

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) – Results are in from Tuesday’s Bone Marrow Aspirate... Ethan is still in remission!

Steve Waters – had major cancer surgery on 10/5. They will receive a basic preliminary report on 10/13 and then the full report a week later. Pray that the doctors can locate the primary cancer site so they can develop a treatment plan.

Marion Lindquist (attends Dominican Oaks Bible Study) – is at Dominican due to a fall. Pray for her recovery and complete healing.

Karen Stebbins – is recovering from surgery. Pray for healing.

Diane Hardin (part of the Bridge of Hope Ministry at Hearts and Hands) – is in ICU at Dominican due to heart issues. Pray for God’s comfort and peace.

Connie Fortunato (our missionary to Eastern Europe) – has surgery scheduled for October 18th at UCSF. Please pray that the surgery goes well, the issue is resolved, recovery goes well and quick, and that she will be pain free.

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Pray for the many ACTS of Kindness: Serve the Bay projects – that are taking place 10/15-22 throughout the county. Pray for more volunteers to come out to help. Pray that God’s love shines through our volunteers and make an impact on the community through these acts of kind service.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you’d like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.

ACTS ODYSSEY

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

OCTOBER 15 & 16 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

ACTS 8

The Book of Acts is an eyewitness record of the very earliest days of the Jesus movement. In today’s passage, the Jesus movement finally grows beyond the walls of Jerusalem—in extremely unexpected ways!



THREE WAYS WORLD CHANGERS EXPECT GOD TO WORK THROUGH THE UNEXPECTED:

1. God turns unexpected _____

On that day a **great persecution** broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were **scattered throughout Judea and Samaria**... Those who had been scattered **preached the word wherever they went**. Acts 8:1,4

2. God has unexpected _____

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an **Ethiopian eunuch**... Acts 8:26-27

What you _____ tends to be what you _____

3. God reaches out to unexpected _____

On his way he met an **Ethiopian eunuch**, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man **had gone to Jerusalem to worship**, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. Acts 8:27,28

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip **began with that very passage** of Scripture and told him **the good news about Jesus**. Acts 8:34-35

(If Philip **began** with that passage, he may very well have continued to Isaiah 56)

TWO FINAL TAKEAWAYS:

When I feel like the “outsider”, remember

When I feel like the “insider”, remember

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GROWTH

- Look for opportunities to invite friends!