

## PRAYER UPDATE

### PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Hayden Jilka (7 yrs old)** The family will be traveling to Stanford everyday for 3 more weeks for radiation and chemo. Hayden is eating again and is gaining his weight back! Please continue to pray for his health and stamina and protection from illness. To follow Hayden's journey, follow this link: [posthope.org/hope-for-hayden](http://posthope.org/hope-for-hayden).

**Robert Green** will be having shoulder surgery on 1/8 and following the surgery he can't lift or do heavy work for 6 months. This will be hard for Robert as he has a heart to help.

**Lou Schiavon** is back at Watsonville Hospital with several bad infections. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Jared Hinds** recently diagnosed with Leukemia, will undergo a very intensive treatment for the next 2 years at Stanford Hospital. Please pray for strength and a peace that passes all understanding for his family and his new bride as they undertake this difficult journey together.

**Karen Whitcomb** after a 2 1/2 week stay in the hospital has returned home to continue her recovery. Please pray for strength and healing. The family is grateful for the visits and prayer support during this difficult time.

**Gene Cutler** Please pray for a miraculous healing for Gene and for strength and patience for Ginni. To follow Gene and Ginni's journey, follow this link: [youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/the-gene-cutler-pepsi-challenge-twist/229911](http://youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/the-gene-cutler-pepsi-challenge-twist/229911).

### HOME WITH THE LORD

**Gaynette Watts** passed away unexpectedly on December 23rd. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve her loss. There will be a celebration of her life on February 15th at 3 pm in the auditorium with a reception following.

**Cindy Ingrum** a faithful Stephen Minister, slipped into the presence of the Lord on January 2nd after a 2 year battle with cancer.

**Jane Evers, Stan Evers' wife**, passed away on January 6th after a very long illness. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve her loss and plan her service for January 17th at 11am in the auditorium with a reception following.

**We are in great need of drivers to take amazing individuals to their cancer treatments. If you are available and willing, please email [care@tlc.org](mailto:care@tlc.org) or contact Carrie Clark @ 465.3368.**

**We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Please contact Carrie Clark at 465.3368 or [care@tlc.org](mailto:care@tlc.org)**

**A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.**



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# EMPOWERED

## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

JANUARY 10 & 11 // MARK SPURLOCK

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Mark 2:1-2

**Some men** came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by **four of them**. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of **the crowd**, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. Mark 2:3-4

When Jesus saw **their faith**, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5

**KEY QUESTION:** \_\_\_\_\_?

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

### WHY SOME PEOPLE TRY TO CARRY THEIR OWN MAT...

• \_\_\_\_\_  
"I don't have anyone."

• \_\_\_\_\_  
"I don't need anyone."

• \_\_\_\_\_  
"I can keep doing this."

## WAYS TO DEVELOP DEEPER COMMUNITY...

1. Accept that \_\_\_\_\_

2. Put your \_\_\_\_\_

3. Make it your \_\_\_\_\_

## NEED CARE AND COMMUNITY?

**Stephen Ministry** provides one-on-one support for people dealing with a crisis or loss. Contact [care@tlc.org](mailto:care@tlc.org) or 465.3368.

**Grief Share** is a 13-week study providing support, hope and tools to help you walk through the loss of a loved one. Classes begin this week. See the bulletin insert for details.

**Recovery Groups** are available throughout the week. Groups meet Monday and Thursday nights. There are groups for people struggling with addiction in general, drugs, pornography (men only group) and alcohol. For more information contact [Lee@tlc.org](mailto:Lee@tlc.org) or 465.3313.

## TO TALK TO ONE OF OUR TLC PASTORS

**During the week** (Mon-Thu 9-5) our Pastor on Duty can be reached at 465-3300.

**Weekend Emergency Number** (non-financial emergencies only): 471.5664—leave a message and a pastor will return your call.

## SMALL GROUPS

For more information about a small group and other ways to connect at TLC contact Pastor Jim Josselyn: [jim@tlc.org](mailto:jim@tlc.org) or **465.3331**.

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

**MONDAY** Please read Mark 2:1-5. Which stage of life are you in right now: Are you on the "mat" or helping to carry someone? Or are you trying to carry your own mat and living in isolation? What did you learn about community in the sermon last weekend? How has community (or the lack of community) impacted your life in the last year? *Thank God today for the community God has put around you. Thank Him for the people who have supported you in the past. Pray that God will give you eyes to see people around you who need support and a heart that is willing to serve and help.*

**TUESDAY** Please read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. What does today's passage have to say about community? What does it tell you about going through difficult times and the role others can play in your life or you can play in their life? *Thank God today that He is the God of all comfort. Pray for the opportunity to comfort others with the same comfort you have received from God. Talk to God about your struggles to connect with community, ask Him to help you grow in that area this year.*

**WEDNESDAY** Please read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. Why does Solomon (the writer of today's passage) encourage community? What does he say are the benefits of living in community? *Thank God today for the Bible's clear teaching on community. Ask God to empower you today to have the courage and desire to grow and live in community.*

**THURSDAY** Please read Romans 12:3-8 & 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. How do these verses describe God's ideal for His community, the Church? How have you seen the beauty of God's design in action? What role do you have in the body of Christ? *Thank God today for His plan for His body, the Church. Talk to Him about your place in the body of Christ. Pray that God will give you opportunities to use the gifts He's given you to build up the community of Christ.*

**FRIDAY** Please read Romans 15:1-4 & Ephesians 4:29-32. Using these verses, make a list of ways you can build others up and build into the community God has placed around you. *Thank God today that you can make a difference in other's lives. Pray through the list you wrote down, asking God to empower you to live out these qualities in your relationships.*

**SATURDAY** Please read in Psalm 23 preparation for this weekend's sermon. *Please pray that God will use the services this week for His glory and that people will be encouraged. Please pray that God will give you a heart that is ready to grow and learn.*