

## June Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶ LUKE	▶ EPHESIANS	▶ PSALMS	▶ 1 KINGS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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6. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:41-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10
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14. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:38-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:105-112	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
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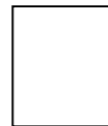
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## June Birthdays

6/17 Stephen Reisdorfer  
6/25 Rusty Lieber  
6/28 Rolly Dunteman

Happy Birthday!!!



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*"Father ...  
this is  
eternal life,  
that they  
may know  
You, the  
only true  
God,  
and Jesus  
Christ whom  
You have  
sent."*

*John 17.3*

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## Knowing God

Brothers and sisters,

St. Paul in speaking to the people of Athens (Acts 17.23) commented that the Athenians worshipped "... *an unknown god*." The Athenians were covering their bases. They worshipped hundreds of other 'named' gods, but just in case there was one they missed, they built an altar to "*an unknown god*." Many folks worship a god of their own imagining, or a god someone else told them about. Jesus became man to reveal the true nature of God to us.

Do you want to know God? Do you believe that He wants you to know Him? Do you think of Him as a "punishing god" or a "god who loves everyone" or a "non-judgmental god?" Is He capricious or can you trust Him with every aspect of your life and well-being? Do you fear death and what lies beyond 'the veil?' Jesus tells us that to know the 'only true God' is eternal life. Are you assured of God's personal love for you and your eternal salvation?

We will consider the nature and character of God as revealed by Jesus and contained in the Scriptures. There is an infinite distance between knowing about God and knowing God. Beginning on Sunday, July 6 we will study what God reveals about Himself in the Bible in a Sermon Series entitled KNOWING GOD.

On Wednesday evenings beginning July 9th we will consider the same topic. The series will follow the general outline and material available in KNOWING GOD, by J.I. Packer, a noted Anglican Theologian and Teacher. You may order a copy of his book and study guide by signing up in the narthex for the Wednesday evening Pastor's Bible Study. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible to worship and class, follow the outline in the weekly bulletin, take notes and add to the discussion as we come to know more about "*the only true God*." Invite a friend who wants to know God. Reaching others with the transforming love of Jesus Christ, I am,

His and your fellow servant,

*Stan Burdock +*

Stanley A. Burdock  
Pastor

## Summer Ministry Schedule

With so many of us coming and going on holiday during the summer months, please check to see if you are scheduled to serve at a time when you plan to be away. It would be most helpful if you can find a replacement for yourself. If you would like to serve, and haven't stepped forward, the summer schedule is a good time to serve at the Sunday and Wednesday services.

### Independence Day

Friday evening July 4 at 6:00 pm we will gather at the parish hall for picnic supper (including home-made ice cream for those of you with ice-cream makers!!!) and a time of worship, thanksgiving and prayer for our Nation. Join us, and please sign up in the narthex to help set-up, cook the hot dogs, bring a covered dish and clean up. Mark your calendars now, and plan to invite some friends! Perhaps we will even enjoy some fireworks from the parking area at dusk.

### Sunday Morning Small Group Forming

**July 6-August 10**

**Topic: Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?**

Steve Shaw is leading a study of prayer on Sunday mornings beginning **July 6-August 10**. The Study is using the DVD series by Philip Yancey. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the Narthex of the church. If you would like a participant's guide (\$8/copy), or a copy of the soft back book (\$13/copy) by the same title, indicate that on the sign up sheet. Class will meet in the choir room from 9:15-10:15 am.

#### **Study Description:**

In his most powerful book since What's So Amazing About Grace? and The Jesus I Never Knew, Philip Yancey explores the intimate place where God and humans meet in Prayer. Polls reveal that 90 percent of people pray. Yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time of the believer's day, can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery. Writing as a fellow pilgrim, Yancey probes such questions as: \*Is God listening? \*Why should God care about me? \*If God knows everything, what's the point of prayer? \*Why do answers to prayer seem so inconsistent? \*Why does God sometimes seem close and sometimes seem far away? \*How can I make prayer more satisfying? Yancey tackles the tough questions and in the process comes up with a fresh new approach to this timeless topic. 'I have learned to pray as a privilege, not a duty,' he says, and he invites you to join him on this all-important journey.

## Women's Retreat

August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> the women of the church and their invited friends will share a week-end of spiritual, physical and emotional refreshment at The Great House Retreat in Junction, Texas. Details will be forthcoming in the July Agnus Dei. Registration begins on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue through August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now and pray for the retreat and all participating.

### News from Judith and Alekcey Murillo in Costa Rica

It was morning as Rebeka looked outside when the dogs began barking. Rosalba's husband had come to tell Rebeka that his wife had begun labor last night, and that she needed help to get to the hospital. Rebeka called for her sister, Magdalena; they both walked quickly to Rosalba's house, verifying that she was in labor. The satellite-run pay phones were out-of-order, and Magdalena ran 3 hours up the mountain to get a cell-phone signal to arrange for transportation to the nearest clinic, about a 2 hour drive on treacherous mountain dirt roads when it is dry. Rebeka stayed behind with 16 year-old Rosalba.

Rosalba's contractions were coming faster and harder when Rebeka realized she would be assisting with her first delivery ever alone. She had learned about deliveries from the books and training; and, as the mother of one daughter, had some first-hand experience. Her equipment: one pair of sterile gloves, string, clean rags, a sharpened piece of a bamboo-like plant, and love.

The baby was born with two tight cords around his neck. Rebeka immediately slipped the cords over the neck, but the baby wasn't breathing. She suctioned the baby's airways with her own, and began CPR as she recalled the training she had received several months prior. After about two minutes, the baby began breathing on his own, and then crying.

Magdalena returned to see Rosalba holding her baby in her arms, looking tenderly down at this miracle of life. Transportation soon arrived, and she and the baby were taken to the clinic and then the hospital in stable condition.

Rebeka and Magdalena are two of the indigenous infant-maternal health promotors employed by "Puentes de Vida", one of the programs we are directing as a part of the ministry God has given us in Costa Rica. We are praising the Lord for the love and tenacity of these women, who are passionate about helping the women and infants of their communities. We are also praising the Lord for the lives that are being changed and saved because of their dedication.

Please continue to pray with us for God's continued direction and provision for this program. Please also pray for the women on the field - for God's continued wisdom and protection as they hike up to 5 hours one-way to get to some of the communities they serve. There are currently 5 women employed as health promotors (although one is on maternity leave right now), with another woman in training.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Alekcey and Judith