

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Hayden Jilka (7 yrs old), son of Nate and Sam, had 3 teeth pulled this week and started his first radiation treatments at Stanford. The family will be traveling to Stanford everyday for the next 5 weeks for radiation and chemo. Continue to lift the family up in prayer as they deal with all the major changes in their lives. The family thanks you for all the outpouring of love and support they have felt from their family here at TLC. It has truly been such an encouragement and blessing beyond words. To follow Hayden's journey, follow this link: posthope.org/hope-for-hayden.

Gary Barton The doctor put Gary on another week of IV drip with the same chemo treatment. He will start 48 hour infusion on Monday. Please pray for his strength and stamina and for miraculous healing.

Liz Bishop is doing well after her corrective surgery on December 10th and both surgeons were happy with the results. Please pray for a smooth and complete recovery.

Gene Cutler Thank you for your prayers for Gene! Gini, his wife is seeing small improvements every day. Continue to pray for Gini as she cares for Gene and for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family. For regular updates on Gene, go to: youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/the-gene-cutler-pepsi-challenge-twist/229911

HOME WITH THE LORD

Gary Gardner passed away after a very short battle with cancer, Gary was welcomed into heaven on December 7th. Please remember Marianne, his wife and their family as they grieve his loss. There will be a celebration of his life on December 18th at 11 am in Monschke Hall.

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.



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WEEK 3: COMFORT AND JOY ISAIAH 40

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4 SOURCES OF COMFORT AND JOY

“**Comfort, comfort** my people” says your God. Isaiah 40:1

NO MATTER WHAT GUILT, GRIEF, OR GREAT CHALLENGE I FACE:

1. _____

“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that **her sin has been paid for**, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.” v2

A voice of one calling in the desert:

“Prepare the way for the LORD;

make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

and all mankind together will see it.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” v3-5 (See Mark 1)

2. _____

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"
"All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall...
but **the word of our God stands forever.**" v6-8 (See 1 Peter 1:23-24)

3. _____

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "**Here is your God!**" See, the **Sovereign LORD** comes with **power**, and **his arm rules** for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. v9, 10 (See Luke 2:9-14)

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4. _____

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He **gathers the lambs** in his arms
and carries them **close to his heart**;
he **gently leads** those that have young. v11

SO WHAT?

When I believe these things, I have true _____

RESOURCES used in preparation of this message

David Bisgrove, "Comfort in Sorrow" sermon
Scott McClellan, "When You Can't Find Joy in the Christmas Season" column
Ron Mehl, "Love Found A Way"

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THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

The angel said to them, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10

PROMISES OF GOD FOR 2015

I will never leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:5b

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

"Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." Daniel 10:19

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17,18

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40:11