PRAYER UPDATE PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - After receiving her bone marrow transplant she is recuperating at a town home in Palo Alto. Pray for continued improvement with energy and appetite. Pain level seems to be improving. Also pray for her husband who just started a new job and her parents who are not only taking care of Traci but also their 15 month old son.

Dolores Harlan - long time member of TLC is at Dominican due to heart and lung issues. Pray for God's peace.

Ist Lieutenant Ryan Evans - has been discharged from the military hospital in San Antonio Texas and is recovering back at his base in Del Rio. He has been in chronic pain for over 2 months and is very discouraged. He goes back to the hospital for a follow up appt in 3-4 weeks to discuss draining the cyst on his pancreas. Pray that by God's grace, the cyst will have nothing in it. Also pray for his family as they travel this very difficult journey with Ryan.

Carol Rovegno - had back surgery on 3/16 at CHOMP (Monterey Hospital). Please pray for a smooth surgery and uncomplicated recovery.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Winona McCormick - after 99 years here on earth, Winona is now dancing with her Savior! Pastor Barton officiated her graveside service on March 17th at Santa Cruz Memorial.

If you would like to deliver an Easter flower to a shut-in during the week of 3/21-24, contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



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ALL THINGS NEW: WHAT HEAVEN IS LIKE

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Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "**I am making all things new!**" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life." Rev. 21:1-6

WHAT I WILL BE LIKE IN HEAVEN:

1. I will be thoroughly

He will **wipe every tear** from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain... Rev. 21:4

And the leaves of the tree are for the $\ensuremath{\textbf{healing}}$ of the nations. Rev. 22:2b

2. I will be amazingly

And they will **reign** for ever and ever. Rev. 22:5b

And the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. Rev. 21:24b

Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth... They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit... Isaiah 65:17,25

3. I will be completely _____

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Rev 21:22

4. I will be entirely _____

The river of the **water of life**... flowing from the throne of God. On each side of the river stood **the tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, **yielding its fruit every month**. Rev. 22:1,2a

BIG IDEA: THE BIBLE COMES_____

On each side of the river stood the tree of life... Rev. 22:2a

THE INVITATION: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and **let the one who wishes take the free gift** of the water of life. Rev. 22:17 (See Rev. 21:6)

RESOURCES

These were the most valuable resources I found while studying for this series: J. Scott Duvall, Revelation: Teach the Text Commentary Series

Darrell W. Johnson, Discipleship on the Edge: An Expository Journey Through the Book of Revelation

John Ortberg, Revelation Bible study series taught at Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago, 1999

Eugene H. Peterson, Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John and the Praying Imagination

Mark Wilson, Victory Through the Lamb: A Guide to Revelation in Plain Language

TLC GREECE/TURKEY TRIP

Join Pastor Rene and see the seven cities of Revelation along with other biblical sites this May 16-28 on our trip to Turkey and Greece. For info: **Gina@tlc.org**

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Rev. 21:4

DAILY MEDITATIONS BRIEF DAILY DEVOTIONS RELATED TO TODAY'S TOPIC

MONDAY Read Revelation 21:1-11. In his vision, what does John see coming out of heaven? How did the voice describe the new world to come in verse 4 and 5? How is "making everything new" different from "making new everything"? How does this description help give perspective to the things you go through now? Ask God to help you remember the glories that await! Pray today about who you'll invite to Easter services!

TUESDAY Read Revelation 22:1-6. What are some of the things in the new heaven and new earth? What's not there anymore? Ask God to help you live joyfully in light of the promised land of the new heaven and earth!

WEDNESDAY Read Revelation 22:7-21. What promise does Christ make in verse 7? What invitation is given by the Spirit and the bride in verse 17? What's involved in responding to God's invitation to come to Him? What do we know for sure about Christ's return? (verse 20) If you haven't yet done so, receive the free gift of the water of life. You can pray a prayer like this: Father, as much as I understand how, I now give my life to you. I accept Christ's atoning sacrifice for me on the cross. Thank you for your forgiveness and mercy. Help me follow you with all my heart.

THURSDAY Today spend some time reading the account of Jesus' trial in Matthew 26:26-75. Do you relate to Peter? How so? Thank God for his sacrifice for you, and the forgiveness he offers even to those who, like Peter, have denied him. Invite someone to the Easter services this weekend!

FRIDAY Read Matthew 27:15-54. Spend time today giving thanks to the Lord for the price paid to rescue you from sin. Plan to attend the Good Friday communion service tonight at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY Read Matthew 27:55-66. Please pray for the Easter services this weekend! Thanks!