

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - after 2 1/2 years continues to fight leukemia. He will be at LPCH in Stanford for the next 5-6 months. Pray that despite his harsh reality Ethan will feel safe, and that he will have peace and hope. Pray for his family as they “tag team” to be by Ethan’s side day and night.

Robert Burns, Brandi Shelton, Laurence Kelsen, Kristianne Diehl, Daniel Underwood and Mike Adams - at Dominican Hospital this past week. Pray for their recovery.

1st Lieutenant Ryan Evans - had emergency surgery on 5/9 due to infection. Continue to pray for Ryan’s physical, spiritual and emotional recovery.

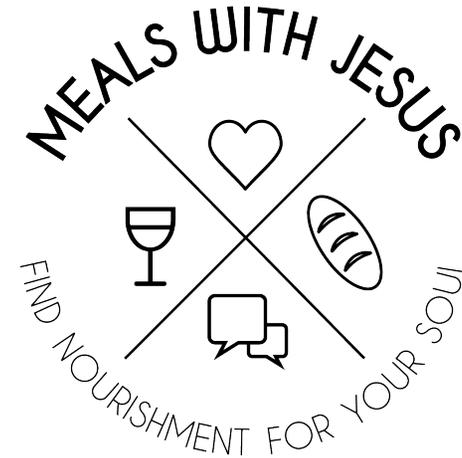
Gayle Okamoto - had brain surgery at Dominican on 5/18. Pray for God’s peace and complete recovery.

Jan Davis-Hadley - has a brain hemorrhage after falling and hitting her head and has been in ICU at Natividad. Pray that she won’t have a stroke or get pneumonia while she’s in the hospital. Pray for a strong recovery.

Jess Hall - is at Hope 4 Cancer Clinic for 2 more weeks undergoing treatments. Her tumor is shrinking and she feels God’s presence in a mighty way.

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.



WHO’S GOING TO CLEAN THIS UP?

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MAY 21 & 22

When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was **surprised** when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. Luke 11:37-38

Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the **outside** of the cup and dish, but **inside** you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the **outside** make the **inside** also? But now as for what is **inside** you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.” Luke 11:39-41

Big Idea: _____

Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

How do I assess the condition of my heart?

1. _____

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, **but you neglect justice and the love of God**. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” Luke 11:42

2. _____

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.” Luke 11:43

3. _____

“Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.” Luke 11:44

“**Be on your guard** against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.” Luke 12:1b

Bottom Line:

We do not change by simply _____.

We change by _____.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work **in you** will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Read Luke 11:37-41. What is something that stood out to you in last weekend's sermon and why? Why do you think we try to change the outside before the inside? When are you most tempted to do that? What are the trade-offs when you emphasize the outside over the inside? *Lord, thank you that you focus on the inside. Please give me the courage to focus on the inside.*

TUESDAY Read Micah 6:8, Luke 11:42 and James 1:22. What do these verses tell you about God's heart and what he loves? How would you honestly say your heart (not your words) matches up with what God loves? What excites you about loving what God loves? What scares you about that? *Lord, I want a heart that matches your heart. Help my heart to move closer to your heart today.*

WEDNESDAY Read Luke 11:43 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What makes it difficult for you to fix your hope and attention on God? When is the applause more appealing to you than living for an audience of One? What does this tell you about the condition of your heart? *God thank you I don't have to be the most important person in the room. Please give me the strength and desire to fix my eyes on you.*

THURSDAY Read Luke 11:44 and Colossians 3:12-13. What do these verses have to say about having a positive impact on the people around you? Think about your relationships: in which relationships do you think you're having a positive impact? Where do you think you may be having a negative impact? What does your impact in relationships reveal about your heart? *Lord, I want to have a positive impact in my relationships. Please fill me with love, humility, kindness and patience for people today.*

FRIDAY Read Philippians 1:6. Spend some time today meditating on this verse. Think about the Bottom Line from last weekend's sermon: “We do not change by simply avoiding something. We change by becoming something.” How have you seen the truth of this in your life? Where are you currently struggling most with becoming instead of avoiding? *God thank you for your love and your power in me. Help me to rest in your becoming power today.*

SATURDAY Read Proverbs 4:23. How can you guard your heart this weekend? *Father, I pray that you will empower me to guard my heart. I pray that my heart will be more and more like your heart.*