

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - after 2 1/2 years continues to fight leukemia. He will be at LPCH for the next 5-6 months. Pray that the nurses and doctors will be compassionate and wise and treatment will be successful. Pray for his family as they "tag team" to be by Ethan's side.

Robert Burns, Jim Balassi, Andrea Walls, Christa Ramirez and Mike Adams - at Dominican Hospital this past week. Pray for their recovery.

Jan Davis-Hadley - has a brain hemorrhage after falling and hitting her head and is now out of ICU. Pray the swelling on her brain will go down and that she will get her speech back.

Jess Hall - is at Hope 4 Cancer Clinic for 1 more week undergoing treatments. Her tumor is shrinking and she feels God's presence in a mighty way.

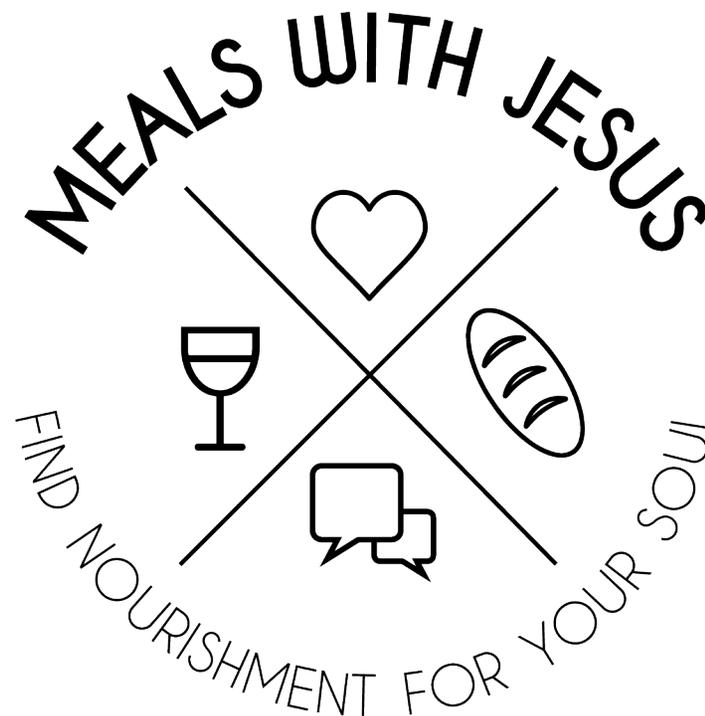
1st Lieutenant Ryan Evans - continue to pray for Ryan's physical, spiritual and emotional recovery as he gains strength after complications from several surgeries.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Pammi Sue Heller - went home to be with her Lord on May 20th. She was a part of our Bridge of Hope Family and faithfully attended TLC rarely missing a week. We will miss her but praise God she is rejoicing in heaven!

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



YOU'RE INVITED

MARK SPURLOCK

MAY 28 & 29



When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, **“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”** Luke 14:15 (See: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 19:6-9)

Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a **great banquet** and invited many **guests**. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, **‘Come, for everything is now ready.’** Luke 14:16-17

“But they all alike began to **make excuses**. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Luke 14:18

“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Luke 14:19

“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ Luke 14:20

“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, **‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’** Luke 14:21

“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ Luke 14:22

“Then the master told his servant, **‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.** I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’” Luke 14:23-24

NOTES:

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend’s topic:

MONDAY Read Luke 14:15-24. What is something that stood out to you in the sermon and why? How do you identify with the people in this passage who made excuses? How do you identify with people who are in the “streets and alleys...and roads and country lanes...”? *Lord, thank you for your grace that reaches people in the highest places and people in the lowest places. Please give me a heart that reflects your love for all people.*

TUESDAY Read Isaiah 25:6-9 and Revelation 19:6-9. What do these passages tell you about the banquet Jesus is referring to? How could knowing about this amazing future banquet encourage you today? How could it challenge you? What does this banquet tell you about God? *Father, I am so grateful for your lavish love and care for me. Thank you for the promise of a future with you. Please give me the desire and courage to share this hope with someone today.*

WEDNESDAY Read Luke 14:15-17 and 2 Corinthians 13:5. How have you experienced spiritual complacency in your life? How does it impact your view of God? How does it impact your view of the people around you? *Lord, I pray that wherever I need to be rattled out of complacency you would do that in my life. Please fill me with your power and the desire to be engaged in my relationship with you and those you have put in my life.*

THURSDAY Read Matthew 6:33 and Luke 14:18. This can be tough to read because we all make excuses when it comes to our relationship with God. What are excuses you have made/are making when it comes to making your relationship with God the priority in your life? How could stopping the excuses impact your life? *Lord, I want to want my relationship with you to be my first priority. I know that it’s all grace and I ask for your strength to stop making excuses.*

FRIDAY Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. What is the difference between being motivated by guilt or legalism and being motivated by love in your relationship with God? In your relationship with others? Think about how you currently share your faith. How does being compelled by love impact how you invite people to the banquet? *Father, thank you for loving me. Thank you that in you I have all the supplies of love I’ll ever need to love others. I pray that your love for me would compel me and empower me to invite others to the banquet.*

SATURDAY Write down the names of two or three people you want to invite to the banquet. *Father, please help my heart to more and more reflect yours. I ask for the opportunity and courage to invite (the names you wrote down) to the banquet. Help me to lead with your love in my relationships and please use me to bring more people to the banquet!*