

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Steve Glaum - is in rehab after having a major heart attack and is working towards coming home. Pray for strength and healing for his body.

Megan Thimell (32 yrs old) - had a stroke and is at Dominican. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they determine the best treatment for her.

Robert Simmons - had surgery to replace the aortic valve in his heart on Friday, Sept 18th at Dominican Hospital. Pray for an uncomplicated recovery.

Dianna Cornall - is at Dominican on kidney dialysis and is having some heart pain. Pray for wisdom for the doctors.

Antonio Bravo - is at Stanford and had a bone marrow transplant on Sept 18th. Pray for family unity as they care for him through the process of recovery for the next 3 months.

Suzi Josselyn's dad - in Japan is in the hospital with an infection in his pancreas. Pray for peace and strength and pray for Suzi as she spends time with her dad.

Bola Taylor, missionary in Japan - is now home on hospice care. She has an amazing team of caregivers including Dr. Nakajima whose husband is a pastor and they are evangelical Christians. Bola is at total peace and fully surrendered to the Lord about her future. At the same time Bola is full of hope! Bola was able to attend her daughter, Victoria's winning volleyball game and hopes to make her birthday concert on 9/21. Please pray that the Lord will give her strength and energy to make this concert at a prestigious jazz club in Tokyo.

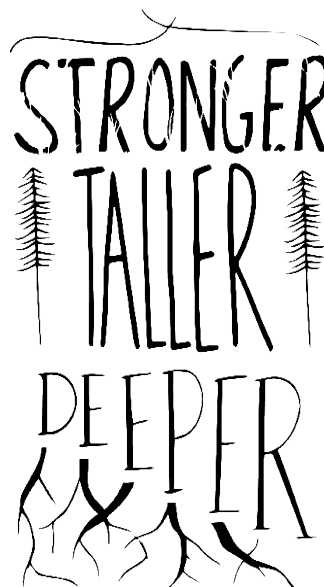
BIRTHS

Proud Grandparents, Kim and Dave Breuninger - welcomed Jude Bowen Grant, born September 10th, to their son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Anna Grant.

Congratulations to parents, Lori and Diego Alvarado - and big brother, Gavin (18 months old) who welcome into their hearts and home, Liliana Love Alvarado, born July 18th.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital.
Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



REDWOOD TREE FAITH
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

FOUR WAYS GOD GROWS MY FAITH

1. PRACTICAL _____

"All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floods rise and the storm winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, for it is built on rock." Matthew 7:24,25 TLB

2. POSITIVE _____

"Be with the wise and become wise. Be with the evil and become evil." Proverbs 13:20

"All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other... They worshipped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." Acts 2:44,46 TLB

3. PERSONAL _____

“Your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:4b,6b

“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:16

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

1 Peter 4:10 TLB

4. PIVOTAL _____

“Lazarus is dead... this will give you another opportunity to believe in me.” John 11:14b,15b TLB

Today’s outline adapted in part from “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith” by Andy Stanley

THE SEVEN

7 MYSTERIOUS LETTERS - 7 ANCIENT CHURCHES - 7 LIFE-CHANGING WEEKS

NEXT WEEKEND:
INTRODUCTION WEEK

• PRACTICAL BIBLE TEACHING

Daily readings in The Seven will explain Revelation in ways that make a practical difference today.

• POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Small groups will encourage you to develop daily positive habits and will fortify your faith. Sign up or form your own group today at tables outside!

• PERSONAL DISCIPLINES

Every day there’s a suggested Bible reading, opportunities for prayer, and our big fall service project

• PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Book of Revelation is written to believers facing pivotal circumstances and will help you when you face them too!

This week’s memory verse: “Build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power.” Eph. 6:10 TEV

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY

PRACTICAL BIBLE TEACHING

Read Matthew 7:24-27. How would you express in your own words what Jesus teaches in these verses? To build your life on Jesus’ teachings, you first need to know what they are! Ask God to help you develop the habit of learning and meditating on the teachings of Christ Jesus.

TUESDAY

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Read Acts 2:42-44. What kind of relationship choices did the early believers make? What kind of relationship choices are taught in Hebrews 10:24-25? Reach out and be a positive influence on a friend today. Ask God to help you intentionally develop spiritually enriching relationships.

WEDNESDAY

PERSONAL DISCIPLINES

Read Matthew 6:1-8 and 16-18. What three personal disciplines does Jesus teach about in these verses? What common theme is there in his teaching about all three? How are you in your practice of private personal spiritual disciplines? Ask God to help you develop disciplines for strengthening your spiritual life.

THURSDAY

PERSONAL MINISTRY

Read Matthew 14:13-17. Personal ministry is part of the personal discipline we talked about this weekend. In this story, the disciples used their lack of resources to question their ability to do what Jesus was asking them to do. What excuses have you used? Read Matthew 14:17-21. Jesus takes their limited resources and uses them in a miraculous way. What does this teach you? Ask God for the courage to serve – even if you feel your abilities and resources are limited.

FRIDAY

PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Read John 11:1-14 and 20-45. Jesus makes it clear that God will use this tragic situation for His glory. How can this truth change your response the next time life takes you by surprise? Thank God for a specific way He used tragedy in your life for the good. Ask God to help you see that when bad things happen, He is not doing something TO you. He’s doing something IN you.

SATURDAY

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for things! Ask him to bless the weekend services in a powerful way.