

# Prayer Updates

## Hospitalized & Surgeries

Barbara Gandolfi – many complications  
 Dee Buckelew – severe pancreatitis  
 Dennis McVey – surgery complications  
 Gloria Baird – heart attack, double bypass surgery  
 Janie Beverly – lumpectomy 3/23  
 Lauren Biancucci – MS, knee injury  
 Louis Schivon – testing  
 Norma Moniodis – cancer complications  
 Rachel Vogel – pneumonia  
 Robert Walters – renal failure  
 Verna Hernandez – cancer complications

**Recent Hospitalizations/Surgeries:** Ron Wardle, Joanne Turnquist, Verna Hernandez, Aleeta Zapata, Don Switzer, Gregory Walters

**Hospice Care:** George Ward

## Home with the Lord

**Adrienne Bresnahan-Gomes**, a precious young mother, is now present with Jesus. She began receiving cancer treatment after the birth of her son, Ashton (12/06). Please do remember her daughter, McKenzie (8/05) and Ashton in prayer, as well as her mother, Diane Stapes (who has been her caregiver) and father, Jim Bresnahan, and extended family. A memorial at TLC is planned for Saturday, May 3 at 11am with a reception following.

Please remember Gail Corbett in prayer who lost both of her parents, **Bruce and Carolyn Rinkert**, just this past week.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Alva Rodekohr in the loss of her dear brother, **Ken Brusven**, who was lovingly cared for by the Bridge of Hope Ministry.

We celebrate the homegoing of our dear **Ella Mae Johnson**, wife of Ray Johnson, who passed away on her birthday, 4/23. Since 1955, Ella Mae served in many TLC ministries: the choir for 50 years, as a deaconess, a women's Bible study leader and TLC librarian as well. Her memorial will be here Monday, May 5 at 11am with a reception following for opportunity to greet her children Ray & Charlene Johnson (Houston), Marsha & Rich Iland (TLC members), Roann & Jim Keen (Colorado Springs), Judy & Stan Gentle (Ohio), Brian & Ella Johnson (TLC members).

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



## Three questions to ask whenever I lack joy...

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's big idea: Joy involves a \_\_\_\_\_ .**

"This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24* (NASB)

## Three choices that lead to joy...

- \_\_\_\_\_ on God's \_\_\_\_\_ in my past.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits." *Psalm 103:1-2*

**When have I experienced God's faithfulness?**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ in my present.

"This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*  
 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" *Philippians 4:4*

**What good thing can I celebrate today?**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ for my future.

"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." *Psalm 16:11* (NIV)  
 "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you... In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." *1 Peter 1:3-4,6*

**How does my future with Christ impact me today?**

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# Daily Meditations

*Spend time in prayer today, talking to God about your struggles with joy. Ask Him to help you discipline your heart and mind to choose joy. Pray that God will remind you frequently through the day the many reasons you have to be joyful.*

## Monday

Please read Psalm 118:24. How do you respond to these three questions:

1. What do I feel guilty about?
2. What am I worried about?
3. What am I about?

All of us have different personalities. Are you typically a glass-half-full person or a glass-half-empty person? Would your closest friends agree with you?

How have you seen the truth in the statement that “joy is a choice”?

*Thank God today that He is always with you. Thank Him for the fact that joy is always an option for you. Pray that as you study joy this week you'll grow in your understanding of it. Pray that your attitude of joy will have an impact on those around you.*

## Tuesday

Please read 1 Samuel 7:11-13, Psalm 103:1-2, 126:2-3 & Lamentations 3:18-26.

Write down four reasons to have joy as you look back over God's work in your life:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How does seeing God's faithfulness in your past give you joy in the present?

*Thank God today for His hand in your life. Thank Him for His faithfulness to you. Pray that as you see God's faithfulness in the past you will grow in your confidence in Him and trust Him more and more.*

## Wednesday

Please read Psalm 16:8, 118:24 & Philippians 4:4. As you think about your life right now, in what ways are you struggling with being joyful?

How can you choose joy on a daily basis in spite of that struggle?

## Thursday

Please read Psalm 16:11. What are you looking forward to in your future? What is keeping you up at night?

What steps can you take to keep God's past faithfulness in front of you to help you face your future?

Please read Deuteronomy 31:7-8, Psalm 33:11, Isaiah 58:11 & Romans 8:28-39. What principles about your future do these verses teach you?

*Thank God today for His sovereignty. Thank Him for the promises about your future that you see in the Bible. Ask Him to bring these verses to mind when you're tempted to choose worry or fear over joy.*

## Friday

Please read Galatians 5:22-23. Going forward, write down three ways studying joy this week has impacted you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What does joy tell others about your walk with God?

What does living joyfully look like to you?

*Thank God today for the Bible. Thank for the opportunity to study the Bible. Pray that your life will reflect a joy-filled relationship with God and that you'll be an encouragement to those who cross your path today.*

## Saturday

*Thank God today for the many reasons you have to be joyful. Thank Him for the opportunity to study joy this week. Ask Him to help you view life through the lens of joy. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will teach you and grow you spiritually.*



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*Psalm 16:11*