

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

- Dan Cope – UCSF, liver surgery, colon cancer
- Irvin Smith – Stanford, extensive injuries (hit by a car)
- Jay Fred – UCSF, lost 50 lbs with surgery complications
- Karla Bogard – recurring cancer, upcoming surgery
- Jerry Zamzow – congestive heart failure
- Jeremy Holmes (age 19) – UCSF, lung cancer surgery
- Joseph Rojas – born 1/13, NICU for a few more weeks
- Michelle McCarthy – knee surgery
- Rachel Silva – gall bladder surgery
- Ruby Whitlow (age 87, Heather’s grandmother) – failing health
- Trudi Jackson – asthma

Recent hospitalizations / surgeries: Len Mayfield, Buck Harris, Larry Sampson, Nelda Barton, Rita Benbow

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

Love and prayer are extended to the family of Jill Arthur in the loss of her dear mother, Harriette Edsberg, who passed away peacefully January 10. Harriette was more than a mother to Jill, she was an encouraging best friend.

Please remember James Calcagno, in the recent loss of his mother, Nadine, the matriarch of their family. She had a stroke around her 94th birthday and passed away peacefully within the month.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

PEACE



Part 4: “End of the Spear”

Message by Steve Saint
January 27 & 28, 2007

Steve Saint



Steve Saint is the son of Nate Saint, one of five missionaries murdered in 1956 by members of a rarely contacted people group in Ecuador.

Later, Steve moved to the rainforest and learned to forgive the murderers, even becoming an advocate for the Waodani against the encroaching forces of modern society.

His story was the basis for the film “End of the Spear”, which was released in January 2006. The story is also told in the book “Through Gates of Splendor” by Elisabeth Elliot (whose husband Jim was one of the five missionaries), available today in the Auditorium lobby.

Dr. Arthur Amman

Dr. Arthur Amman is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at UCSF Medical Center and President of Global Strategies for HIV Prevention. Dr. Amman has authored or co-authored over 325 scientific papers in journals like *The New England Journal of Medicine*, plus chapters in numerous medical textbooks. His research has led to many breakthroughs, including an understanding of AIDS transmission and the first-ever vaccine for bacterial pneumonia and meningitis. Among his many honors and awards, Dr. Amman has received the US Surgeon General’s Award for Research.

Notes

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday: Planting churches

Here's a passage that gives a peek into the first-ever church plant: Acts 2:40-47. What were the activities of the early church?

What was the spirit of the believers like?

How can we better incorporate the good practices of the early church into the life of TLC?

Pray that God will "add to our number" those who are coming to Him! Ask God to help you see how you can help churches get planted, and how you can help TLC and other churches grow!

Tuesday: Equipping servant leaders

Warnings against bad leadership are frequent in both the Old and New Testaments. Read Isaiah 1:23; Micah 3:9-12; Luke 22:24-26; and 1 Peter 5:1-6. Why do you suppose leadership becomes corrupt so frequently?

What are some of the consequences of corrupt leadership?

How can you exercise servant leadership in your sphere of influence?

Pray for the leadership in Santa Cruz County today. Ask God to show you how you can be a servant leader in your area of influence.

Wednesday: Assisting the poor

Read Isaiah 58:1-12. According to these verses, were the people outwardly religious?

Where do they fall short? How does God want them to show their faith?

What is promised to those who feed the hungry and help the poor?

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Wednesday (continued)

Why do we forget to do this?

How can you assist the poor today?

Ask God to show you how you can help in this area... and thank Him for helping you when you were spiritually bankrupt!

Thursday: Caring for the sick and needy

Read Matthew 25:31-46. What would you say is Jesus' point in this teaching?

How would your behavior change if you treated each person as if they were Jesus?

Who are the needy and sick you could help in the next few days?

How would you counter the idea that this passage teaches salvation by works?

Ask God to show you an act of kindness toward the needy you can do today.

Friday: Educating the next generation

Read Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Deuteronomy 32:46; Joel 1:3; Matthew 19:14. What do these verses imply about the importance of teaching future generations?

How can you positively influence the next generation for Christ?

Pray specifically for the youth and children you know well; pray for them by name; try to think of ways they need strength and ask God to impart it to them.

Saturday

Please pray for the services this weekend! Finish any devotions you missed, and brush up on this week's memory verse.



"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:18-19

