

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Hayden Jilka (8 yrs old) – pray for continued strength and endurance during his chemo treatments and for God’s healing touch.

Bola Taylor, missionary in Japan - has started her 2nd round of chemo and will be in the hospital for one week. She will then be home again until her 3rd round on May 12th, and then surgery for the end of May. Pray for continual physical, emotional and spiritual strength through this journey.

Lorraine Windsor - at Dominican and recovering slowly from double pneumonia. When she is strong enough she will be transferred to a rehab unit in Redwood City area to be close to family. Please pray that she will feel God’s comfort and peace in her new care facility.

Stephanie Jager - at Dominican because of an infection she developed while in Thailand. She has numbness in her feet, hands and other places. Pray that treatment continues to be effective.

Brian Griffen - will be having surgery on 4/20 at Dominican. Pray for God’s comfort and peace.

Ralph Bingham - had knee replacement surgery on 4/14 at Sutter. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

Eleanor Carrigan - is back at Pacific Coast Manor having therapy. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Ethan Pope (7 yrs old) - is almost done with his first year of a 3 yr maintenance chemo treatment. Ethan’s self confidence and overall attitude really correlates to his blood counts. Please pray that the doctors can find the perfect balance.

Lou Schiavon, Rosa Minuti and Lois Hanneman - on hospice care. Please keep their families in your prayers.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Charles Flowers - a memorial celebrating Charles’ life will take place on Sunday, April 19th @ 2 pm in the auditorium. The family would like to invite you to the service and reception following in Monschke Hall following the service.

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.



FREEDOM IN RELATIONSHIPS

GALATIANS 5:25-6:5

APRIL 18 & 19
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REVIEW:

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through **love**.
Galatians 5:6b

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in **love**. *Galatians 5:13*

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “**Love** your neighbor as yourself.” *Galatians 5:14*

1. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Let us not become **conceited, provoking** and **envying** each other.
Galatians 5:26

“**conceited**” KJV: “vainglory” Greek: *kenodoxa*, “empty of glory”;
Deep _____ leading to a need
to _____ to myself and others

“**provoking**”: The posture of the _____ mindset;
looking down on others

“**envying**”: The posture of the _____ mindset;
looking up at others

PROVOKING

I have a superiority mindset
I tend to blow up
I pick arguments
I tend to judge harshly
I attack when criticized
“I would never be that stupid”

ENVYING

I have an inferiority mindset
I tend to clam up
I avoid confrontation
I’m intimidated around certain people
I get discouraged and defensive
“I could never be that awesome”

2. WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

When I daily find my _____ in God's value of me, and not in comparison to others or in the opinions of others, I will be free to truly love others

3. WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN REAL LIFE?

• _____

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should **restore that person gently**. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. *Galatians 6:1*

• _____

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill **the law of Christ**. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. *Galatians 6:2-5*

BOTTOM LINE:

The biggest problem in relationships is _____

If I understand _____ (without it, I'm nothing; with it, I have everything)... then I'll be more _____ and less _____

MEMORY VERSE: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians 6:2*

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY Read Galatians 5:15-16. What do you think Paul means by "living in the Spirit" and "keeping in step with the Spirit" (verse 25)? What daily practices help you to live more consciously aware of God's grace in your life: That you are saved, loved, empowered, and being changed by God? Give God thanks for His grace that not only saved you but is changing you daily!

TUESDAY Read Galatians 5:25-26. Look back over your notes. How does being conceited – the Greek word used there literally means "empty of glory" -- lead us to try to impress others and put down others? How does it lead to workaholicism and self-pity? Right now do you struggle more with feelings of superiority or inferiority? How can an understanding of God's grace to you help with both? Thank God that He chose you by His grace!

WEDNESDAY Read Galatians 6:1-5. What is the "law of Christ" (See 5:25)? How do these verses illustrate how this works out in real life? Who in your life right now has burdens you can help carry? What can you do today to help? Ask God to help you express your faith through love for others!

THURSDAY Read Philippians 2:1-8. How do these verses parallel the verses in Galatians we've been studying this week? Reading between the lines, what was wrong with the church at Philippi? How does Jesus exemplify the humility that Paul says will help solve these relational problems? Ask God to show you ways you can put aside personal pride and demonstrate the humility that grows from grace.

FRIDAY Read Galatians 5:16-25 to prepare for this weekend's sermon. Now that you've had a few more days to think about it, what do you think Paul means by "living in" and "keeping in step with" the Spirit? How does this lead to a different kind of "holiness" than living by the "law", or rules? What have you found contributes to the growth of spiritual fruit in your life? Spend some time in prayer simply asking the Spirit to fill you today.

SATURDAY Please pray for this weekend's services, that many would be reached by God's love! Thank you!