

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Gary Barton diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Gary receives treatment Monday through Friday in Carlsbad, chemo on Tuesday and Thursday and started stem cell treatment on Friday. Please pray for wisdom for the doctor that he can determine if surgery is an option and ultimately, complete healing. Pray for the whole family for endurance to run the race set before them.

Dave Breuninger had knee surgery on 7/28. Please pray for a speedy and complete recovery.

Pauline Roby at Stanford hospital for three more surgeries due to infection from hip replacement surgery.

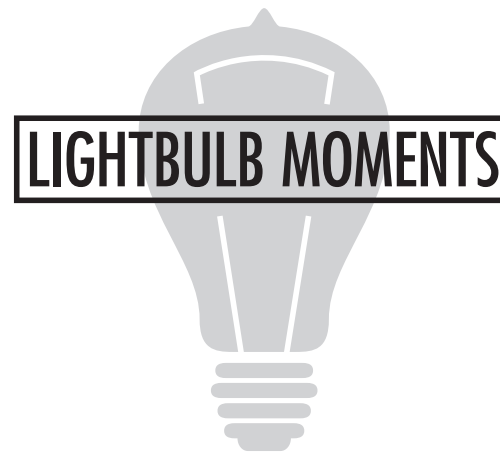
Liz Bishop is back to work in the church office part time! Pray for peace and strength as she awaits a new and final surgery date.

Helen "Tari" Sypherd is in the hospital and recovering from pneumonia and infection.

HOSPICE CARE

Elizabeth Harrell, Pat Owen, Ramona Bennet Please pray for the families and caregivers as they take care of their loved ones.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



LIGHTBULB MOMENTS : MY LIFE IS NOT MY OWN AUGUST 2 & 3 MARK SPURLOCK

"For in him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28a

The day Jesus ambushed Saul...

"On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them... I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities." Acts 26:10, 11b

"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus... About noon... as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'" Acts 26:12-14

"Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied." Acts 26:15

"Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:16-18

(For more of Paul's faith story see: Galatians 1:11-24 & Philippians 3:4-12)

"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."
Philippians 3:12b

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

MEMORY VERSE: "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Philippians 3:12

MONDAY: Please read Acts 26:10–18. What is something that stood out to you in the weekend's sermon and why? How does God demonstrate His ability to get ahold of someone in this passage? In today's reading, what is most striking to you about Paul's conversion experience? *Thank God today that He can intervene in any situation. Pray that you will grow in faith this week and learn to lean in to God.*

TUESDAY: Please read Galatians 1:11–24. What new details of Paul's conversion do you find in this passage? How does Paul describe God's taking hold of him in verse 15? What is the result of God's work in Paul's life (vs. 24)? How can this passage help you today? *Thank God today that He has been thinking of you from before you were born. Pray that as people see God's work in your life they will praise God.*

WEDNESDAY: Please read Philippians 3:4–13. What an amazing passage of scripture! What do you learn about Paul's attitude before his conversion (vv. 4–6)? What was his attitude after his conversion (vv. 7–13)? How does Paul's example (post-conversion) challenge you? *Thank God today for His power to change lives – including yours. Talk to God about the areas of your life that you are finding it hard to let go of "for the sake of knowing Christ". Pray that you will desire God above all else.*

THURSDAY: Please read 1 Timothy 1:12–17. How does Paul describe his relationship with God in this passage? How does Paul describe his mission from God? What words does Paul use to describe God's action in Paul's life? How does this give you hope in your own life today? *Thank God today for Paul's example and God's work in his life. Pray that you will see God's work in your life and are encouraged by His grace and love for you. Ask God to use your life as a testimony to others of God's power and goodness.*

FRIDAY: Please read Romans 8:35–39. When do you find it most difficult to believe that God has hold of you? What do these verses tell you about the extent of God's hold on you? How does this encourage you today? *Thank God for His never-ending love for you. Pray that you will rest in His powerful hold on you. Thank Him that nothing – not even you – will be able to separate you from His love.*

SATURDAY: Please read John 17:15–19 in preparation for this weekend's message. *Please pray for the services this weekend, pray that the services will glorify God and that people's lives will be impacted.*