

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Liz Bishop - Please pray for her upcoming procedures that they would be effective.

Gary Barton - (son of Paul and Nelda Barton) has been diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Pray for an effective alternative treatment for him.

Ethan Pope (age 6) - leukemia treatment once a month at Stanford Children's Hospital and daily oral chemo, steroid bursts and home blood draws for the next 3 years. Please pray for stamina for the whole family and for Ethan's little body.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Barbara Barrett - Please pray for peace and comfort for the family as they grieve the loss of their wife and mother. A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, June 8th @ 3 pm in the sanctuary with a reception following in Monschke Hall.

Mary Long - entered the presence of the Lord on May 29th. Please pray for her husband, Darrell, and the family as they grieve her loss. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, June 14th @ 11 am in the sanctuary with a reception following in Monschke Hall.

Hazel Brown - Patti O'Kelley's mom went home to be with her Heavenly Father on June 1st. We are so thankful that her grandson, Shane was able to come from Georgia and see her before she passed away.

A complete prayer list is available at the information



GOD'S RESOURCE FOR MY DEEPEST NEEDS

JUNE 7 & 8 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

Cult-like false teachers are infiltrating the Ephesian church, teaching people need to know extra revelations, rituals, and regulations to be blessed by God. Paul tells Timothy he already has all he needs...

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures..." 2 Timothy 3:14-15a

THE BIBLE:

1. ACTIVATES

"The Holy Scriptures... are able to make you **wise for salvation** through **faith in Christ Jesus.**" 2 Timothy 3:15b

"You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the **Scriptures point to me!**" John 5:39 (NLT)

"There is no magic in... the mechanical reading of the Bible. The written Word points to the Living Word and says to us, 'go to Jesus.' If we do not go to the Jesus to whom it points, we miss the whole purpose of Bible reading. We do not worship the Bible; we worship the Christ of the Bible. We love it only because we love him of whom it speaks." –John Stott

2. ORIGINATES _____

“All Scripture is **God-breathed**...” 2 Timothy 3:16a

HOW CAN I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED? IT’S...

- THEMATICALLY _____
- PROPHETICALLY _____
- ARCHAEOLOGICALLY _____

<http://www.tlc.org/sermons/sermon/1230/questions-about-the-bible/>

3. STIMULATES _____

“...and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training** in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16a

4. LIBERATES _____

“...so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:17

HOW DO I GET THESE BENEFITS? _____

KEY: Look at the Bible not as a way for you to earn brownie points from God, but a way for God to _____!

RESOURCES USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE

Tim Keller, “Literalism”, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

John MacArthur, “The Work of the Word”, Grace to You Resources

John Ortberg, “Isn’t the Bible a Myth?”, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church

Rick Warren, “How The Bible Changes Us”, Saddleback Resources

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MEMORY VERSE: “The Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus...” 2 Timothy 3:15b

MONDAY: Look back over your notes and read 2 Timothy 3. Remember the historical context: False teachers are claiming to know spiritual secrets that are necessary for salvation and maturity. What does Paul say about Scripture that is particularly relevant in this case? How is that relevant for you today? *Ask God to help you stay focused on His word! Thank Him for the Bible!*

TUESDAY: Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 again. According to these verses, what is the Bible able to do? How do you think the Bible “equips” or “prepares” you for “every good work”? Have you ever had a verse come to mind in a challenging moment—and found that it calmed you or energized your faith in some way? What happened? Ask God to help you remember Scripture that will equip you for the day ahead of you! *Ask God to help you soak in the Scriptures, memorizing them and making them a real part of your spiritual DNA!*

WEDNESDAY: Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Is Paul just talking about the Old Testament or does the New Testament make claims to be the Word of God? Look up 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 3:16; Colossians 1:25. What do these verses imply about how people looked at the writings of Paul? Read John 6:63 and Matthew 24:35. What does Jesus say about his words? Read Acts 6:7, which refers to the Gospel as “the word of God”. Why is it important to know the whole Bible is a unique book? What can you do to spend more time in the Word—even just a little bit more? *Thank God that He gave you His thought in His word—ask Him to help you know and love them!*

THURSDAY: Paul says all Scripture is God-breathed and useful. Read Romans 15:4. According to this verse, what is one of the things the Bible is useful for? What Bible stories give you hope and faith when you feel low? Think through one of those stories now and how it can encourage you today. Personally, I’ve been intrigued with Exodus 23:29-30 lately. Look it up. It reminds me that although God gave the promised land, he did not give it all at once. That encourages me in my spiritual growth—and in our building program! Even when we’re doing God’s will, there will still be hurdles! *Thank God for the encouragement of His word!*

FRIDAY: Read Psalm 119: 97-101. According to this verse, what benefits are there from meditating daily on God’s word (as you are doing right now!)? Read the following verses and answer: What is the fundamental mistake Jesus is pointing out here? Matt. 22:29; Mark 12:24; Matt. 21:42.

What do these verses tell you about the importance of knowing the Word?

Thank God again today for His word! Spend some extra time meditating on a passage today—just thinking about it, praying about it – perhaps the Psalm 119 passage above!

SATURDAY: Look back over the daily meditations and finish any you may have missed. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 in preparation for this weekend’s message. Please pray for the services and for the church! Thank you!