

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries

Bob Simmons – angiogram, 5/14

Dee Buckelew – pancreatitis, feeling better, hopefully home soon

Ella Johnson – knee surgery, 5/12

Madelyn Gaeckle (age 8) – scheduled for heart surgery at Stanford, 5/16

Norma Moniodis – RCU, cancer complications, no appetite, not doing well

Peggy Bogard – procedure at UCSF, gallstones

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Mary Roth, Peggy Wehr

Home with the Lord

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Ken Hubert and family, in the loss of his mother, **Amelia Hubert**, a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Watsonville who dearly loved the Lord.

Please remember John Galli and family in prayer, in the recent loss of his brother, **Gene “Geno” Galli**, only six months after his diagnosis with cancer.

Love and prayer are shared with Dustti Zuniga who is grieving the loss of her father, **Eduardo “EZ” Zuniga**.

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**



Height Requirement

When I Don't Measure Up
May 17 & 18, 2008 • Mark Spurlock

Society's Yardstick: _____

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God's Yardstick: _____

The Story of Zacchaeus.

Luke 19:1-10 (page 743 in TLC Bibles)

What I learn from this story:

God's radical, consuming love...

1. _____

“...Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things... so that no one may boast before him.” *1 Corinthians 1:26-29* (NIV)

Remember: _____

2. _____

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” *Colossians 1:13-14*

Remember: _____

3. _____

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” *1 Peter 2:9*

Remember: _____

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read 1 Samuel 16:6-7 & 2 Corinthians 4:16. What do these verses teach you about people's perspective? What does it teach you about God's perspective?

Recall a time when you felt on the short end of society's yard stick.

What impact did that experience have on you? How has that impacted your perspective?

Thank God today that He does not measure us in the same way society does. Thank God for His love for you. Pray that you'll see yourself from God's perspective more and more. Ask God to open your eyes to see the people around you from His perspective.

Tuesday

Please read Luke 19:1-10. What is most striking to you in the story of Zacchaeus?

What do you think was most shocking to the people watching Jesus and Zacchaeus?

Write down three things that you learn from Zacchaeus' story that you can apply to your life.

1.

2.

3.

Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Thank Him for the life of Zacchaeus. Ask God to help you apply what you've learned today. Pray that your life and attitude will reflect the love of God.

Wednesday

Please read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. As you meditate on these verses, what is most challenging to you? Why?

Three times in this passage God uses the word "chose." What does that communicate to you?

How does it encourage you today to know that God chose you?

Who in your life are you finding it difficult to love? How can understanding their "story" help you?

Thank God today that He chose you. Thank Him for His all-encompassing love. Talk to Him about the way these verses challenge you. Ask Him to grow you in your understanding of His perspective.

Thursday

Please read Isaiah 43:18-19 and Colossians 1:13-15. Write down the words that stand out to you and encourage you in these verses.

How does it encourage you to know that God will continue to change and conform your attitudes and actions to reflect His heart?

In what area of your life are you feeling unworthy to be part of God's story? How can the study of God's lavish love help you live in His grace?

Thank God today for the changes He has made in your life. Thank Him for His ongoing work in your life. Pray that you'll grow in your trust of God's love for you – even when you struggle with feeling unworthy.

Friday

Please read Galatians 5:13 and 1 Peter 2:9. I think it's exciting to see each day as a page in the story God is writing of your life!

According to these verses, what is true about you each and every day of your life?

How can God's daily call to include you in His story impact your attitude? How can it impact your relationships?

Thank God today that He is active in your life each and every day. Thank Him for having a plan and purpose for your life. Pray that your actions today will show your life's purpose to follow God.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's verse and have finished the devotions. Thank God today for His immense love. Ask Him to grow you in your understanding of Him. Please pray for the services this weekend. We want to be a church that reflects God's love to our community.



Memory Verse

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1 Peter 2:9

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