

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Aiden Clark (grandson of Carrie and Paul Clark)** - born on 10/19 is still in the NICU at Oklahoma University but is continuing to improve. Praise God that his little body is moving toward complete healing! Pray for his parents, John and Raika as they go through this unexpected journey.

**Rosalie Strong** - a Bridge of Hope recipient at Hearts and Hands, is at Dominican. Pray for healing and recovery.

**Fred Bougeois** - is at Dominican fighting a serious infection. Pray for strength, healing, and for God's presence to be felt as he continues to go through a very difficult journey with cancer.

## TLC MISSIONS

**Paul Spurlock and Valerie Webb as they lead a team to Jordan** - they depart 11/4 and return 11/13. A team of 8 will be supporting Bob and Suzanne Robertson, and helping the refugees. Pray for safety as they travel and that they can encourage the Robertsons and the refugees they will be ministering to. Continue to pray for the Robertsons and the ongoing need to care for so many refugees that have flooded into Jordan.

**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](mailto:care@tlc.org)**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**

# ACTS ODYSSEY

## AMERICAN IDOLS

ACTS 19

NOVEMBER 5 & 6 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

The adventure of the riot at Ephesus...

"This fellow Paul ...says that gods made by human hands are **no gods at all.**" Acts 19:26

When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ... all of them rushed into the theater together. Acts 19:29,30

Even some of the **officials of the province, friends of Paul**, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater. Acts 19:31

(City clerk) "You ought to calm down and not do anything rash... You have brought these men here, though **they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess.**" Acts 19:37



Why is this story in the Book of Acts? To show the power of idolatry.

In the first half of Acts, the enemy of the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_

In the second half of Acts, the enemy of the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_

Are there idols today?

“Idolatry is taking good things and making them \_\_\_\_\_ things.” – Tim Keller

## Three observations about idols in our lives today:

1. Idols are \_\_\_\_\_

“...the city was **full of idols**.” Acts 17:16

“Americans feel no one has the right to tell them who God is, no one has the right to tell them what to believe, they have the right to shape their own spirituality, their own faith, they have a right to worship their own self-designed religion.” – Robert Bellah

2. Idols are \_\_\_\_\_

“We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these **worthless things** to the living God.” Acts 14:15

“We are investing our secular world—sports, sex, romance, work—with the same kind of devotion and spiritual significance that people used to give only to God and faith.” – Ernest Becker

3. Idols are \_\_\_\_\_

God **is not served** by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, **he himself gives** everyone life and breath and everything else.” Acts 19:25

**The answer to idolatry:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Resources used in preparation of this sermon

“The Gospel and Idols”, Tim Keller, sermon preached at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City

“The Riot at Ephesus”, John MacArthur, sermon preached at Grace Community Church, Sun Valley

“Individualism and Commitment in American Life”, Robert Bellah, lecture at UC Santa Barbara

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