

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Hayden Jilka (7 yrs old), son of Nate and Sam - has started chemo. Please pray for the family as they adjust to his schedule and figure out how to best manage his pain. To follow Hayden's journey, go to the Post Hope website and type in "Hayden Jilka".

HOME WITH THE LORD

Mary "Mimi" Green entered into the presence of the Lord on November 19th after battling cancer. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her loss. A celebration of her life will be held on December 12th at 3pm in Monschke Hall.

As we enter into this holiday season please continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones and for God's wisdom and insight on how you can come alongside those that are hurting during this holiday season.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

See photos of those serving our country connected to our TLC family and use the "Military Service Update Card". Pray for military men and women defending our freedoms around the world to be blessed for their sacrifice. Pray for strength and hope for all who have a loved one in military service, particularly for children who miss their mother and/or father, to be blessed by others who are in a position to encourage and love them during this holiday season. Pray for safe travels for all those who are able to come home for the holidays to be with family.

TLC SHUT-INS

If you would like to deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in during the week of Dec 2nd-5th, please call Carrie Clark @ 465.3368.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Please contact Carrie Clark at 465.3368 or care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



WEEK 1: THE HOPE FOR DARK DAYS

ISAIAH 9:1,2,6

NOVEMBER 29 & 30 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

WHAT IS ADVENT?

WHY CELEBRATE ADVENT?

THE PROBLEM:

"Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and **see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom**, and they will be thrust into utter darkness." Isaiah 8:21,22

THE PROMISE:

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but **in the future** he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness **have seen a great light**; on those living in the land of deep darkness **a light has dawned.**" Isaiah 9:1,2

THE PERSON:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

1. HE _____ ME

“And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor**...”

Jesus is the ultimate counselor: Being _____, he knows how

I _____; being _____, he knows what I _____.

2. HE _____ ME

“...**Mighty God**...”

Hebrew: _____ God; the One who brings _____ out of

3. HE _____ ME

“...the **Everlasting Father**...”

4. HE _____ ME

“...the **Prince of Peace**.”

“...we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:1

HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE THIS?

“...and the **government** will be on his shoulders...”

THE KEY: I allow God to _____

FOR DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS, PICK UP A FREE ADVENT BOOKLET IN THE LOBBY TODAY OR DOWNLOAD IT AT TLC.ORG

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:1,2

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Isaiah 8:21,22 and Isaiah 9:1,2. Where in your life are things dark now?
2. How can God’s light – the hope offered in both advents of Christ – give you comfort and confidence to go on?
3. Let’s read about Christ’s first advent. Read Luke 1:26-38. How can you apply Gabriel’s words in verse 37 to something you are facing right now-- a challenge, a temptation, a doubt?
4. How can Mary’s attitude in verse 38 inform your own attitude when God brings unexpected circumstances into your life?
5. Read Isaiah 9:6. In what areas of your life do you need to see these four aspects of Jesus:
 - Where do you need His “Wonderful Counsel”?
 - Where do you need the power of the “Mighty God”?
 - How do you need to sense the care of your “Everlasting Father”?
 - Where are you restless and need the “Prince of Peace”?
6. Take some time in your group for each person to write a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus, using Isaiah 9:6 as a template for your prayer. Then pray your prayers out loud in your group.

Have you received this wonderful gift of God? If not, why not do so today by praying a simple prayer like this: Lord, I admit my need for you. I believe you came to earth, and that you died for my sins and rose again. I give you my life. Lead me as you desire.