Los Altos Church of Christ

"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2

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Easter Sunday was truly a day to rejoice in the Lord. Someone said it felt like a family reunion and in many ways it did. There were lots of smiles (though hidden behind the masks we knew they were there) and lots of hugs (yes, the rules on social distancing broke down just a bit but that was ok. (a) You just got the feeling a lot of people were thinking "I love the thrill that I feel when I get together with God's wonderful people!"

This Sunday...Here And Hereafter

Throughout the ages, man has searched for the answer to three questions. "Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?" If one believes mankind is a cosmic accident then we have no purpose and when it's over, it's over. But if one believes we were created in the image of God then we live to glorify Him and we know where we are going. It's just we don't know quite know what awaits us when we get there. This week we begin an eight week series with Rick Atchley, "Heaven Is Coming".



PRAYERS Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

- Pancho's brother Don suffered a stroke.
- Walter Grove has a severe case of pneumonia and has been in the hospital since Sunday. All of the antibiotics the doctors have tried are not working.
- John Harper had his PICC line removed and he is now on oral medication only! He feels much more comfortable now. The bone biopsy should be coming soon.

<u>Continue to pray</u> for Tom, Christine and Christine's mother...for Ernie Gordon...John and Jennifer...Tim's recovery... Roger Townsend... Berry... Jeff's mother... Jene's hand... Allen Sawyers...The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... Emmy Creswick... Jene's friend, Jim Thorpe... Lu...City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

More Than You Can Imagine

By Alan Smith

Consider these quotes from the past:

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." --Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." -- Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" --David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." --Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." -- The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what ... is it good for?" -- Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." --Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." -- Bill Gates, 1981

It's amazing that we've accomplished so much technologically in this country considering the pessimistic views held by many (even more amazing when you consider that some of the achievements eventually came from people who at one time held the pessimistic views themselves).

What is your vision for the future? What would you like to accomplish? More to the point, what would you like to see God accomplish through you? There will likely be someone around you ready to tell you that "it can't be done", or "we've tried that before with no success", or "it's too much trouble".

And they may be right. Or they may have a "grasshopper complex" like the ten spies in Numbers 13 who were unable to see what God could accomplish because they were looking so intently at the obstacles in their way.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

May the God who can do more than we can even imagine (and I can imagine a lot!) be with you this day.