

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week...

Bailey Ryan – surgery

Destinee File – Stanford, leukemia

Drew Wallace – concussion

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Bob Gubser, Lelanni Mayo

Home with the Lord

Heartfelt prayer is extended to one of our deaconesses, Julie Jacobsen, whose mother, **Phyllis Schaeffer**, is now present with the Lord. Julie's father had passed away earlier this year as well as her mother-in-law.

Remember Ron and Jeanine Daugherty in prayer in the loss of Ron's mother, **Agnes Daugherty**. Ron and Jeanine had been lovingly caring for Agnes in their home.

Pray for Pam Hicks, who came home from vacation to the news that her brother, **Paul Potter**, had passed away. Thankfully, Pam had made the trip to visit and spend meaningful time with Paul earlier this year during his illness.

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**



"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

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The Way, the Truth and the Life

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." *John 14:1-7 (NIV)*

Jesus promises complete confidence that He is The True and Living Way to God.

How confident am I that Jesus is The True and Living Way to God?



Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read John 14:1-7. What stood out to you in this weekend's sermon? Why?

What struggles have you encountered when it came to believing that Jesus was The Way?

How does resting in the truth of Jesus' claim give you peace? How does it encourage you?

Thank God today that He has made the way to Him clear — it's through faith in Jesus. Talk to Him about any struggles you have accepting this. Pray that you will grow in your confidence and understanding of Jesus' completed work for you on the cross.

Tuesday

Please read Colossians 1:13-20. What is true of Christ, according to these verses?

How does this make Him more than a "good teacher"?

Compare verse 16 with Genesis 1:1 and Isaiah 45:18. Putting all these verses together, who is Jesus Christ, according to the Bible?

Thank God today that He Himself, the Creator, came to save His creation. Thank Him for His power and love. Ask God to grow your faith. Pray that you'll be bold sharing with others.

Wednesday

Please read Matthew 7:7-11. What did Jesus teach would happen to those who truly seek Him?

How have you seen this to be true in your own life?

How does this answer the objection that many have, namely, "What if my friend never hears the gospel — never has a chance to accept or reject?"

Thank God today that He doesn't play games with your faith. Thank Him for His desire for you to be in a relationship with Him. Pray that you would be His instrument to point others to Jesus.

Thursday

Please read Philippians 2:5-11. How does it make a difference to know the truth of these verses?

Paul tells us in verse 5 that our attitudes should be the same as Jesus. What does that mean?

Think about your day yesterday. What would having the same attitude as Christ have looked like?

Thank God today for the example that Jesus has set for you. Pray about the attitudes you struggle with that do not reflect Christ. Ask God to conform your attitudes to His. Pray that as you more and more reflect Christ in your attitudes you'll be an encouragement to those around you.

Friday

Please read 1 Peter 3:15-16. We've read these verses before, but they are so important for us to know and live! What is Peter's directive to you in these verses? How are you to go about that?

How would you rate yourself on the various aspects of this verse:

1. Always prepared?
2. With a reason (not just feeling)?
3. Gentle when you share?
4. Respectful when you share?
5. Living with a clean conscience?

Thank God today that He is with you when you share, to help you and give you courage. Ask Him to help you share your faith with confidence, respect and gentleness.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's memory verse and have finished the devotions. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray for Pastors Mark and Dan as they lead TLC. Pray for Pastor René and his family as they finish their sabbatical. Pray for the many fall events coming up — especially the full-church immersion into LOVE.

Starting in September...



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