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# THE LIGHTHOUSE

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## LIFE IS SHORT & FRIENDS ARE FEW

(A different perspective)

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spend a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our

garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! "Life is too short and friends are too few."

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You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

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# PRAYERS

**Fred Epps** had hernia surgery yesterday at Medical City/Dallas. Because of his heart condition, this was very serious. He did well. They corrected a few other problems and he is in ICU for a day or so. The family thanks us for our prayers.

**Jack Patterson**, son of John and Pam, is now home. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers. He has done so well and will continue to see doctors here.

**Nola Sue Cole's** brother-in-law, Cecil Biggerstaff, had additional colon surgery at Presbyterian Dallas. He is in room 448 of the main building. They have asked us to pray for him.

**Belinda Drew's** sister, Jodie, has stage 4 cancer. She has undergone treatments that have not helped and the family has asked for our prayers. She is married and has one small son. Belinda asked for prayers for herself as well as for the strength it is taking to go through this ordeal and help her sister.

**Helen Kerr** had double knee replacement yesterday at Presbyterian/Dallas. She did well and is in room 736 of the main building.

**Rollin Place**, one year old son of Bobby and Lisa, is in Plano Medical Center with a virus. He is in room 305.

**Carolyn Anthony's** brother-in-law had surgery on Monday for colon and liver cancer. He lives in Norman, OK. They would appreciate our prayers.

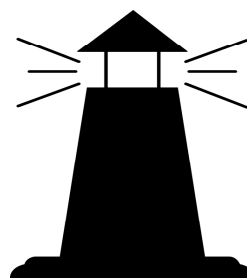
Prayers, continued...

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO...

**Nell Ard** at the death of her father, Gary Calvert. His services were Saturday in Madisonville, TX.

Continue to remember the following:

- Elaine Allison
- Jeff Rance
- Debbie Slutzky
- Kate Kuwitzky



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Next Wednesday, April 11, will be our Small Group Luncheon. Please make plans to enjoy a meal and fellowship together.

❖ There will be a bridal shower for Brittany Taylor, bride-elect of Paul Jouvenat, at the home of Darlene Welborne, 1220 Grassmere, Richardson, on Sunday, April 15 from 1:00 to 3:00. Selections are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel and Target.

❖ A couple of weeks ago, Nell Smith of Aleita Healthcare, made an appeal to our ladies' class for volunteers to visit hospice patients at local nursing homes. She could really use our help as many patients have no families and would appreciate visits. Nell's cell phone number is 214-762-5616 to call if you would be willing to help. There is a brief orientation that would be given beforehand.