

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER— August 1, 2010

We are happy to pray for the needs and concerns of all people.

We offer a Prayer Chain, which prays for your immediate needs, by contacting **Joyce Davis** 281.430.4892 (day chain) or **Levern Smith** 281.255.2389 (evening chain) on any day of the week. In addition, prayers for the Sunday worship service may be placed on this list by phoning the church office at 281.373.0503, or by completing the prayer section on your attendance card.

**Thanksgiving:** for the safe return of **Michael Pichotta**, son-in-law of Lucinda Kelly, from combat in Iraq; for the marriage of **Mike and Casey Erdmann**, family of Tom and Dana Erdmann; for the successful surgery and continued healing of **Bernie Best**, father of Kathy Herbrich.

**Mission:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You alone are worthy of the praise of nations and of all mankind. You have called, gathered and brought to the knowledge of Your mercy, Your Body, the Church. May we be strengthened to worship You with every breath that You would be glorified and lifted up in all creation. Amen.

- **Rev. Larry Wong, Houston, LINC Houston Familia de Fe**
- **Rev. Mark Schaefer, Frisco, Waters Edge.**
- **Ordination of Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala, the Director of Instituto Biblico LINC Houston, this afternoon (Centro de Fe Y Esperanza; 602 Lathrop St. Houston, TX 77027; 4pm)**

**Intercessions for Healing and Comfort:** **Ramona, Bang**, for comfort, healing and peace; **Edmond Tarnowski**, grandfather of Craig Behrens, for successful surgery and healing; **families** of Tom and Dana Erdmann, for healing and transition; **Judy Austin**, niece of Karen and Charlie Mannen, successful test results from breast biopsy; **Nellie Garner**, Heartland Health Care, healing.

**Serving our Country:** Tina Adam, Tom Banda, Tim Bahn, Scott Bennett, Alex Bomar, James Bishop, Christy Clevenger, James Countz, Kelsey Curry, Logan Curry, Wes Drake, Kendall Ehman, Jessica Fibelkorn, Jeffery Flowers, Justin Gaddis, William Clay Hargrove, Chip Hodges, Jason Hoyt, Lindsay Johnson, Albert Jolly, Peter Kish, Kevin Lentz, Daniel Lynch, Desi Maldonado, Erik Moore, Adrian Moreno, Daron Moreno, Ronan Moran, Mike Nelson, Wade Okland, Dustin Osgood, Stanley Peters, Pedro Rodriquez, Troy Sak, Steven Schneider, Jake Sonsel, Chase Syring, Steve Wenrich, Trent Wright.

**Please let the church office know when your loved ones return from active duty, so we may change the prayer to one of thanksgiving.**

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”* Hebrews 10:23

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*  
John 14:27



**Abide** [uh-bahyd] (*dictionary.com*)

1. to remain; continue; stay: *Abide with me.*
2. to have one's abode; dwell; reside: *to abide in a small village.*
3. to continue in a particular condition, attitude, relationship, etc.; last.
4. to put up with; tolerate; stand: *I can't abide dishonesty!*
5. to endure, sustain, or withstand without yielding or submitting: *to abide a vigorous onslaught.*
6. to wait for; await: *to abide the coming of the Lord.*
7. to accept without opposition or question: *to abide the verdict of the judges.*
8. to pay the price or penalty of; suffer for.
9. abide by,
  - a. to act in accord with.
  - b. to submit to; agree to: *to abide by the court's decision.*
  - c. to remain steadfast or faithful to; keep: *If you make a promise, abide by it.*

יָשַׁב (ya-shav) to sit, remain, dwell

μεινο (men-o)—to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy), abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for)

*Old & New Testaments: 126 occurrences (John's Gospel & Letters: 38)*

### John 15:1-11

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>**Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not **abide** in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide** in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will **abide** in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**"Fruitfulness happens in stages and seasons: abide, grow, bear fruit, prune, abide. We cannot bear fruit if we do not spend time abiding. But we cannot simply stay put in the abide mode, for a branch that does not eventually bear fruit will be cut off and cast into the fire."**

**"It's interesting that nowhere in this text is growth mentioned. Growth seems to be a result of the right rhythm being established. Growth is not the same as bearing fruit. Sometimes we mistake spiritual growth for the fruit itself. This is not the case. We must grow before we can see fruit. An apple tree, for instance, does not bear fruit for three years. Grape vines are pruned back and forced not to bear fruit for two to three years so that their root systems can be established. Growth must happen before fruit is produced. And growth comes from knowing how to abide."**

—Mike Breen & Steve Cockram; *Building a Discipling Culture*



Genesis 19:2, 22:5, 24:55, 27:44, 29:19, 38:11, 44:33 – Exodus 16:29, 24:14  
Leviticus 8:35, 12:4-5, 14:8, 19:13 – Numbers 20:1, 22:5, 22:8, 22:19, 31:23, 32:6, 35:25  
Deuteronomy 3:19, 9:9, 21:13 – Joshua 1:14, 2:22, 5:8, 8:9, 18:5 – Judges 5:17, 6:18  
Ruth 2:8 – 1 Samuel 1:22-23, 5:7, 19:2, 20:19, 22:5, 22:23, 27:5, 30:21  
2 Samuel 10:5, 11:11-12, 15:19, 15:29, 16:18 – 1 Kings 2:36, 8:13, 11:16, 17:9  
2 Kings 2:2, 2:4, 7:3-4, 14:10, 17:27 – 1 Chronicles 19:5 – 2 Chronicles 6:2, 25:19, 32:10  
Job 17:2, 24:13, 38:40, 39:9 – Psalm 15:1

### Psalm 25:12-14

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.  
<sup>13</sup>His soul shall **abide** in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. <sup>14</sup>The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Psalm 37:18, 37:27, 49:12, 61:4, 61:7, 69:35, 89:21

### Psalm 91:1-2, 9-12, 14-16

He who **dwells** in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your **dwelling** place—the Most High, who is my refuge—<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For he will command

his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. <sup>14</sup>"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. <sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Psalm 102:12, 113:9, 119:91 – Proverbs 7:11, 15:31, 19:23, 21:16 – Ecclesiastes 8:15

### Isaiah 32:14-18

For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; <sup>15</sup>until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. <sup>16</sup>Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness **abide** in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup>And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. <sup>18</sup>My people will **abide** in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Jeremiah 10:17, 29:5, 29:28, 40:5, 40:9, 41:17, 42:10, 42:13-14, 43:4, 49:18, 49:33, 50:40  
Lamentations 5:19 – Hosea 3:3-4, 9:3, 11:6 – Joel 2:11, 3:20 – Micah 5:4  
Nahum 1:6 – Zechariah 5:4 – Malachi 3:2

Matthew 10:11, 26:38 – Mark 6:10, 14:34 – Luke 8:27, 9:4, 10:7, 19:5, 24:29, 24:49 – John 4:40

### John 6:53-58

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood **abides** in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

### John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 12:46, 14:16, 15:4-10, 15:16, 21:22-23 – Acts 14:3, 15:34, 16:15, 18:20, 20:23, 27:31, 28:16  
Romans 9:11, 11:22-23 – 1 Corinthians 3:14, 7:8, 7:20, 7:24, 7:40, 13:13, 16:6  
Galatians 3:10 – Philippians 1:24-5 – Colossians 1:23 – 2 Timothy 3:14 – Hebrews 13:1  
1 John 2:6, 2:10, 2:14, 2:17, 2:24, 2:27-28, 3:6, 3:9, 3:14, 3:17, 3:24, 4:12-13, 4:15-16  
2 John 1:2, 1:9

### 2 John 2:24-25

Let what you heard from the beginning **abide** in you. If what you heard from the beginning **abides** in you, then you too will **abide** in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup>And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life

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