

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's Bible verse and have finished the devotions. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that, even though it's a holiday weekend, people will attend and the services will be an encouragement and challenge. Please pray for René and his family during their sabbatical, that they will have rest and lots of fun times together!

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries

Alicia Vierra (age 8, Ronald McDonald House, Palo Alto) — recovering from facial reconstruction surgery

Destiny File (16, Monte Vista student) — leukemia treatment, Stanford

Dewey Raburn — a lot of pain, no strength in his legs

Ethan Winans (age 4) — Stanford, surgery to remove a bone spur on his rib

Greg Lewis — retina reattachment surgery

Norma Moniodis — RCU, cancer complications

Ron Wardle — comatose

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: James Patterson, Leslie Douglass, Millie Osenga, Shirley VanGilder, Marilee Henry

Home with the Lord

Please remember Pat Christie in the loss of her precious mother, **Madeline Looney**, who suffered from cancer complications. Services will be 10:30am, June 30 at Resurrection Church.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Todd and Teena Townsend, in the tragic death of their brother-in-law in Tennessee, **Scott Jones**, who had suffered a concussion from a bicycle accident two weeks previous. The news was a great shock coming to them at the time of the Trabling fire that blazed within 20 feet of the Townsend's home.

Pray for Kira Lee Martin who is grieving the loss of her sister, **Elizabeth Anne Keegan Johnston**, whom she cared for through her last days of colon cancer. Kira Lee shares, "My sister was as an amazing woman, wife, mom, sister, and friend. She cherished life and her loved ones daily, and made a powerful impact on everyone who knew her." Also, please remember Elizabeth's husband and three little girls.

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**



Do You Want to be Made Well?

Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes • June 28 & 29, 2008

John 5:2-15

"Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralysed.

"One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?'

"The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.'

"Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

"Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk." They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk?"' Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

"Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well." *John 5:2-15* (NRSV)

Notes:

Coming Soon

July 11

Faster Pastor

10 cars. 10 pastors. 1 winner!
At the Ocean Speedway in
Watsonville at 6pm.
Admission is free!

July 12 & 13

Hot Rods & Hot Dogs

Vintage, custom, and classic vehicles
on display during weekend services,
and free hot dogs for everyone!

Dr. John Trent

President of StrongFamilies.com and
author of a dozen best-sellers.

July 19 & 20

Music Camp Kids in Concert

The Music and Drama Camp Kids
will be performing in all weekend
services!

Dr. Ron Cline

Pastor, licensed marriage, family
and child counselor, and host of
a daily national radio show.

August

Four week series by Pastor Mark
Spurlock on the Book of Ruth,
"Hope for Your Future"

September

Love: The Heart of God's Plan

Daily Meditations

Monday

Look back over your notes from last weekend. What is something that stood out to you and why?

Please read John 5:1-10. What is most striking to you about Jesus in this story?

Thank God today for His love for you and His desire to have a relationship with you. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Pray that you'll have a heart ready to learn as you study the Bible this week.

Tuesday

Please read John 5:1-4. In what ways can you relate to the man by the pool?

Write down some things (physical or emotional) that you've been struggling with for an extended period of time.

What are some ways you've tried to heal yourself? How have those impacted your life?

In what way do you struggle with waiting for God's timing when it comes to healing?

Thank God today that He knows you. Thank Him that he knows your struggles. Ask Him to loose your grip on the ways you've tried to heal yourself. Pray that you'll shift your focus away from your struggles and more towards Jesus.

Wednesday

Please read John 5:6-7. What question did Jesus ask the man? Why do you think He asked that?

In what area of your life is Jesus asking you that question?

What does the man's answer tell you about him? How can you relate to his answer?

Which of these reasons for not accepting healing for your "illness" do you fall into most frequently?

___ I'm familiar with it ___ I'm identified with it
___ I'm discouraged by it ___ I'm rewarded by it
___ I'm fascinated by it ___ Other:

What do you think these answers reveal about you?

Thank God today for His patience with you. Thank Him for not pushing His way into your life. Talk to Him about your struggles with surrendering to His healing. Pray that you'll grow in your trust of Him.

Thursday

Please read John 5:8-9. How do faith and healing go together? What do you think went through the man's mind when Jesus told Him to "pick up His mat and walk"?

Please read Hebrews 11. Write down five things you learn about faith in this passage:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

In what area of your life do hear Jesus asking you to "pick up your mat and walk"?

Thank God today for His healing power. Thank Him for the gift of faith. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you need healing. Ask Him to increase your faith in Him and give you the courage to trust in His love for you.

Friday

Happy Fourth of July! Please read Psalm 86 & Psalm 105:4. How is focusing on Jesus different from focusing on solutions?

How do these passages help you focus on Jesus? How do they encourage you?

Thank God today for His presence with you. Thank Him for being your Savior. Ask God to remind you to daily turn your focus to Him. Pray that your shift in focus will impact your attitude.

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"Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always." Psalm 105:4 (NIV)