

Joy In Heaven

"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7

In Luke chapter 15 Jesus tells three parables that deal with something or someone being lost and then being found or restored. The context of these parables is set forth in verses 1-2: "Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes complained saying, 'This Man receives sinners and eats with them.'" I think I can speak for both myself and everyone else when I say that I am certainly glad that Jesus receives sinners because I am one. The Apostle Paul affirms this same truth in Romans 3:23, "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." It makes no difference whether we are male or female, Jew or Gentile, Black or White, Democrat or Republican, American, European, Asian, Middle Eastern or some other nationality; we are all sinners in need of a savior.

One of the ideas that is so striking in these parables is the joy in heaven over a repentant sinner. We may illustrate this sense of joy with the story of Jacob (Israel) and his son Joseph. Can you imagine the joy and delight that Jacob felt when he was reunited with this son that he thought was dead and gone forever. (Genesis 46:28-30)

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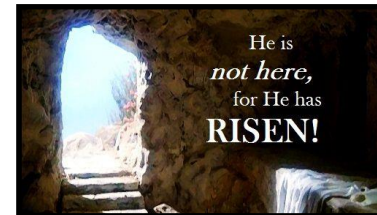
March 27, 2016

WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



Today's Sermon: *Alive to God*

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

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Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

Hymns: 77 Glorify Thy Name; **193** Crown Him with Many Crowns; **314** Beneath the Cross of Jesus; **23** Our God He Is Alive; **337** Hallelujah What a Savior!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

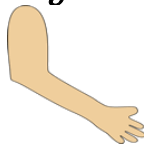
- **Ladies Class, Tuesday**, March 29th. Patty will lead the lesson, introducing the book of Ruth.
- **Spiritual Giftedness Seminar**- April 23-25. Doug Hamilton from the Camp Hill church will present this program at the Grand Victorian Hotel and here at the building. The schedule is on the bulletin board.
- Arthur and Sandy are planning to attend the lectureship at Ohio Valley University from April 3-6. This is an opportunity to advertise the outreach efforts that are on-going in Northeast, PA.
- An exploratory team from the Antioch Initiative will be coming up to Tunkhannock, PA the first week in May to start making plans to plant a church there.
- There will be a campaign in June to contact all interested people in the Tunkhannock area for Bible studies and worship. Robin Barry and his family from Soldotna, AK plan on visiting Arthur and Sandy at that time to help with the effort.
- Check out the poster for the Christian Town Hall that Arthur is working on and please add this to your prayer list.



- Jerry Lowe will be in a convalescent home for the next five or six weeks. He would love to receive cards and letters at the following address: The Bradford County Manor, 15900 Route 6, room 207, Troy, PA 16947.

The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of

your arm.



PRAYERS...

- Emily Barry is thankful that she has been offered a job and has interviewed for another last week. Aidan is also fitting in well at school.
- Jerry Lowe had been in the hospital for a week or so with an infection in his blood. He is now in a convalescent home for several weeks before going back home. His address is printed opposite.
- Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the church in Plattsburg, has lung cancer and is being treated with chemo.
- Please pray for the outreach effort of the Antioch Initiative to start a church in Tunkhannock, PA in the spring.
- Aidan Barry had blood poisoning from a bite or other injury to his heel on Tuesday. He had it lanced and it is healing nicely.
- Please pray for the church at Endwell during their time of transition. Also, pray for safe travels for Eric and Kim and family, who have left for CA.
- Darlene is looking for work once her job at the school finishes. She has multiple dental problems that are proving to be very expensive and painful.
- Our family and friends who need to be saved or restored to faith.
- Pray for our country, the upcoming election, and our Christian example to the rest of the world during these times. Help us to take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.

**Tread often the path to a friend's house lest
weeds grow and obscure the way.**