

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - He tolerated the full body radiation and high dose of chemo extremely well. The stem cell harvest from his younger sister Sienna and the transfusion into Ethan's body went well. The severely restricted diet is difficult for Ethan. Pray our Lord will comfort Ethan and continue to give him courage and strength to endure all these changes. Pray also for minimal side effects as his body accepts Sienna's cells.

Lucille Wells - is recovering at Dominican from heart valve replacement surgery. Pray for a smooth recovery time.

Kathi Shane - at Monterey Hospital (CHOMP) since 7/27 due to abdominal pain from her cancer. Pray that the new chemo therapy will start to take effect. Pray for comfort and continued healing. Pray for her husband Farley as he comes alongside.

Rosalie Strong, Daniel Miller and Jennifer Leishman - at Dominican this past week. Pray for complete recovery.

BIRTHS

Proud grandparents, Mark and Teri Hillenga - welcomed their granddaughter Emmy Marie born August 9th, to their daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Brian Long.

HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD

Tom Carr - after having a stroke about a year ago, is now in the arms of Jesus. Tom served in ministry as a pastor for many years. Pray for his wife Becky and the rest of the family as they grieve his loss.

TLC MINISTRIES, MISSIONS, OUTREACHES & MINISTRIES of Santa Cruz

Thanks for praying for the Zambia team that was serving in Mansa for the past 2 and a half weeks. We heard from Johan Combrinck, our missionary in Southern Africa that worked with the team, and he was so pleased with the work the team did. He was impressed by their servant hearts, love for God, and unity as a team.

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.



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A SONG IN THE STORM

AUGUST 13 & 14 // TRENT SMITH

PSALM 16 (NLT) : David's Prayer

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.
I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you."
The godly people in the land are my true heroes!
I take pleasure in them!
Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood
or even speak the names of their gods.
Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.
You guard all that is mine.
The land you have given me is a pleasant land.
What a wonderful inheritance!
I will bless the Lord who guides me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I know the Lord is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.
My body rests in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead
or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.
You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.

How can we, like David, find our song of gratitude and hope in the face of uncertainty, suffering and danger?

1. Allow God's _____
to shape our _____

- Acknowledge God's _____
- Acknowledge God's _____

2. Invite Godly _____
to influence our _____

- Seek out role models who point us toward _____ and _____
- Be honest about our _____

3. Cling to God's _____ to give us _____

- Lean on present _____
- Look to future _____

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
Psalm 16:11

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Read Psalm 16. What did you learn about joy in last weekend's sermon? When is it most difficult for you to be joyful? What did you learn in last weekend's sermon that can encourage you towards joy today?
Thank you Lord for giving me a joy that transcends the ups and downs of life. I want to be a person who is marked by joy. Please remind me to move towards joy today.

TUESDAY Read Psalm 16:1-6. How could reminding yourself of God's power bring you joy? How have you seen God's provision in the last month of your life? How can pride rob you of joy? *Lord, I want to live in your power today. You are God, I am not, and I yield to you today. Thank you for your provision in my life. Please give me joy in how you've provided for me.*

WEDNESDAY Read Psalm 16:7-8. It seems counter-intuitive that being honest about weaknesses can actually bring joy! Why do you think that is? Lately, who have you been honest to about your weaknesses? Who is/are some godly people who help you move towards joy and true success? *Lord, thank you for not calling me to walk this journey of life alone. I pray that you would bring me in to strong, godly, honest relationships and that I would be humble and willing to learn from others and grow.*

THURSDAY Read Psalm 16:9-11. Write down God's promises to you in these verses. Which of those is most encouraging to you today and why? When life is hard in the present, how does it help to focus on the future you have in Christ? *God thank you for the promise that you will not abandon me. Thank you for showing me the path of life. Thank you for the promise of a future with you that you offer me. Please help me to cling to your promises and hope today.*

FRIDAY Reread Psalm 16 today and as you do, take a moment to make each verse a prayer to God. Personalize the verses and thank God for his work in your life. When you've gone through each verse as a prayer, ask God to remind you to look for the song in the storms you face.

SATURDAY Read Psalm 25 in preparation for this weekend's sermon. What is most encouraging to you today? *Father, thank you for the many promises and hope you have blessed me with. I pray that I will be a person of joy today and that I will have opportunities to encourage others with the ultimate hope and joy we have in you.*