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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

### Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...

(To update this prayer list, submit a prayer request on [erc.la/prayer](http://erc.la/prayer) and let us know in the notes to also update the Prayer Page)

-RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet

-GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis

-TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis

-GAY WALKER: Lung cancer

-TANYA COLLIS: Severe pain 24 hrs/day

-JADEN MALDONADO: (child)

Congenital cytomegalovirus

-TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues

-EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures

-BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/complete healing

-FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees

-RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): MS

-WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF

-JOSE PAGAN: Malignant tumor located near front of ear

-SELENE VELASCO: needing kidney transplant

Death, imprisonment, violence, isolation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

[www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)

[www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)

[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

[www.worldhelp.net](http://www.worldhelp.net)

**Wishing a Happy Birthday** to our 90+ year old Emmanuelites this month.

Birthday cards are welcome!!

Juanita Sager 09/02

Jennie Hutchison 09/18

**Woman's Walk** is a bible study where we will study the names of God. Join us at the time that works for you. Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, or Thursday evening. Come by the table outside after service to purchase your book, sign up or just to get more information.

You can also sign up for the women's retreat at the table outside today.

**Our Christian sympathy** to Luis Camarena and family on the passing of Luis's wife, Brenda Camarena, on Sunday, September 3rd, at the age of 58.

Services will take place at 11am on Friday, September 22, at Emmanuel Reformed Church.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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### Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision Fund offering Sep 17

### Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,224,695.32

YTD Budget: \$2,248,742.00

Last Week's Offering: \$38,404.11

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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# I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Israel was divided into 12 tribes led by Jacob's sons (Gen 35). As they left Egypt they were given bread as a reminder of God's deliverance (passover) and provision (manna).

- After God's people, the 12 tribes, were saved from Egypt they fought against the 7 nations of Canaan to get into the Promised land. (Deuteronomy 7:1; Acts 13:19)

Fast forward to the Gospels and one of the "Signs of Jesus" is the feeding of the 5,000 for the Jewish community. Jesus showed them that he is everything the Jews need and more. 12 basketfuls were leftover most likely showing the 12 apostles/12 tribes that God is to be their provider and sustainer (John 6; Matthew 14)

Unfortunately, the people are more concerned with getting miraculous bread from heaven than they are with Jesus providing himself (John 6:30-31,34)

## Scripture Reading: John 6:35-40

Do you see what Jesus just said? As the "Bread of Life" Jesus tells us whoever believes in him can experience salvation and true satisfaction.

Do we know our greatest need (Bear Video)? Our biggest problem is sin and separation from God. Many don't know they're loved by God and that he is everything they truly need for salvation and then health and well-being.

Jesus tells us **"I didn't come to give you bread, I came to be your bread"**. I came sustain you and deliver you like no earthly bread or manna ever could (John 6:51)

Sadly the people in the story try to use God to meet their agenda:

- V15 the people want to make Jesus their king (politics)
- V30 the people ask for another sign (entertainment/pseudo-spirituality)
- V34 the people want more physical bread (physical bodies)
- V52 the people think Jesus is crazy
- V60,66 the people give up on Jesus and leave
  - We too have a temptation to conform God to our image

How would you respond to Jesus' teaching if you were in the crowd that day? Peter responds saying Jesus alone has the words of eternal life! (John 6:67-69)

Someone once told me "I go to church, I pray, I read my Bible, I'm not living in habitual sin yet I'm dry and not growing." I noticed I didn't hear one thing about God, his presence, loving him, enjoying him ... rather "I'm doing all of these things and 'they aren't working'".

- When we are mindful of God throughout the day, listen to him, speak to him, speak about him we avoid the sin of trying to conform God into our image and instead allow him to form us into his image. Church, prayer, the Bible etc point us to HIM!

Jesus isn't done making his point ... in Matthew 15 the Bible teaches us that word has spread and the **Gentiles** were interested in what Jesus has to say and soon 4,000 men (plus women and children) show up to hear Jesus. They get hungry and Jesus performs the same miracle he did for the Jewish community on the other side of the lake for the Gentile community. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. (Matthew 15:37)

Jesus came for those who come from generations of faith and spirituality. He also came for the world. The 12 tribes once fought the 7 nations. All of humanity has the same "greatest problem". We need salvation through Jesus. (Matthew 16:8-10)

## Reflection Questions

- How does John 6 help you reconsider what your biggest problem might be?
  - In what ways have you tried to manipulate God into getting your way? How might you set up reminders throughout the day to help you be more mindful of his presence and his ability to provide for you?
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