

Prayer Updates

HOME WITH THE LORD

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Leona Jensen**, who went home to be with the Lord on December 20th.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Ed Reed – recovering from triple bypass and valve replacement

James Glancy – knee replacement

Michelle Ellis – testing

Nancy Grace – in a coma with multiple injuries

Phyllis Hudson – hospitalized, congestive heart failure and leukemia

Tom Hudson – hospitalized, waiting for liver transplant

Winifred Gubser – testing

Winnie Garrat – recovering from heart attack

Hospice care: JD Jacobsen

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 at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

When Grace and Brokenness...

December 29 & 30, 2007 • Charlie Broxton

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“Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

“As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

“‘Who touched me?’ Jesus asked.

“When they all denied it, Peter said, ‘Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.’

“But Jesus said, ‘Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.’

“Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’” *Luke 8:40-48*

This year let us resolve to
**accept the poverty of our
brokenness**
so that we can fully
**experience the riches of God's
grace.**

Daily Meditations

Monday

Well, this is it — another 365 days have gone by! Please read Psalm 77:11-12.

What “deeds of the Lord” have you seen in the last year?

What miracles have you seen God perform this year?

As you think back on what God has done, how does that encourage you today?

Thank God today for the many deeds and miracles that you saw in the last year. Talk to Him about the concerns and fears you have as this year comes to a close. Ask God to give you the courage to continue to step out in faith and trust Him to provide for your spiritual, emotional and practical needs.

Tuesday

Happy New Year! Please read Psalm 40:5 & Jeremiah 29:11.

Spend an extended time in prayer today and lay the coming year at God's feet; He's the only one who knows what it holds for you! Pray that you will grow in your trust of Him and His ways. Ask God to soften your heart to His voice. Pray that 2008 will be a year of growth for you in all ways!

Wednesday

Please read Luke 8:43-48. What a remarkable encounter Jesus had! What is most striking to you about this story?

Have you (or someone close to you) ever had the experience of dealing with a long-term affliction? What impact do you imagine that has on a soul?

What do you learn about Jesus from His response?

Thank God today that you matter to Him. Thank Him that even when you can't clearly communicate your needs, He knows them. Pray for someone you know who is experiencing ongoing pain or struggle and ask God to use you as an encouragement to them.

Thursday

Please reread Luke 8:43-48. Recall a time when you felt as desperate as the bleeding woman in this story. How did Jesus touch you then?

As you head into this new year in what ways are you feeling broken?

What have you learned about God's grace this week that encourages you?

Thank God today for His love. Thank Him that He knows you completely and loves you perfectly. Pray that you'll be humble enough to admit to your brokenness and accept His grace. Ask God for an attitude of willingness to accept His way of lavishing grace on you.

Friday

Last week Pastor Charlie challenged us all to “resolve to accept the poverty of our brokenness so that we can fully experience the riches of God's grace.” Please read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. How had Paul accepted the “poverty of his brokenness”?

What would it look like for you to “accept the poverty of your brokenness”?

How does God's grace impact your brokenness?

What prevents you from embracing your brokenness and God's grace?

Thank God today for His grace and the power it has to heal you. Talk to God about the brokenness in your life. Talk to Him about the reasons you struggle to accept His grace. Pray for the humility and desire to surrender yourself to Him and His grace.

Saturday

Please be sure you've finished up the devotions for this week and review the memory verse. We start a new series this weekend at church! Please pray that God will prepare your heart to hear from Him at church this weekend. Ask God to continue to use our church as a beacon of hope in the community.



“O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.”
Psalm 30:2-3