

# RESOURCES

## Easy

The Case For Christ Teen Edition – Lee Strobel

The Case For the Resurrection – Lee Strobel

## Intermediate

The Case For Christ — Lee Strobel

The Case For the Resurrection — Gary Habermas & Michael Lincon

The Reason For God — Timothy Keller

Misquoting Truth — Timothy Paul Jones

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Unbelievable? (weekly podcast)

FREE Simulcast Video “Science & Faith” Event at TLC at 6pm Sun, Sept 21

## Advanced

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses – Richard Bauckham

Reasonable Faith — William Lane Craig

Reinventing Jesus — Komoszewski, Sawyer & Wallace

# PRAYER UPDATE

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

**Gary Barton** diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Please pray for wisdom for the doctor that he can determine if surgery is an option and ultimately, complete healing. Pray for the whole family for endurance to run the race set before them.

**Edna Egbert** - fell and broke her hip. She had surgery on 8/8 and is at Dominican Hospital.

**Pauline Roby** at Kindred Care recovering from an infection due to hip replacement surgery.

**Paul Ottowa** one of our Joyful Noise members is in intensive care at Dominican Hospital.

**Louis Schiavon** in the hospital and fighting an infection.

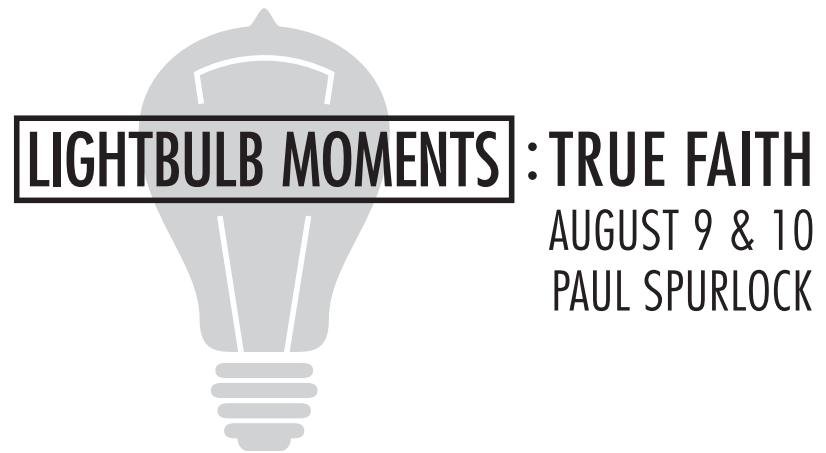
**Fred Bainum** an angiogram revealed some damage on the back of his heart. Please pray that medication will clear the blood vessels without open heart surgery.

**Etta Mae Kibby** is now at Driftwood recovering from cellulitis. Her prayer request is that she could make a difference for Christ in all her interactions during these next weeks.

## HOME WITH THE LORD

**Estelle Weeks** is now rejoicing with her Heavenly Father! Her caregiver made sure of her salvation just 4 days before stepping into heaven on July 8th.

**A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.**



## MY LIGHTBULB MOMENT

WHEN I REALIZED THAT OUR FAITH IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_. IT IS ACTUALLY BASED UPON \_\_\_\_\_.

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the **truth**; your word is **truth**...”  
John 17:15–19a

According to Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ matters!

“For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses** of His majesty.” 2 Peter 1:16

“What was from the beginning, **what we have heard**, what we have seen **with our eyes**, what we have looked at and **touched with our hands**, concerning the Word of Life—” 1 John 1:1

# FIVE GREAT REASONS TO TRUST THAT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS IS TRUE:

## 1. THE WRITINGS ARE E\_\_\_\_\_

**"For what I [Paul] received** I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was **buried**, that he was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he **appeared** to Cephas, and then to the Twelve." 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

## 2. THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF E\_\_\_\_\_

"After that, he appeared to **more than five hundred** of the brothers and sisters at the same time, **most of whom are still living**, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also...." 1 Corinthians 15:6-8

## 3. THE E\_\_\_\_\_

"...he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it." Acts 2:31b-32

## 4. THE E\_\_\_\_\_ (!) OF THE FIRST CHRIST-FOLLOWERS.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1:16

## 5. CHRISTIANITY E\_\_\_\_\_

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'" John 14:6a

# 3 LIFE CHANGERS THAT RESULT FROM EMBRACING THE TRUTH:

## 1. THE TRUTH RESURRECTS \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 3. THE TRUTH GIVES US \_\_\_\_\_ TO FACE LIFE'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES.

# DAILY MEDITATIONS

**MEMORY VERSE:** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1:16

**MONDAY:** Please read John 17:15-19, 2 Peter 1:16 & 1 John 1:1. Write down one thing you learned in last weekend's sermon. How were you encouraged to learn about reasons for faith in Christ? How were challenged? *Thank God today for the opportunity to study and learn. Pray that you will be firmly grounded in your faith and gracious in your sharing of your faith.*

**TUESDAY:** Please read John 20:30-31 & 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. What do these passages tell you about the connection of the writers of scripture to Jesus? Why is it helpful to know the life of Jesus was written down and recorded so soon after He rose from the dead and returned to Heaven? *Thank God today for working through the disciples to write down all He wanted us to know of Jesus' life on earth. Pray for discernment as you study the Bible – that you will grow in your knowledge of God.*

**WEDNESDAY:** Please read John 21:12-14, 1 Corinthians 15:6-8. Why do you think we humans rely so much on eyewitnesses? How does it help you to know that Jesus was seen physically by hundreds of people after He rose from the dead? While we haven't seen Jesus in person, we have seen evidence of His work in our lives. Write down at least two ways you've seen God work in your life personally so you can be encouraged today and ready to share your hope with anyone who asks! *Thank God today for His work in your life. Thank Him for the ways He has proven Himself to you. Pray for the courage to share your faith and hope whenever God gives you an opportunity.*

**THURSDAY:** Please read Luke 24:1-44, Acts 2:31-32 & Ephesians 1:—18-20. What do you learn about Jesus' resurrection in these passages? How does this give you hope? How does Jesus' physical resurrection strengthen your confidence in Jesus and the Bible? *Thank God today for the resurrection of Jesus. Thank Him for the hope that gives you for your future (and your present!). Pray for those you know who don't yet know Jesus or are struggling to believe the Truth of the Bible. Ask God to give you wisdom to know how best to share your faith with them.*

**FRIDAY:** Please read Acts 2:42-47, 5:40-42 & Romans 1:16. What were you like when you first became a believer in Jesus? Why do you think the early Christians were so enthusiastic about their faith? How does the enthusiasm of the early Christians set an example for you today? How can it impact your daily choices? *Thank God today for the example of the early Church. Pray for the enthusiasm of a new believer to fill you and inform how you share your hope and faith.*

**SATURDAY:** Please read Isaiah 41:10 in preparation for this weekend's sermon. Write down any fears you are currently struggling with. Thank God today that He is always with you. Pray that you will and act in confidence knowing that God loves you and never leaves you. *Please pray for the services this weekend – that God's name will be honored and our church will make an impact on our community.*