

What impact can being called “Christ’s ambassadors” have on your actions?

Thank God today that Jesus’ death made it possible for you to be reconciled to God. Thank Him for the purpose and hope you have because of that. Pray that you will wear the title of “Christ’s ambassador” with grace and courage.

Friday

Please read Matthew 9:35-38. What was Jesus’ response to the crowds? What does that tell you about Jesus?

What is your typical response to those who are lost? What does that tell you about yourself?

What “field” has God placed you in?

In what ways do you see that it’s ready for harvest?

As you spend time in prayer today, pray for those in the field in which God has placed you. Pray that you will not grow weary in tending to that field and that God will bring folks alongside you to help you harvest in the right season. Pray that you’ll have patience and that you will follow God’s leading. Thank God that He wants to use you to share the Good News of His amazing love and grace.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week’s memory verse and have finished the devotions. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that people will be faithful in their attendance this summer. Pray that God will use Bishop Sherwood Cariben to encourage our church and reach out to our community. Thanks!

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries

Wes Henson — angiogram with possible stint

Home with the Lord

Remember John and Sylvia Hamilton in prayer — John’s mother passed away last week.

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**



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Matthew 24:3-14

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” *Matthew 24:3-14 (NIV)*

Notes

Coming Soon

July 26 & 27

Bishop Sherwood Carthen

Pastor of Bayside of South Sacramento, chaplain of the Sacramento Kings, and a TLC favorite!

August 9 & 10

Pie-O-Rama!

Olallieberry Pie Baking Contest

Bring in your pies! We'll make sure there's plenty of pie for everyone!

Throughout August...

New Series:



INSIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

Plus Guest Musicians: Justin Fox, Trent Smith, and the Genesis Band

New Series for September...



Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read Matthew 24:3-14. This is a passage of scripture that is often passed over. What did you learn about this passage last weekend?

How can you apply that to your life this week?

Why do you think the disciples were asking about the "end of the age?"

What does Jesus' answer tell you about His priorities?

Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Thank Him for His total knowledge — that nothing will take Him by surprise. Talk to Him about your fears or questions about things involving the end of the age. Pray that your peace would be in Him no matter what your life circumstances.

Tuesday

Please read Romans 10:9-15. What does this passage tell you about the Good News of salvation in Jesus?

Why do you think we sometimes put limits on how far God's salvation can reach?

Write down the names of at least two people in your life who still need to "call on the name of the Lord".

As you pray today, bring those names before God and ask Him first to prepare their hearts to hear the Good News. Pray that God will give you a willing and courageous spirit that will not shy away from sharing the Good News. Thank God that He does not require that you jump through elaborate hoops to reach Him.

Wednesday

Please read Matthew 28:16-20. What do Jesus' final recorded words to His disciples tell you about His passion for the lost?

Think about the last week of your life. In what ways did you live out these verses? What opportunities did you miss?

When it comes to sharing the Good News, how does it help you to know Jesus is with you to the "end of the age?"

Thank God today that He will never leave you. Thank God for the person who shared the Good News with you. Pray that God will use you to share the Good News with people you encounter. Pray that these final words of Jesus will make a difference in your sense of purpose and attitude.

Thursday

Please read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. This is a great passage! What does the word "reconcile" mean?

According to this passage, what is our motivation for sharing the Good News with others?

How does having that as your motivation make a difference in your attitude?

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" *Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)*