

Your Weekly News & Updates

Greetings Open Bible family, friends and loved ones,

This past Wednesday, our San Jose community was rocked by devastating news. I was in San Francisco early that morning when I started receiving prayer chain requests to pray for Ron Langston. Ron is a Valley Transit Authority (VTA) bus driver. I called Ron and checked in on him to make sure he was okay. Apparently, there was a shooting at one of the VTA location yards that serviced the commuter trains.

As this situation has unfolded, we have learned nine (9) employees lost their lives including the shooter. This tragedy has rocked our city in a heartbreaking way. This tragedy has also united our city in a humbling way. People from every way of life, every neck of the woods, every color, gender and creed has prayed for or thought of the families devastated by this cruel act of one man's anger and selfishness. The mayor has called for a memorial service to remember these men and to uplift the VTA family in prayer. Pastors across the city are gathering to pray for our city. Currently, I am in Oregon for a training seminar and the pastors here from all over the Pacific Northwest are asking how I am doing and telling me when they heard the news they prayed for me and they prayed for San Jose.

When an event like this happens, we are all in some way affected even though we may not know those whose lives were taken. Our very own Almaden Valley Athletic Club (Our backlot neighbor) has been tragically affected as one of the men who was killed was a long-time member of the health club. Which reminds us that when a terrible and dreadful occurrence such as this strikes at the heart of our communities, we are all drawn to respond the best way we can. Which begs the question, "What can we do?".

Unless you know someone directly impacted by this horrific event, the

best way to respond is to pray. Pray for the families whose loved ones were taken from them. Pray for the families whose loved ones are physically recovering from their wounds but emotionally are having to relive the horrifying memories of being shot and watching others targeted lose their lives. Pray for the employees who were there but by the grace of God were not hit but still have to live with their memories. Pray for our city leaders as they navigate us through this difficult time. Pray for whatever the Holy Spirit would bring to your heart and mind as a result of this tragedy striking our city. And especially pray for the VTA family as they lost some amazing workers and men that were loved and respected up and down the VTA ranks.

This event is a reminder to us all to not take one another for granted. Our world is fragile and filled with way too many stories like this. Stories of loved ones taken way too soon. Stories of events that can change the course of your life in one breath. Stories of loved ones grieving because they didn't get a chance to say goodbye. Stories of pain and stories of hope. Hope is what we need now. Hope in one another and hope in the One who can bring the healing our community needs in this moment.

Hug your family. Kiss your spouse and your kids. Smile at a stranger. Say hello to someone you may not know. Pray for the person in the car ahead of you, behind you or beside you. Stop and pause in the busyness of your day and thank God for your blessings.

Life is far too short and our loved ones far too valuable and important to take for granted. God has placed you here to make a difference no matter how big or small. May God bless our city. May God bless the VTA with healing. May God bless our lives to bless the lives of others.

Praying for San Jose and our VTA!

Pastor Duane

SERMON:

Please join us this **Sunday,**
May 30th, at **9:30am** for our
Sermon Series:

**"Foundations"
Matthew 7:24-27**



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Please join us every Sunday at 9:30am for our Outdoor Service

Option 1:

Weather permitting, join us on the lawn. **Please bring your own lawn chair.** Social distancing and face masks required during all times

Option 2:

Join us from your car in the SJOBC parking lot. Speakers will be set up outside to accommodate those who wish to remain inside their vehicles

Option 3:

Join us online at 9:30 am at:
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- You can give online through our church website: www.sjbc.com

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