

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Steve Glaum - is back at Dominican fighting an infection.

Bola Taylor - is home on hospice and the doctors are amazed by her strength. Please continue to pray for the Taylor family.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Norman Carle - a long time member of TLC (since 1933), went home to be with the Lord on Oct 8th. A graveside service was held on Friday, Oct 16th. Please remember his wife, Lois and his family in your prayers.

Helen Ellis - who was 93 years young, was welcomed into heaven this past week. She loved her Lord and Savior with all her heart and lived a very "rich" life. A service was held at Oakwood Memorial Park on Wednesday, October 14th.

Hayden Dryden - a long time member of TLC, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus. Please remember his wife, Jackie and his family in your prayers.

BIRTHS

Proud grandparents Lori and Shannon Bryant - welcomed Haylee Jo Smith, born October 9th to their daughter and son in law, Jessica and Chris.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital.

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A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.

THE SEVEN

HOPE FROM JESUS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

TO CONFUSED CHRISTIANS

OCTOBER 17 & 18 RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

"To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives." Rev. 2:12,13



The serpent was the most common image associated with Pergamum

PERGAMUM CITY PROFILE

- North of Ephesus and Smyrna, 15 mi. inland
- Seat of Roman government in Asia Minor
- Only Roman governor had power of ius gladii, capital punishment
- 1,000-ft high mountain loomed over city
- Spectacular theater there seated 10,000
- Many temples to "gods" like Dionysius (or Bacchus, the god of wine and pleasure), Asclepius (god of healing), Serapis (the Egyptian underworld god), Zeus, etc.
- Most impressive temples were to Caesar

THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS FOR CHRISTIANS IN A CHALLENGING CULTURE:

“Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to **the teaching** of Balaam, **who taught** Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to **the teaching of** the Nicolaitans.” Rev. 2:14,15

1. WHAT I _____ MATTERS

“The **teaching** of Balaam... who **taught** Balak... the **teaching** of the Nicolaitans...”

Plant a _____, reap an _____

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2. HOW I _____ MATTERS

Balaam and Balak introduced _____

When people experience tension between their **beliefs** and their **behavior**, they will alter one of those two things to relieve the tension.

Will I be shaped by _____ or by _____?

3. HOW I _____ MATTERS

“**Repent** therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” Rev. 2:16

“Repent”: Greek *metanoia*, a change of _____ that impacts my life’s _____

“To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden **manna**. I will also give that person a white stone with **a new name written on it**, known only to the one who receives it.” Rev. 2:17

The way to escape a _____ is to remember the _____

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:16

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Find them in the book “The Seven”, available at tables in the lobby or on line!