

Questions and answers from Worship discussion, February 4, 2018

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers become better at pondering together?

A: Time and mutual support Study the Word of God
Listen to sermons Listen both ways – questions and answers
Discussion opportunities: Respond to sermons, e.g., “Postscript”
discussion time after coffee hour
Clarify goals Administer (and answer!) surveys

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers become more open to God’s will?

A: Read Scripture in order to know God’s will
Take Scripture seriously Pray for openness
Listen to one another; collective wisdom

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers further justice and fairness?

A: Be an example Be responsible and considerate
Community service Dialogue with the community
Speak out Updates, e.g., emails and Harbor Light newsletter

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers be more gracious?

A: Don’t hurt others, as with purging membership roll
Say “Come back” Don’t be tribal, but be open and inclusive
Invite entire BI community to International Student Center and ISC
suppers

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers dream bigger dreams for God?

A: Recognize opportunities in front of us Be open to ideas
[Seek out] Diverse skills and input as we dream and decide;
both dreamers and practical people are needed
Set aside time to dream Church available to community
No “We don’t do it that way” responses
Get out of comfort zones!

Q: How can we Harbor Churchers be more obedient to God?

(This question was not discussed.)

PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Friends and Family of Departed Loved Ones

Victoria Murphy (Robbie Murphy’s mother)

Physical and Mental Healing, Recovery or Hospice

Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands still in need
All in need of healing
Larry Breakstone — experimental cancer treatment
Charlene Cosman (Steve’s college friend)—MSA (Multiple System Atrophy)
Willis Dodge
Lynn Fletcher – in Oregon helping her daughter and granddaughter
Sonny Kern – recovering from knee operation
Becca Killebrew (Steve’s sister) – recovering at home from fractures;
expects to go back to work mid-February
Avery Kirby
Robert Koch (Mark’s brother) – had heart surgery despite MRSA
infection
Lorie Family (friends of Benjamins) – lost a child to cancer
Barbara MacDougall
Mason Miro
Nathan Porter (Becca’s father) — memory issues
Nathan Porter’s cousin Hugh — lung cancer spread to spine and brain
John Henry Tripler – continuing treatment for ALS
Diandra Verbeyst (Nature Conservancy staff) – recovering from fractured
hand

Wisdom & Strength

National leaders: guidance toward peace and justice
Pastoral Search Committee: received and reviewing candidates’ profiles

Joys

Jake Douglas was accepted to his first-choice college!
Pastor Steve and Becca are well enough to travel; returning Friday
Barby and Doug Michel’s son-in-law John Breunig is over the flu
The capital fund drive has begun!