

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - is now in a townhome in the Palo Alto area recuperating after receiving bone marrow. Her numbers seem to improve each check up. Please pray for continued healing and strength for the family.

Ryan Evans - is taking baby steps towards improvement as it is a very long recovery. Pray that his pseudocyst on his pancreas will shrink and for 100% healing. Pray for his parents as they care for Ryan.

Yvonne Wilkins - at Dominican now for over 50 days with pneumonia and kidney complications but is starting to recover. She hopes to be discharged by 2/24. Pray for continued recovery.

Sara Ward - is in ICU at Dominican with pneumonia. Pray for healing.

Ruth Shugart - will have a hip replacement at El Camino Hospital on 2/22. Pray for a speedy and successful recovery.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Eric Wehrman's dad, Mike Wehrman - passed away on 2/6 from an extended illness. He was retired for 15 years as the custodian at Bayview Elementary. Please remember his son Eric in your prayers as he grieves his loss.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



REV

HANDLING MAYHEM

REVELATION 6 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER | FEBRUARY 20 & 21

(Jesus said) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world **you will have trouble**. But take heart! **I have overcome** the world." John 16:33 NIV

THE BIBLE NEVER DENIES THE REALITY OF

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... before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on **conquest**. Rev. 6:1,2
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... another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and **to make men slay each other**. To him was given a large sword. Rev. 6:3,4
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... before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "**A quart of wheat for a day's wages**, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" Rev. 6:5,6
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... there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill **by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts** of the earth. Rev. 6:7,8

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... I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been **slain because of the word of God** and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “**How long**, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood? **How long?**” they cry out. Then each of them was given a **white robe**, and they were told to wait a little longer... Rev. 6:9-11
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There was a **great earthquake**. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth... Rev. 6:12-13

BUT IT ALSO AFFIRMS THE REALITY OF OUR TRIUMPH

After this I looked and there before me was **a great multitude that no one could count**, from every nation, tribe, people and language, **standing** before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing **white robes** and were holding **palm branches** in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Rev. 7:9-10

4 PRACTICAL TAKEAWAYS

- **EXPECT** _____
- **EXPRESS** _____
- **EXALT** _____
- **EXPAND** _____

A SNEAK PEEK OF HEAVEN:

“...Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Rev. 7:15-17

RESOURCES USED IN TODAY'S MESSAGE

J. Scott Duvall, Revelation | John Ortberg, Revelation 6 (Bible study at Willow Creek Community Church) |

Eugene Peterson, Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John | Mark Wilson, Victory Through The Lamb

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: REV EXTRA

INTRIGUED BY THIS STUDY OF REVELATION? WANT TO DIG EVEN DEEPER? JOIN PASTOR PAUL SPURLOCK FOR **REV: EXTRA**. JUST ONE OF OUR MANY ADULT ELECTIVES ON WEDNESDAYS AT TLC! DINNER STARTS AT 5:15, CLASSES START AT 6:30 (HIGH SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CLASSES TOO!)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Rev. 7:17

DAILY MEDITATIONS BRIEF DAILY DEVOTIONS RELATED TO TODAY'S TOPIC

Monday: Read John 16:1-4 and John 16:32-33. How is Jesus' message to the disciples similar to the point of the visions in the Book of Revelation? Why is it good to expect that there will be tough times in life, rather than living with the delusion that everything will go smoothly? Ask God today to help you face life's tough realities without denial or despair, but with godly determination!

Tuesday: Read Revelation 7:1-10. The identity of the 144,000 is debated, but I believe this symbolizes the completeness of God's protection of his people: Not one of God's children will be lost. Then in verse 9 and 10 we see another sneak peek of heaven: People from every nation praising God for His salvation! How is a focus on what God has done for us through Christ a key to surviving tough times? How have you seen this to be true? Thank God today for the salvation He freely gives through Christ!

Wednesday: Read Matthew 6:34. Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow, for “each day has enough trouble of its own”. How is this different from the usual “don't worry; be happy” advice? Have you ever seen people shipwrecked in their faith because they encountered trouble when they were expecting only blessing? What is the cure for that? Today ask God to help you stay realistic about trouble without despairing!

Thursday: Read Revelation 7:12-17. Here we see people who had been martyred during a period of tribulation now perfected in heaven. What does this say we will no longer experience in heaven? How is a focus on heaven an essential part of coping with death and suffering? Thank God right now for specific things you know to be true of heaven!

Friday: Read Rev. 8:1-5. I believe the “seventh seal” shows God paying attention to the prayers of his people. Then in verse 5, the prayers of oppressed people are answered as God begins to judge. How does it make you feel to hear your prayers described in the same way as the incense from golden censers and golden bowls—something beautiful? Think of your prayer as something beautiful, as you give to God your praise for His sovereignty and His care.

Saturday: Please meditate on the weekly memory verse—and prayer for this weekend's services. Thanks!