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## TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY)

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Living in and around military families or federal employees, the term "TDY" is familiar to most of us. TDY or temporary duty can be described as an assignment (normally away from our home station) where the focus is a special mission for a short duration.

I like to think of my time on this earth as a TDY. Being an eternal optimist, I am sure that my time here on earth has guidelines set forth by my God (Exodus 20) and I can choose to modify them, ignore them, follow them (sometimes) or use these guidelines as my special mission for my entire life. There will be times when I will need help in interpreting these guidelines which (in my life) I choose my guide to be my church home, my pastor and my church family. For some folks their TDY is not recognized until they are confronted with a crises or tragedy where God's voice is recognized and accepted as a special mission.

My prayer for you is that your TDY is a special mission for the duration of your life and that the tools you use to accomplish this mission are similar to the ones I mentioned and MORE!

Revelation 3:20: "Listen! I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat with him, and he with me." Let's continue to LISTEN!

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. (Traditional) and 11 a.m. (Joy and Grace) with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Outreach Meeting July 1 7 p.m.

4th of July at Chamizal Carpool leaves Church at 4:30 p.m.

Finance/Stewardship Mtg. July 7 6:30 p.m.

Christian Ed Meeting July 13 6:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social/Sing- a-Long July 25 6 p.m.

Future/Property Mtg. July 28 7 p.m.

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNs

**PAUL PARSONS:** (after a few days in William Beaumont Medical Center) is back sitting in his favorite pew with his wife, Renate. His general health is weakening and we thank God for his team of providers (and Renate) that keep him in our midst!

**LEILA BUDNOVICH:** is gaining strength every day. She, however, will have some life style changes to make which (as we know) are never easy for anyone (especially Leila). She needs our continuing concerns for God and all of us to help her accomplish these changes.

**PASTOR RAY OLSON:** is doing well under the care of the staff at M.D. Anderson Medical Center. His medical team will decide soon to send him to another care setting where he can begin his journey of readjustment and home-care living. Prayers for Sue and family as they continue to surround Pastor with love and encouragement on his journey.

**TERRI (Jack and Kay Reinshuttle's daughter):** needs our prayers as she undergoes more tests to determine the provisional diagnosis of Lupus.

## Your Church Family Focus

### ALEC THOMPSON

Alec was born and lived his whole life in El Paso. He is the son of Bret and Laura Thompson. He has always been active in church activities. His early life was a bit rocky. He spent an extra week in the hospital with pneumonia when he was born. At age 3, it was discovered that Alec has a hearing disability, hearing very little in one ear. This has not impaired him, however.

He has been in gifted and talented education since the second grade and on the honor roll every year.

Alec enjoys and excels in choir at Nolan Richardson middle school; he also enjoys baseball, both as a spectator and a player.



He has been in scouting since the first grade. He is working on his Eagle rank and hopes to achieve this distinction in December this year!

Alec has been accepted into Chapin High School's Pre-Engineering magnet program which he will begin this August. Keep up the good work, Alec. Your church family is proud of you!

## ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST AT NEW HOPE

### THE EL PASO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT THE CHAMIZAL WITH FIREWORKS ON JULY FOURTH:

If you'd like to join with folks from New Hope for a potluck picnic, symphony with our own Susan Hernandez and Leah Moore performing and stay for the fireworks all on Virginia Walker's birthday, come along!! Bring your lawn chair/blanket! Carpool leaves New Hope at 4:30. Contact Miguel Hernandez at 479-7006 or email him at [photographers@aol.com](mailto:photographers@aol.com) for details.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

August 2 – 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Late registration will be up to the first day of school. The program this year is: *High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God*. Steve and Carla Marshall will be the VBS Directors. Junior leaders (oldest youth) of the congregation are encouraged to volunteer to be teacher assistants. Steve will conduct a brief training session for these volunteers. Join in the fun and bring a neighborhood pal to join in the fun with your child. See you on the 2nd!

### AMANDA GRIMES:

will be traveling for a fifth consecutive summer with the youth from Christ Lutheran Church ELCA in Brenham, Texas. This summer, they will be doing mission work repairing homes in Brighton, Tennessee from July 9 through 18. Please keep Amanda in your prayers as she travels and as she represents New Hope.

### ADULT BOOK STUDY:

Under Lynn Phipps' leadership, two electrifying critique sessions on the publication: *A Travel Guide to Heaven* were held in June. No book review will be scheduled for July. However, in August, the book: *Three Cups of Tea* will be reviewed and in September: *A New Kind of Christianity* will be discussed. Come join the discussions and bring a friend. It is very interesting to hear various points of view from the attendees. Sessions are held on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. If you want a copy of the publication for your own, there is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the church.