

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Jared Hinds - started his 3 week bone marrow transplant process on 4/28 at Stanford Hospital. Pray for Jared and Nadia during their 100 day stay in Palo Alto.

Hayden Jilka (8 yrs old) - had his monthly chemo treatment on 4/28 at El Camino Hospital. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Bola Taylor, missionary in Japan - who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in early February and is undergoing chemo treatments, was frail but well enough to join our TLC team as they helped lead a retreat in Japan. Pray the tumors disappear completely so she will not need surgery at the end of May.

Lorraine Windsor -at Dominican recovering slowly from double pneumonia and pacemaker surgery. Pray for continued strength and healing.

Eleanor Carrigan - is back at Dominican Hospital. Please pray for God's comfort and peace.

BIRTHS

Sam and Julie Skelton - welcome into their hearts and home their new baby son Theodore Thomas born on April 26th. Proud grandparents are Dan and Gwenda Baker.

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.



CROSS CENTERED

GALATIANS 6:11-18

MAY 2 & 3
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!
Galatians 6:11

THREE CRUCIAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS MY CORE _____?

Those who **want to make a good impression outwardly** are **trying to compel you** to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6:12 NIV 84

Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised **that they may boast** about your flesh.

Galatians 6:13 NIV

2. WHERE IS MY CORE _____?

May I **never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14 NIV (See Romans 3:27. Ephesians 2:8,9)*



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3. WHAT IS MY CORE _____?

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all **who follow this rule**—to the Israel of God. *Galatians 6:15,16 NIV*

When I saw that they were not acting **in line with the truth of the gospel**... *Galatians 2:15 NIV*

BOTTOM LINE:

ASK: AM I _____?

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. *Galatians 6:18*

MEMORY VERSE: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14*

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY

Read Galatians 6:11-13. Why is Paul criticizing the false teachers? Are you ever too focused on “wanting to make a good impression outwardly”? Paul also says they want to “boast about your obedience”. Do you ever find your identity in the obedient behavior of others – perhaps your students or your children? In what way? How does approval addiction lead to “trying to compel” others to do what you want? *Ask God to help you let go of a compulsion to win everyone’s approval.*

TUESDAY

Read Galatians 6:14. What do you think it means to boast only in the cross of Christ? What else do people boast about? Read Romans 3:27 and Ephesians 2:8,9. What do these verses have to say about boasting? *Ask God to help you focus on what he has done for you by his grace, and not on what you do for him!*

WEDNESDAY

Read Galatians 6:15,16. What does it mean to live according to the “rule” of the gospel? How does an understanding of the gospel of grace impact your whole life—for example, struggles with discouragement? Struggles with self-worth? Your motivation for evangelism? Your feelings about child-rearing? *Ask God to help grace filter into every aspect of your life.*

THURSDAY

Read Galatians 6:17. When Paul speaks of the marks of Christ in his body, he is likely referring to his scars from various beatings. Why do you think Paul points to his wounds rather than his triumphs? How can wounds and scars help us grow closer to God and understand the gospel better? Has this happened for you? *Ask God to help you grow closer to him through the inevitable struggles and wounds of life.*

FRIDAY

Read Galatians 6:18. Paul closes with a reminder of his theme: Grace! What have you learned about grace in our study of Galatians? Skim over the whole book. What are some verses that were particularly meaningful or memorable? *Thank God for his grace -- specifically thank him for several things you have by his grace alone!*

SATURDAY

Please pray for the weekend services. It’s Mother’s Day weekend! Pray that the services will honor moms and touch everyone’s heart for Christ!