

# Prayer Updates

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Bill Bonds – total knee replacement

Chris Weeks – knee surgery

Daisy Lew – RCU, open heart surgery recovery

Janie Dawson – breast cancer surgery

Joyce Wallen – angiogram

Keven Marcum – testing

Kirsten Livingston – kidney stones

Roxanne Stanley – pneumonia & massive intestinal infection

Vereda Williams – Neuro ICU at UCSF

Warren Lemmon – surgery to remove a kidney, a tumor suspected

**Recent hospitalizations/surgeries:** Chance (age 4, parents Scott & Joy Duncan), Lowell Anderson, Michelle Tanner

**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](http://www.tlc.org/profiles).**



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WEEK

## Unfamiliar Passions of God

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Larry Martin of International Justice Mission

“Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.” *Psalm 10:1,2*

“You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.” *Psalm 10:17,18*

### Two passions of God:

**God’s passion for the \_\_\_\_\_**

“You are the light of the world . . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:14a, 16*

**God’s passion for \_\_\_\_\_**

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” *Micah 6:8*

“Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” *Isaiah 1:17*

# Daily Meditations

Take a few minutes each day to read Bible passages and answer questions based on this week's message.

## Monday

Please read Acts 2:40-47. What type of activities was the early church involved in?

What was the attitude of the believers like?

What do you think the attitude of the church is today? How do you think acting more like the early church would impact the world?

Write down one way you think you could incorporate an "early church" attitude in your life.

*Thank God today for the Bible and the opportunity to study the early church. Talk to God about the things that keep you from holding your possessions "loosely". Pray that TLC will be a light in our community and that our actions will show others the love of God.*

## Tuesday

Please read Isaiah 2:3, Micah 3:9-12 and 1 Peter 5:1-6. Why does leadership tend toward corruption?

How have you seen bad leadership impact the enacting of justice?

In what way are you currently a leader?

Think honestly about how you lead. In what way does your leadership reflect God's justice? In what way does your leadership reflect God's love?

*Thank God today for those you lead. Thank Him for the opportunity to grow as a leader. Pray about the areas of your life where you are tempted to make the wrong choice. Ask God to give you the desire and courage to make godly, just choices. Pray that your leadership will point people to God.*

## Wednesday

Please read Isaiah 58:1-12. According to this passage, in what way did the people fall short?

How did God desire them to live out their faith?

What is an obstacle you face when it comes to reaching out to the poor? How did the sermon this weekend impact your view of poverty?

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Write two practical things you can do to assist the poor in the next week.

*Thank God today for the many ways he has blessed you. Talk to Him about the obstacles you face when it comes to helping the poor. Ask Him to give you His eyes to view the people around you. Ask Him for a heart that reflects His compassion and love AND actions to follow that up!*

## Thursday

Please read Matthew 25:31-46. This is a sobering passage! What stands out to you in this passage?

How would your behavior change if you treated each person as if they were Jesus?

Who are the needy and sick in your life right now?

In what way do your actions reflect your faith in Jesus?

*As you close out your devotional time today, sit before God and ask Him to show you the area of your life that doesn't reflect His heart. Confess that to God and ask Him to conform your heart and mind to His. Pray for opportunities to be stretched in that area. Thank God that He cares about you and that He isn't content to let you stay the same.*

## Friday

Please read Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 32:46 and Matthew 19:14. What is the importance of future generations according to these verses?

Who is someone that influenced and educated you? How does their impact follow you even today?

Please reread this week's Bible verse – Micah 6:8. What impact could living out this week's Bible verse have on future generations?

How can you be part of that?

*Thank God today for the opportunity to live a life of impact. Thank Him for the people in your life who have influenced you for the better. Pray over Micah 6:8. Ask God to help you grow in your understanding of what it means to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." Pray for those you know in the generations behind you. Ask God for the opportunities to influence them for good.*

## Saturday

*Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we resume our study in Nehemiah that your heart will be ready to learn from God and you'll be ready to grow in faith. Pray that God will use TLC to reach our County with the Good News of God's grace.*



Memory Verse

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."  
Micah 6:8