

PRAYER UPDATE

JOY AND BLESSING

Michael Dickinson and **Alicia Rogers** welcome into their hearts and home their new baby boy, **Ethan Michael Dickinson**, born 9/9.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Arline Hillman-Ruiz cancer surgery 9/12

Dante Calcagno (age 16) rehab at Valley Med, mountain biking accident 8/8

Gavin Jack (age 18) awaiting a heart transplant at Stanford

Kelli Roberts gallbladder surgery

Ken Kirby kidney & heart issues, in ICU almost two months

Ruth Goerling heart issues

RECENT SURGERIES OR HOSPITALIZATIONS:

Connie Drummond, Dudley Josselyn, Holly Devine, Ralph Silvestri, Skye Bolen

HOSPICE CARE

Glorie Jan Juvan (age 15, cancer), **Elizabeth Harrell, Elaine Hedges**

HOME WITH THE LORD

- We lovingly support with prayer June Ettinger, Laurie Schlaepfer and their extended family as they give thanks for the blessed homegoing of June's precious mother-in-law and Laurie's beloved grandmother, **Grace Ettinger**. At the age of 103, Grace continued to sweetly share the way to know Jesus with everyone who crossed her path in her nursing home.
- Word was received that retired missionary **Mel Lyons** was promoted to glory. A celebration of his life will be at Los Altos First Baptist Church, Saturday, September 21. Cards may be sent to former TLC members, Paul and Glenda Lyons, now residing at 605 Shenandoah, San Marcos, CA 92069.
- Heartfelt love and prayer are extended to Karen Mungari and family in the peaceful passing of her mother, **Dorothy Trinidad**, who had been looking forward to meeting her Lord and Savior face to face.

OTHER REQUESTS

- Please pray for our Italy outreach team as they serve abroad.
- Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Syria and Egypt. Pray for peace and focus on Christ in this time of trouble.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Eph. 3:20,21



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PRAY

HOW TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WILL ANSWER

WEEK 4 // SEPT 14 & 15 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

I MUST BE WILLING TO...

1. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN _____

CASE STUDY: ZECHARIAH

The angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard..." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." Luke 1:13,18

2. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN _____

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, **neither are your ways my ways,**" declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

(The angel said) "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to **make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**" Luke 1:17

(God) is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

CASE STUDY: ABRAHAM

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that **his body was as good as dead**—since he was about a hundred years old—and that **Sarah's womb was also dead**. Yet he **did not waver** through unbelief regarding the promise of God... Romans 4:19-20

**HOW CAN I HAVE THIS KIND OF FAITH?
COMING TO TLC IN OCTOBER: NEW SERIES "FAITH BUILDING"**

3. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN _____

They had no children, because **Elizabeth was barren**; and they were both well along in years. Luke 1:7

CASE STUDY: LAZARUS

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God’s glory** so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” John 11:3, 4

4. LET GOD ANSWER FOR HIS OWN _____

God answers prayer:

- For my _____
- For his _____

He will be a **joy and delight to you**, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be **great in the sight of the Lord**... Luke 1:14

CASE STUDY: JOSEPH

You intended to harm me, but God **intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

CASE STUDY: PAUL

In my prayers at all times and **I pray now that at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you**... I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. Romans 1:10,15 (See Acts 28:16)

BOTTOM LINE

AM I PRAYING WITH _____ AND _____

THAT GOD WILL ANSWER IN _____ ?

Resources used in the preparation of this sermon include messages by Rick Warren, and “When God Answers Prayer” by Bob Russell

RESPONSE TIME

During our response song, present your requests to God.

- You may choose to sit silently and simply pray
- You may want to write out your request and bring it to the front during the response song. This simple gesture may help you see your burden as given to God. Our church staff will pray for the needs on the cards all week.
- You may need prayer right away for an issue burdening you. Our Stephen Ministers will be at the front to pray with you after the service.

DAILY MEDITATION

MONDAY

Read Psalm 8 and make it your prayer today. Look back over your notes from last weekend. Which of the four points do you struggle with the most? Which is easiest for you? Ask God today to help you rest in His time, His way, His power, and His purpose.

TUESDAY

In what area of your life do you struggle with God’s *timing*? Read Psalm 6. Prayers like this are in the Bible partly so you and I know it’s ok to pray with total honesty. David, the author, is upset that God seems to be taking so long to answer his prayers. But in the end, he is certain God will answer—not because of David’s own goodness or religiosity, but because of God’s unfailing love (v. 4). In your prayers today, ask God to help you rest in His sovereignty, including His *timing*. Ask Him to help you remember that His love for you never ends.

WEDNESDAY

Read Psalm 20 and make it your prayer. Verse 7 is a great reminder not to place our ultimate trust in human plans or strength, but in God! In what area are you tempted to focus only on your strength and forget about God? Bring that to the Lord in prayer today.

THURSDAY

Read Psalm 19 and make it your prayer today. What a great reminder of God’s *power*! The first half of this psalm is about the power of God revealed in creation, and the second half is about the power of God revealed in His Word, the scriptures. The same God who created the sun and stars inspired your Bible! How can believing this give you confidence to face life? Thank God today for the light He shines into your life through the Bible.

FRIDAY

Read Psalm 138. The last verse of this psalm says, “The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me. Your love, O LORD, endures forever...” Do you believe that God has a purpose for you, and that it will be fulfilled? What difference would such an assurance make in your daily life? Do you truly believe that His love lasts forever? What difference would it make to believe that? Make this psalm your prayer today!

SATURDAY

Do you ever hear the news and wonder what to do about evil people who cause so much suffering, war, and grief? One thing we can do is pray. Read Psalm 10 and make it your prayer today. If you have time, read the next four psalms, each a plea to God about evil in the world. Also please pray that our church will shine as a light in this dark world—pray for the services this weekend! Thanks!