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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1



THIS WEEK'S READING: Romans 9-14

We hope you continue on in reading Romans. It can be difficult to understand this beautiful yet complex book. Go back and watch the summary videos again from the Bible Project if that is helpful. Or, call a friend, or one of our pastors, to discuss these texts.

SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

In Romans 5, we are challenged to "continue to shout our praises even when we're hemmed in with trouble' leaving us in a state of "alert expectancy." Our current times have us feeling hemmed in, but if we can be patient, we will be changed. This transformation will give us eyes to see what God is doing in our midst. Rather than fleeing from or ignoring the troubles around us, what if God is calling us to be transformed? (Romans 5:1-11, The Message)



REFLECTIONS:
Linda Stanek

The word faith spoke to me in this reading. Webster's dictionary defines faith as "a complete trust or confidence in someone or something." In the Living Bible Translation of Romans 10:6-8 it says, "But the salvation that comes through faith says, 'You don't need to search the heavens to find Christ and bring him down to help you,' and, 'You don't need to go among the dead to bring Christ back to life again.' For salvation that comes from trust in Christ..." and the theme of faith continues in Romans 10:17: "...faith comes from listening to this Good News—the Good News about Christ."

So I keep working to trust in Him. In my life, I constantly need to go to Jesus to ask forgiveness and learn to pursue what I am to do to serve Him plus try to help others. I can't say anything better than the doxology found in Romans 11:33-36.

"Oh, what a wonderful God we have! How great are his wisdom and knowledge and riches! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his methods! For who among us can know the mind of the Lord? Who knows enough to be his counselor and guide? And who could ever offer to the Lord enough to induce him to act? For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory. To him be glory evermore." Amen.



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UPCOMING SERMON TEXT - Romans 12:1-8

What words or phrases have been repeated in Romans?

What questions are raised in your mind as you read through Romans?

What stands out to you in each chapter?

Try to read the whole book of Romans from front to back. How does this change your understanding of Romans?

What will you remember most about Romans?

CHURCH UPDATE

This past week a firm came in to remove the asbestos from under the tiles where the new construction will happen. With the staff in their new offices, and abatement complete, we are waiting now for final permit approval from the city. We hope construction will start the week of July 6. Keep praying for all the details to work out so construction can begin!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

June 29- July 5: Romans 9-14 Amy Weber

Making prayer prompt cards or sticks. Make a list of things you want to pray for as a family. Cut out prayer prompts and glue onto cut out construction paper squares. Decorate your prayer cards. Or write each prayer on a popsicle stick and place in jar. Use at bedtime to create discussion and prayer prompt.

Here are some ideas for prayer: family, friends, neighbors, pets, things we worry about, things that make us scared, questions we have, people who are suffering, things we see on the news. There are so many options. Look on SeeSaw for some more ideas!