

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Bola Taylor in Japan - is in the hospital for 4 once-a-week sessions of chemo. She will have to stay in the hospital for 4 weeks as this is the "Japanese way". Pray for Bola to be a light to so many without hope, for God to calm her anxious heart, and to enfold their children and Ken with the same hope and strength.

Ethan Pope (7 yrs old) - is almost done with his first year of a 3 yr maintenance chemo treatment. Please pray for perseverance and healing, for Ethan's confidence to be restored and that they would shine light to all the other families that they are meeting in the process.

Jared Hinds - continuing chemo treatments as outpatient with his local oncologist this week. If all goes as planned it is one more step towards his bone marrow transplant.

Paul Seals - had surgery for a broken hip and is now at Kindred. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for Janice and Paul during this difficult time.

Bill and Rita Winings - is recovering at home after bypass surgery. Please pray that Bill's recovery will be smooth and he will experience renewed strength and stamina and for Rita as she battles pneumonia.

Lou Schiavon - is now on Hospice. Please pray for peace and comfort for Lou, for his wife Lea and their family.

Charles Flowers - has Stage 4 metastatic cancer in the liver and is currently on hospice. Please pray for peace for Charles, his wife Karen, and their family.

Torunn Sunde - had triple bypass surgery on 3/5 at Kaiser Hospital in San Jose. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Gary Barton - son of Paul & Nelda, through a courageous battle with cancer entered into the presence of the Lord on 3/5. Please pray for Dawn, his wife, and the rest of the family as they grieve his loss.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



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SEEING MYSELF AS GOD'S CHILD

GALATIANS 3:26-4:7

MARCH 7 & MARCH 8
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

TWO WAYS TO SEE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

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Elements of this relationship:

- "Job description" religion
- Expectation of compensation
- Fear I'm not measuring up
- Anger and resentment
- Exhaustion

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Elements of this relationship:

1. NEW _____

So in Christ Jesus you are all **children of God** through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal. 3:26,27

2. NEW _____

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male and female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**. Gal. 3:28

3. NEW _____

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs** according to the promise. Gal. 3:29

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to **redeem** those under the law, that we might receive **adoption** to sonship. Gal. 4:1-5

4. NEW _____

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the **Spirit** who calls out, "**Abba, Father.**" Gal. 4:6

SO WHAT?

So **you are no longer a slave**, but **God's child**; and since you are his child, God has made you also an **heir**. Gal. 4:7

AM I LIVING LIKE A SERVANT OR LIKE A SON?

SERVANTS	BELOVED CHILDREN
Accepted based on what they do	Accepted based on whose they are
Insecure, worried Master will be displeased	Secure in the love of their Father
Must prove worth by work	Know nothing can change status
Performance-based relationship	Love-based relationship

A prayer of grace:

"Father, I am your child by grace through faith. Help me live and feel and think like one!"

INTERESTED IN ADOPTION OR FOSTER CARE?

Empowered to Connect Conference

April 10-11 at Santa Cruz Bible Church

santacruz bible.org/connect/childrens-ministries/anchor-families

MEMORY VERSE: So **you are no longer a slave**, but **God's child**; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. Gal. 4:7

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY Read Galatians 3:26-27. Do you tend to see yourself as a slave of God, or as a friend and child of God? Read Galatians 4:6 and John 15:15. According to these verses, how does God want you to see yourself? How would your life be different if you truly saw yourself as the beloved child of God at all times? According to John 1:12, how do we become children of God? Thank God today for calling you his child rather than his slave – and ask Him to help you remember to see yourself that way as well! *Pray that prayer of grace at the end of the notes!*

TUESDAY Does it somehow seem too familiar, too fresh, to call God "Abba", meaning "daddy"? I have struggled with it myself! But there's no mistaking the clear teaching of Scripture. Read Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15, and Galatians 4:6 again. Do these verses make you feel comfortable or uncomfortable? Why? *Today thank God that he desires to be known this personally by you!*

WEDNESDAY Read Luke 15:11-32. You probably know this as the Parable of the Prodigal Son. But it's also the story of the Older Son. What do his comments in verse 29 reveal about the way he saw his relationship with his Dad? What attitude did this concept produce? Do you think this infects Christians today? What is the father's response? *Today thank God that you are not just an employee slaving for a boss; by His grace, you are an heir! Pray that prayer of grace at the end of the notes.*

THURSDAY Today meditate on these Scriptures: 1 John 3:1-3 and Galatians 4:7. What truth do these verses communicate? Why is this sometimes difficult to believe? How does this belief "purify" you? *Again today pray that prayer of grace at the end of the notes - of course you don't need to pray it word-for-word; use your own language.*

FRIDAY Read 1 John 5:1,2; Ephesians 5:1,2; Colossians 3:12. If I am God's beloved child, how does that change my behavior toward others, according to these verses? *Ask God to help you see how to treat other believers as brothers and sisters, and how to reach out to those still lost.*

SATURDAY Read Galatians 3:28,29. Ask God to help TLC to be a beacon of this kind of Christian unity! Please pray for the weekend services as we celebrate the 125th birthday of Twin Lakes Church!