



Pastor's Comments

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Christopher's Miracle

Early last April, healthy 17-year-old Christopher Vogel became very ill. He broke out with a rash, and his skin turned yellow. Our congregation began praying for him, but after a week and a half of tests in the hospital, the doctors still did not know what was wrong with him. His skin peeled off his palms and feet. His condition worsened daily. A CAT scan showed his liver was enlarged. A liver biopsy was ordered. Sores broke out on his tongue, and one was scraped and sent to the lab. The family was told it could be hepatitis or Wilson's disease, but after seeing the biopsy report, the doctor had grim news. He felt the test showed sclerosing cholangitis, a disease for which treatment would be given, but he would never get better, and in about ten years he would need a liver transplant. An ERCP test was to be done early the next morning to check the bile ducts in the liver.

After hearing the shocking news, Christopher's oldest brother, Terry, left the hospital and came late into our Wednesday evening service to update the congregation and ask everyone to pray. As he gave the report, he broke down in tears, and I asked him to kneel at the altar and had everyone gather around and pray with him for Christopher. After a half hour of crying out to the Lord for a miracle for God's glory, Terry told us he had assurance his brother was going to be alright! By early the next morning everything turned around! The ERCP test was postponed and the attending doctor came in with the relatively good news, "Your son has chicken pox!" They were attacking his liver. Although he was to receive intravenous antibiotics in the hospital until Monday, he was doing so well that he was home on Friday and in church on Sunday. His blood levels for the liver are back to normal! After the ERCP was done on July 5, the doctor said his liver is perfectly normal!

Note: Christopher's mother, brother, and I will be sharing about his healing on **60 Live with Pat Huber** (WBPH) on **Sunday, August 5, at 8 pm**. For more information on **TV60** see: www.wbph.org

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