January 30, 2022 GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER PASTOR LEON ENGMAN

PRAYER

Family

- Families of the week:
 Dan & Karen Breault
 Robert & Ruth Brownell
- Church Ministries of the week:
 - **Technology Ministry**
 - **Ushers & Greeters**
- Missionary of the week:

Bobby & Linette Gupta

Pray for 1,044 conference participants and their son Sushil to partner in leadership.

- Pray for the family of Dave & Karen Johnsen as they mourn the passing of Dave's mother.
- Pray for the families that are recovering from Covid.
- Mark Parker is recovering from ankle surgery.

**Ongoing prayer concerns are at the "Next steps table".

Our Nation and World

- COVID-19 virus: Pray for wisdom and strength
- Pray that we bring the peace of Christ amidst the turmoil and chaos in our country.
- Persecuted Christians in North Korea. Pray for their protection.
- Pray for the Lord to return. "Yes! I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Karen W Mackenna

To view this week's children's church lesson <u>click here.</u>

NURSERY

Nasima Tarabishy Susan Sherman

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You can give online by clicking <u>here.</u>

Or you can mail your tithes and offerings to:

24 Child Hill Road Woodstock, CT 06281

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Saturday, February 12 7:00 pm

WELCOME New Church Members

Arthur & Beth Cabral Dean & Gail Carley Steve & Sarah Coddington Clark Gillett Mark & Jackie Haskell



90 Days Through the Gospels BibleProject Reading Plan

Pastor Leon is hosting this online Bible reading plan beginning Monday, January 31.

Click Here to join!





Women's Bible Study

Morning & Evening Times are available Wednesday Evenings//6:00 pm Thursday Mornings//10:00 am **Beginning February 2nd** In six sessions, Lysa TerKeurst

paints an inspiring picture of the great path God has for you. Click HERE to register!

Women's Retreat MARCH 25-27, 2022 Special Speaker: Linda Prout

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CAMP CONNRI//ASHFORD, CT Cost: \$125 **REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE**

Application Questions "Too Sophisticated for Heaven" Matthew 19:13-30

- In the previous passage, Jesus says that divorce-for-any-reason comes from a hard heart. What connection is there to Jesus now pointing out how significant children are? How are children affected by divorce?
- Jesus then says the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like children they trust their heavenly father and acknowledge their needs to him. What is the connection to the rich man who walks away because he is too sophisticated for the kingdom of heaven?
- We are to be 'wise as serpents and gentle as doves.' How do we become too wise for our own good? When does our own success destroy us?
- How spiritually significant is it that we all have great wealth in comparison to the people in this passage?
- Why are the disciples astonished that rich people struggle to get into heaven (Mt 19:25)? How are they deeply misinformed about what being wealthy means?
- How is their astonishment here like their astonishment when they heard that divorce-for-any-reason is not right (Mt 19:10)?
- If Jesus is still astonishing his disciples this late in his ministry, what does that say about how deeply their (and our) culture keeps us from not understanding God at all?
- What has following Jesus cost you, that you trust him to make up to you? Why is that a big deal?