

Prayer Update

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week

Gene Cutler had a brain aneurysm mid-August and has had several surgeries at Stanford Hospital and is now out at a rehab center near Stanford. Please pray for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

Gary Barton diagnosed with late stage colon cancer has been at Dominican Hospital. He is currently undergoing chemo treatments and was able to go home this week. Lift up Gary and his whole family to our Lord, praying for miracles to happen. To follow Gary's journey go to www.posthope.org.

Pauline Roby is still fighting a bad infection from her hip replacement surgery and is back at Stanford hospital.

Home with the Lord

Roger Williams, Executive Director of Mount Hermon—is HOME. Surrounded by his family and a few close friends, he passed away on Sunday, September 14th. Please remember his wife, Rachel and his daughters, Sara and Joy and their families as they grieve the loss of their amazing husband, dad and grandpa. A memorial will be held Sunday, October 26th at 2:30pm at Mount Hermon.

Artie Meek also passed away on September 14th. Artie was married for almost 62 years to his wife Babe and together they raised 5 children. A celebration of his life will take place on Friday, October 3rd at 11am in Monschke Hall.

Stephen Hill, son of Joann Hill died unexpectedly. Please remember the family in your prayers as they prepare for his service on November 8th @ 11 am in Monschke Hall.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



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John 4

September 20 & 21 | René Schlaepfer

Today's passage, John 4, is found on page 752 in auditorium Bibles and page 728 in Venue Bibles

Sharing Christ Christ's Way

1. CLOSE _____ (John 4:3-4)

[Jesus] left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now **he had to go through** Samaria. John 4:3b-4

Saturday October 18: www.servethebay.org

2. COMMON _____ (John 4:5-9)

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground **Jacob** had given to his son Joseph. **Jacob's well** was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the **well...** John 4:5-6

How can I find _____ with others?

3. CLEAR _____ (John 4:10–24)

- Keep it _____
“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.” John 4:13
- Keep it _____
“What you have just said is quite true.” John 4:18b
- Keep it _____
“Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth...” John 4:19-24

4. COMPELLING _____ (John 4:31-42)

“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” John 4:35b

In two weeks:



Starts October 4,5

What is the Bible? How can I understand it better?

- **Weekly messages**
- **Weekly memory verse**
- **Weekly small group meeting:** Register at tables outside or online at www.tlc.org. Small groups start first full week in October.
- **Daily devotions:** Meditations in 40 Days book. Register for bonus audio or video daily devotions at 40daysintheword.com.
- **Micah 6:8 service project:** Serve The Bay's a great way to participate. And you can apply for a Micah 6:8 grant!

Daily Meditations

Memory Verse: “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24

Monday: Read John 4:1-10. The first point from this weekend's message was that Christ strategically placed himself in close proximity to hurting people. How can you do this (think of people in your neighborhood, workplace, school, etc.)? What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom He revealed Himself? *Ask God to help you develop closer relationships with people who are thirsty for the living water Jesus offers.*

Tuesday: Read John 4:11-14. Our second point this weekend was that Jesus sought common ground... in this case, quite literally! Why did Jesus sit down by Jacob's well?

How can you build common ground with people around you?

___Sports ___Computers ___Children ___Exercise ___Scrapbooking
___Crafts ___Gardening ___Movies ___Music ___Other:

Develop an idea list of people outside your normal church friends with whom you can develop a natural friendship that could lead to discussion of spiritual matters: *Ask Jesus to bring people into your life with whom you can develop common ground!*

Wednesday: Read John 4:15-26. Our third point from this past weekend was that Jesus communicated simply and positively— and stayed focused despite distractions. What aspects of Jesus' conversation can you use as a model for your own discussions with searching friends? *Today thank God for sending Jesus to you just as He came for this Samaritan woman!*

Thursday: Read John 4:27-38. How does obeying the will of God supply similar essentials in your life that food does? Are you more like the disciples or the woman at this point in your life? Why? What does it mean that one sows and another reaps? How is this motivating for you? *Ask God to show you which fields He is calling you to work in!*

Friday: Read John 4:39-42. Why did the Samaritans originally believe in Jesus (v. 42)? What new basis did they have for their belief (v. 42)? How does this parallel your own faith journey? What can you do to play the role of the Samaritan woman to your own townspeople, so to speak, this week? *Ask God to help you clear up misconceptions people may have about Christ and His message through your words, actions, and attitudes!*

Saturday: Please polish up the memory verse for this week. Please spend time in prayer for the services this weekend. Thank you!