

THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT

Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world. – 1 John 2:15-16 (NLT)

In baseball there is a hard and fast rule – three strikes, and you're out! The pitcher might throw curve balls, hard balls, knuckle balls, or any combination to get you to swing. If you swing and miss, that's a strike. If you swing and miss three times, your turn at bat is over with. I know this from personal experience. In Little League when I got up to bat everyone yelled, "Strike Out King," and that was from the guys on my own team!

Think of Satan as a talented pitcher. He knows exactly what type of pitch (temptation) to throw at us to get us to swing. But, unlike a baseball pitcher, he wants us to connect with the pitch and hit it out of the park. He has three basic temptations that he throws at us – the lust for physical pleasure; the lust for everything we see; and pride in our possessions. When we strike at these pitches we find that we are not out of the ball game, but, even worse, find ourselves living outside of God's will. Today let's make a vow to God that we're not going to swing, no matter how tempting Satan's pitches might be.



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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



Today's Sermon: *Out With The Old And In with The New*

- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
- Bulletins are archived on the website.

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Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-13

Hymns: 538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less; 414 Anywhere With Jesus; 701 My Jesus I Love Thee; 611 Heavenly Sunlight; 900 The Sands of Time

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class**, Tuesday, January 5th. Our new area of study will be the book of Esther. More information will be available soon.
- **Potluck Dinner**, Sunday, January 17th!



- Remember the Sayre Senior Health Center **Adopt-a-Resident Program!** Would make a good New Year's resolution.
- Please remember to **pick up an evaluation form** and fill it out so we can make plans for the New Year.
- Randy and Pat, two men from the Kittanning church, arrived on Monday with a truck full of presents for people here in the Sayre area. We also packed Christmas dinner boxes for several families and delivered everything on Tuesday. With such a large scale operation, there are bound to be some mistakes. We have heard of a few already! Hopefully we can set everything right within the week.
- Darlene and Doug Elsbree left on Christmas Day for Florida for a few months.
- Tom and Cindy Patrick, Megan and Ryan are visiting down south for a

PRAYERS...

- Linda Hicks needs to have a procedure done on her spine that allows her to self medicate for pain.
- Felicity Hicks needs to have her gall bladder removed.
- Ben Wright, elder at the Kittanning church, has had two stents placed near his heart. He is home now, feeling weak, but happy to be alive.
- Last we knew, Tom Patrick was still not able to pass the kidney stone. He is comfortable in the meantime, but expects to be in pain, which he will have to control with medication, when he does actually pass the stone.
- Harriet Kinder, a friend of the Barrys, passed away with breast cancer on Thursday in Soldotna, AK. Pray for comfort for her large family both in AK and WV.
- Sandy's Aunt Betty, of Murfreesboro, TN, is in ICU with bacterial pneumonia. She is 93 years old, and has been in critical condition, but seems to be doing much better.
- Pray that we can continue to encourage one another and that God will give the increase to the seed we are planting in 2016.



If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry **barncat7237@gmail.com** or text or call (607) 261-0911.