

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Bob Simmons - had aortic valve replacement surgery on Sept 30th. Please pray for his hospitalization and recovery.

Pastor Ben Morada - has been diagnosed with a heart condition. He is opting not to have open heart surgery and to take medication instead given his age of 86. Pray for healing.

Bola Taylor - she enjoyed incredible quality time with her children this past week. She is on hospice and the doctors are amazed by her strength. Please continue to pray for the Taylor family.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Dianna Cornell - is in the arms of Jesus and completely whole. She left her earthly home on Sept 26th and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. A celebration of her life will be held on Oct 17th in Monschke Hall.

Gertrude McHale - a long time member of TLC went home to be with the Lord on Sept 23rd. A family service was held on September 30th at SJ Oak Hill Memorial Park with Pastor Barton officiating.

Terry Egbert, son of Edna Egbert - passed away suddenly of a heart attack where he lived with his wife in New Mexico. Terry was an activities director at Camp Hammer in the late 60's. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Judy McClellan - a dear resident of Hearts and Hands and a recipient of the Bridge of Hope Ministry, was welcomed into heaven and she is now rejoicing with her Jesus.

Bob Hulsey - went home to be with His Lord on Sept 28th after a short battle with cancer. Please remember his wife, Arleen as she grieves the loss of her dear companion for 52 years. A celebration of his life will be held on October 24th @ 1 pm in Monschke Hall.

Jeneane Getts-Burns - went to be with her Savior on Sept 28th with her family by her side. She was a long time attender of TLC.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to our College and Young Adults Pastor Kyle Pitchford and his wife Jessica - as they welcomed into their home, Lucie Joye, on Sept 25th.

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

Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



THE SEVEN

HOPE FROM JESUS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

TO BUSY PEOPLE

OCTOBER 3 & 4 RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

"Write this letter to the angel of **the church in Ephesus**. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands." Rev. 2:1 NLT

EPHESUS CITY PROFILE



- THEIR MASCOT: The honeybee
- RELIGIOUS CENTER: Home to Temple of Artemis
- TOURIST CENTER: People traveled to Temple and Pan-Ionian games
- LEARNING CENTER: Celsus Library, second largest in world
- TRANSPORTATION CENTER: Harbor and roads were strategic
- ENTERTAINMENT CENTER: Massive theater attracted thousands
- BUSINESS CENTER: Terrace homes reveal wealthy merchant class
- POWER CENTER: First and largest temple to Domitian built here
- And the church here reflected the high-achieving culture...

1. WHAT BUSY PEOPLE GET RIGHT (REV. 2:2,3):

"I know all the things you **do**. I have seen your **hard work** and your **patient endurance**. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have **examined the claims** of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me **without quitting**." Rev. 2:2-3 NLT

THE EPHESIAN CHRISTIANS...

- _____ RIGHT
- _____ RIGHT
- _____ RIGHT

2. WHAT BUSY PEOPLE OFTEN MISS (REV. 2:4):

THEY REMEMBER _____ BUT FORGET _____

"But I have this against you, that you have **left your first love**."
Rev. 2:4 NASB (See 1 Cor. 13, Isaiah 54:5, Jer. 2:2)

3. WHAT BUSY PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR (REV. 2:5)

(OR HOW TO RESTORE ANY LOST LOVE)

- _____

"...**remember** from where you have fallen..."

"Most couples find that recalling their past together recharges their relationship in the here and now" – Dr. John Gottman

What first attracted you to Jesus Christ?

How did you first "get" the idea that God loves you?

What were some moments God's love became particularly real to you?

- _____

"...and **repent**..."

- _____

"...and **do the deeds you did at first**..."

"Many people think the secret to reconnecting is a candlelit dinner or seaside vacation. But the real secret is to turn toward each other in little ways every day. Some ideas: At the end of the day, talk about how it went. Cook together. Do chores together. Read together. Exercise together. Play cards together. Call or text loving messages. Thank each other." – John Gottman

What little daily things did you do at the times in your life you felt close to God?

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God." Rev. 2:7 NASB

KEY:

This isn't just Jesus calling me to _____

It's Jesus telling me he _____

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"But I will trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me." Psalm 13:5

DAILY MEDITATIONS

For daily readings related to this week's message topic, please see chapters 1-7 in our book "The Seven", available in the lobby.