

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - no longer has a virus and he went to hospital school! The results from the bone marrow test were very good. There are NO leukemia cells and his sister Sienna's stem cells have become Ethan's new blood cell factory. He may be released from the hospital Monday or Tuesday!

Mark Smith, Eleanor Carrigan and Crystal Kusalich - at Dominican. Pray for their recovery.

Georgia LoBue - will have back surgery on 9/26. Pray that it will be successful and that the surgeon will know exactly how to correct the painful problem and that she will have a good recovery.

Kimi Ball - had cancer surgery on 9/16 at Dominican. Pray for an uncomplicated and complete recovery.

1st Lieutenant Ryan Evans - after battling a 6 month illness starting in January, Ryan just received news that he got his flight status back. Praise God!

BIRTHS

John and Darlene (Kemp) Prentice - were blessed with the arrival of their daughter Emilie Rose born on September 17, 2016. She joins her siblings James (9) Kayla (6) and Tommy (3). Proud grandparents are Dr. Ralph and Renate Kemp.

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

PREVIEW WEEKEND: IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN!

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

WHY DOES ACTS MATTER?

WHY EVERY BELIEVER NEEDS TO KNOW ACTS:

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“What the early Christians did not have: Financial reserves, great buildings, favorable governmental conditions, supportive media, planes, trains, automobiles, boats with motors... What they did have: Impact. They went from 120 to 3,000 in one day, on to most of the known world within 30 years, and changed history. The question of Acts: Can it happen again?” - Ray Johnston

WHAT FUELED THE FIRST CHRISTIANS?

KEY VERSE: “But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon **you**; and **you** will be my witnesses **in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” Acts 1:8

Jesus told them:

- You _____
- You'll have _____
- You'll break down _____



OUTLINE OF ACTS

CHAPTERS 1-7	CHAPTERS 8-12	CHAPTERS 13-28
"...in Jerusalem..."	"...Judea and Samaria..."	"the ends of the earth"
THE CHURCH: • IS BORN • GROWS • IS TESTED	THE GOSPEL: • SPREADS • BREAKS BARRIERS • IS CLARIFIED	• PAUL TO ASIA MINOR • PAUL TO EUROPE • PAUL TO TRIAL • PAUL TO ROME

WHAT MADE THE EARLY BELIEVERS SO ATTRACTIVE?

"**They devoted themselves** to the apostles' **teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread and the prayers**. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and **distributing the proceeds to anyone in need**. And day by day, attending the temple and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord **added to their number day by day** those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47 ESV

FIVE ASPECTS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Resources used in preparation of this message

For a complete list of the many sources used in this series, please see the Acts Odyssey bibliography. For today's message, much credit goes to Ray Johnston, Acts Introduction (sermon preached at Bayside Church, Granite Bay) and Tim Keller, The First Church (sermon preached at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"But **you** will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon **you**; and **you** will be my witnesses **in Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth**." Acts 1:8

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Each day this week, we'll focus on a different aspect of the verse on the top of this page as we prepare for God to grow and change us during this Acts series. Today, meditate on the phrase "you will receive power". Repeat that to yourself a few times. Imagine Jesus saying this to you. If you feel unequipped and unskilled, know this: God will give you power through the Holy Spirit to do what needs to be done. *Please ask God to empower our church through the Holy Spirit during this entire fall series!*

TUESDAY Today read Acts 1:8 again and focus on the word "witnesses". What is a witness? Someone who tells others what they have seen. That means two things: You need to have your eyes open to see what God is doing all around you. And you need to be willing to talk about it. *Ask God to help you see what he is doing in your life right now! Ask him to help you see opportunities to share.*

WEDNESDAY Today read Acts 1:8 again and focus on the word "you". Jesus does not mean this is true only of the apostles. This means every believer. You and me. God needs you. *Ask him to embolden every single believer who calls TLC home—to take responsibility ourselves for helping to produce the Acts 2 atmosphere at TLC.*

THURSDAY Today read Acts 1:8 again and focus on the final phrase: "in all Jerusalem... Judea and Samaria... and to the ends of the earth." *Pray that God will open our eyes as a church to the ways we can be witnesses at home and far away! Pray for our missionary partners.*

FRIDAY Today, read Acts 2:42-47. *Please ask God to produce this kind of atmosphere in increasing ways at TLC this fall as we study Acts!*

SATURDAY This weekend is the official launch of the Acts series (Day 1 of the Acts study is Monday October 3). *Please pray that God will use the weekend services and this entire series in spiritually powerful ways.*