

Prayer Update

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week

Gene Cutler had a brain aneurysm on 8/14. He's had several surgeries at Stanford Hospital and is now out of ICU and his breathing tube has been removed. Please pray for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

Gary Barton diagnosed with late stage colon cancer is at Dominican Hospital undergoing chemo treatments. Lift up Gary and his whole family to our Lord, praying for miracles to happen. To follow Gary's journey go to www.posthope.org.

Pauline Roby is still fighting a bad infection from her hip replacement surgery and is back at Stanford hospital.

Cynthia Brown will have hip replacement surgery on September 12th. Please pray for an uncomplicated surgery and recovery and for peace and patience for the family during Cynthia's recovery.

Hospice

Elizabeth Harrell, Pat Owen, Roger Williams

Home with the Lord

Ruth Williams, Marilyn Walker's mom, was released from Alzheimers on September 2nd and is with her Heavenly Father. Her service will be held on Sept 14 @1:30 pm at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church.

Brendon Youmans, a 22 yr old young man, was tragically killed in a car accident last week. Please pray for his parents, Karen and Mike, sister Alyssa and the extended family as they grieve the sudden loss of their son, brother and grandson.

Joyce Barnes, Janie Beverly's sister, recently diagnosed with cancer, woke up in the loving arms of her heavenly Father on Thursday morning this past week. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family as they grieve this very sudden loss.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



Conversations with Christ

The dying party

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John 2:1-11

September 13 & 14 | René Schlaepfer

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the **signs** through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. John 2:11

Where does this sign point?

1. JESUS IS HERE TO _____

"I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the **feast**..." Matthew 8:11

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a **wedding banquet** for his son." Matthew 22:2

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a **feast** of rich food for all peoples, a **banquet of aged wine**—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:6-7

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice** and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

2. JESUS IS HERE TO _____

“Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for **ceremonial washing**...” John 2:6

3. JESUS IS HERE TO _____

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “**My hour has not yet come.**” John 2:4 (See John 12:27)

Jesus didn't come to teach us _____

Jesus came to _____

Your invitation to the party

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:1,2

The party from God's perspective

“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited ... but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said... ‘I have prepared my dinner... everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ But they paid no attention...” Matthew 22:2-5a

The bottom line: _____

Coming Soon: October/November Series



Daily Meditations

Memory Verse: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” Isaiah 55:1

Monday: If you could choose any miracle to kick off your new job or ministry, what would it be? Read John 2:1-11. What were the water jars used for? Why do you think this is significant? How does the quality and the quantity of the wine show Jesus' glory? Why do you think John calls this miracle a “sign” – what does it show about Jesus? *Thank God that he came to bring a rich banquet –to your life! If you are feeling low, ask Him to show you His feast!*

Tuesday: Reread John 2:1-11. How would you describe your life right now: 1.) I think the wine's starting to run out; 2.) The wine has run out completely; 3.) There's new wine available but I'm not drinking; 4.) I'm loving God's banquet! Read Isaiah 55. If this is the kind of life God has for us, then why are all believers not living it? *Give thanks to God for his invitation! Respond to it today.*

Wednesday: Read John 2:12-17. Keeping in mind what Jesus has told Nathanael (John 1:51) and how he lavished free wine on a party, why would he be offended at the scene at the temple? Jesus came to clear the way to God. What do we sometimes put in the way? *Ask God to clear away your own obstacles to faith.*

Thursday: Read Isaiah 25:6-9. How do you feel when you read these verses? What's the most appealing part of this description for you? Why do you suppose the Bible describes our future with God with earthy, sensual imagery about banquets – and not just in spiritual terms? *Thank God that, in Christ, you have this future to look forward to!*

Friday: Read Psalm 51:1-9. What is the writer longing for? Have you ever felt like this? Read Hebrews 10:19-22. According to these verses, can you be confident that you have been cleansed? *Thank God that He washes you clean!*

Saturday: Please meditate on the memory verse—and pray for the weekend services! Thanks!