someone's good leadership. What impact did that have on you?

What type of impact do you desire to have on those around you? Write down three things that will move you in that direction.

Thank God today for the opportunity to make an impact on people's lives. Pray for those you lead. Pray that your leadership will be a reflection of God's mercy and grace towards you.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure you're memorized this week's Bible verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we meet together as a church we'll have joy and unity.



Memory Verse

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
Colossians 3:23-24*