

Los Altos Church of Christ

*"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2*

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This Sunday...Hard Faith: Even Though

How do we find the strength in God when we don't get the answer we want? Habakkuk found the answer in worship. He understood that through worship and praise we learn how to remain loyal to God because of who He is, not just because of what He does. Through worshipping God we get a glimpse of a God who is bigger than our questions.



Wednesday Night Fellowship...Dinner at Terrie's 6:30 and at 7:00 new series, "Shoes".

PRAYERS *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Autumn is off to Germany for a year of study and Brooke is returning to London for her final year. Prayers for the Johnson family.

Continue to pray for Terry Shipp...Lu...Sue Collins...Marge Shipp...Mike and Sharon...John and Jennifer...Abbie...Jocyn's mother...Christine's mother...the Gordon family...Walter Grove... Roger Townsend... Berry... The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

Thoughts for the week...

Jesus has been where you are; he can relate to how you feel. And if his life on earth doesn't convince you, his death on the cross should. He understands what you are going through. No one penned it more clearly than did the author of Hebrews. "Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help" (Hebrews 4:15-16 CEV). - Max Lucado

*There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot from that situation, create something that is surpassingly good. He did it at the creation. He did it at the cross. He is doing it today."
- Handley C. G. Moule*

The Power Within

By Gordon Dabbs

In 1986, Red Sox Pitcher Roger Clemens had his first Major League at bat. Being a pitcher in the American League meant that you never had to actually swing a bat – the designated hitter took your place. But in the 1986 All Star game, they were playing by National League rules, so the pitchers would have to bat.

Clemens found himself, for the very first time, in a major league batter's box. He took a few shaky practice swings in the on-deck circle, and then, stepped into the batter's box to face the reigning Cy Young Award winning pitcher – Dwight Gooden. So Clemens, a pitcher who never batted would have to face the best pitcher in all of baseball.

You'll never believe what happened! Just kidding! Quite predictably, Roger Clemens struck out. He was shocked at the power of Gooden's pitches. He could hardly believe how they flashed across the plate in the blink of an eye. At one point during his short at bat, he turned to the catcher behind him, Gary Carter, and said – "Gary, is that what *MY* pitches look like?" Carter replied, "You bet it is!"

From that day on, he would tell people that the experience in the batter's box had a great influence on his own pitching. Once he understood the power of his own fastball, he pitched with all the confidence in the world.

Sometimes believers in Christ can be fearful and hyper-cautious. Sometimes as Christians, and as a Church, we can think that we're not up to the task. What if we could see how God was using us? What if we could visualize the ways that God is forming us into a Church that brings him glory? What if we understood his power that is at work in us? Paul reminds believers in Ephesus

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3.20-21

Time For Humor

