

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 1, 2024 - Revelation 21:5

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Read Revelation 21 for meditation and inspiration.



HAPPY NEW YEAR IN THE NEW YEAR OF OUR LORD 2024!

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

Jewish people, survivors of the Holocaust, who were gathered together in a safe hospital under Allied treatment and care, had the opportunity to meet with with a Rabbi who came to minister to their spiritual needs. On the second visit the Rabbi brought drinks to all to enjoy and how did these people still suffering the ravages of torture and malnutrition respond? Each lifted their glass and cried with a loud voice that rang throughout the building and beyond, “ L'chayim! ” which means “to life!”

In the days of the Roman persecution, one of the worst things that could happen to a Christian was being sent to the Numidia mines in North Africa. There,

the prisoners were brutally whipped, marched through rocky valleys, burned by the sun, branded on their brow with a hot iron, chained so that they were unable to stand erect, and sent into the dark pits to work interminable hours. It was indescribable suffering. Later, when the mines were opened to visitors, it was discovered that these early Christians had etched little words and slogans on the caves' walls in which they were working. Of all the many words that appear there, two appear more than any others. One is the word "Christ" (Christos); the other is the word "life." In that environment of terrible suffering, the two things they thought of most were Christ and life, for it is Jesus who comes to make abundant life possible -- even in the midst of the suffering in our lives.

We are born for life! So says our very nature. And so, says the Bible. Born for life! In Biblical terms, this means that we humans have a spiritual dimension that is "immortal" and "incorruptible" -- that is to say, our "soul." It means that as whole human persons, we can live this life to its fullest and prepare for the life yet to come. We celebrate life and the continuing of life as we pass each New Year's Eve. So, enjoy God's great gift to you of life. Every breath and every heart beat is a gift.

L'chayim,



Roger

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY
TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- a. January 1 – New Year’s Day
- b. January 2-5 Church office open from 11-3
- c. January 5 – AXIOS Youth group 6:00 pm
- a. January 7 – Epiphany Sunday –10:30 am
- b. January 7 – 11:30 am take down Christmas decorations

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

- a. Family and friends of Donna Aliapoulios (mother of Mark)
- b. Family and friends of Brenda Hemstreet – (friend of Joan Seeman)
- c. Family and friends of Michael Schultz (father of Charlie Schultz, Denise Proffitt’s grandson)
- d. Family and friends of Robert Howell
- e. Family and friends of William Stewart (son of Christine Stewart)
- f. Family and friends of Andrew Martin (son of Jay Martin)
- g. Reverend Robert J. Collins
- h. Frank Abelson (husband of Chris Lambert)
- i. Nancy Anthony
- j. Sue Askeland (friend of the Pughs)
- k. Nancy Bailey
- l. Bob Beatty (friend of Hunter Morgan)
- m. Neily Beaumont (12-year-old niece of Ben and Diana Walton)
- n. Bob Beekman – (friend of Nancy Jones)
- o. Lou Berdoll – (brother of Larry Berdoll)
- p. Nancy Brock Carroll – Knee replacement on December 18
- q. Amy Clark – (mother of Clara Hodges)
- r. Ann Conway – aunt of Scott Thompson
- s. Jim Crumpton – son-in-law of Nancy Bailey
- t. Ferguson family
- u. Dean Ferguson
- v. Heather Ferguson
- w. Martin Flanagan
- x. Janet and Ed Ginty (friends/clients of Christine Stewart)
- y. Bonnie Gordon – (friend of Nancy Jones)
- z. Kyle Gordon – (friend of Susan Morgan)
- aa. Stephen Guinan (16-year-old nephew of Nancy Bailey)
- bb. Rován Hill (infant grand nephew of Beth Griffin, parents Rebekah and Josh) – nystagmus eye
- cc. Janice Hobbs
- dd. Gail Howell



- ee. Dixie Jarvis
- ff. Father David Kennedy
- gg. Carolyn Kraftchak
- hh. Peggy Losyk – neuropathy
- ii. Ellie Manzano
- jj. Mark Martel
- kk. Helen Martin
- ll. Maybury family
- mm. Sandra McPeters (niece of Nancy Brock)
- nn. Peter Melching (nephew of Deborah Morgan)
- oo. Donna Miglets (niece of Nancy Mae Beggrow)
- pp. Jan Monroe - last chemo on December 6
- qq. James Morgan (son of Deborah Morgan)
- rr. Martha Musgrove
- ss. Amy Nesbit
- tt. Mary Page (niece of Bobbie Odell)
- uu. Raquel Peterson (friend of Deborah Morgan)
- vv. Mary Alice Pugh
- ww. Annette and Brian Ramkerrysingh
- xx. Jane Richards (sister of Nancy Brock)
- yy. Richardson family
- zz. Rafael Rodriguez (colleague of Debora Richardson)
- aaa. Pam Ross (daughter of Peggy Losyk) - kidney cancer (had one kidney removed)
- bbb. Sandy – (friend of Nancy Bailey and Fran Thew)
- ccc. Marge Sarringar
- ddd. Jeff Seemann (brother of Ken Seeman)
- eee. Diane Stellwagon (friend of Toni Edwards)
- fff. Kathy Symons (friend of Lyn Timmerman)
- ggg. Ray Terry (neighbor of Nancy Bailey)
- hhh. Mark Thompson (brother of Scott Thompson)
- iii. Elaine Thrasher
- jjj. Joyce Viola
- kkk. Diana Walton
- lll. Lakeside Presbyterian Church and its leadership team
- mmm. Palm Beach Harvest and its invaluable ministry bringing food to the food insecure people of South Florida
- nnn. Youth Ministry of Lakeside – making disciples of the next generation