

Can I Take His Place?

by Alan Smith

Joe, the Governor's most trusted assistant, died in his sleep one night. The Governor had depended on Joe for advice on every subject, from pending bills to wardrobe decisions. In addition, Joe had been his closest friend.

So, it was understandable that the Governor didn't take kindly to the droves of ambitious office seekers who wanted Joe's job. "They don't even have the decency to wait until the man is buried," the Governor muttered.

At the funeral, one eager beaver made his way to the Governor's side. "Governor," the man said, "is there a chance that I could take Joe's place?"

"Certainly," the governor replied. "But you'd better hurry. I think the undertaker is almost finished."

I'm sure we can all look around us and find a number of people of whom we have said, "I would like to take his/her place." But I dare say that you have never made that statement of someone who had died, or was about to die. Why would anyone want to trade places with someone like that? It is for that reason that God's love for us is so difficult to comprehend, for that is exactly what Jesus did for us.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:5-6)

May our lives be forever lived in gratitude for the One who "took our place."



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

**ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
GREET YOU.
ROMANS 16:16**

Today's Sermon: *Don't Let Your Conscience Get Blinded by Science*

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Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: May 21st. Theme: TBA Ideas, anyone?**
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, April 2nd at the building. We hope to be discussing chapter 7 of Struggle, Seek, Grow, about Sarah!**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.**



- ✓ **5th Sunday Regional Singing will be held here TODAY at Valley Cities at 4:30pm!**
- ✓ **Men's Revival, Inner Man: the Uprising, this Saturday, May 6th. Arthur has lined up speakers from Newark, NY and Endwell, NY.**
- ✓ Kevan Barry, Sandy and Arthur's son in Seattle, may be deploying to Kuwait in July for 6 months with the US Air Force. If so, his wife and two small children will remain in WA. At this point there may be a change in plans...
- ✓ Lani has completed her Masters program at Ithaca College, and there will be a hooding ceremony there on Saturday, May 20th. Lani will be receiving an MS in Exercise and Sport Sciences.
- ✓ Sam would like to invite you all to a Nigerian dinner at his home on Saturday, the 13th of May. He is being very gracious and will do all the cooking himself. Please come and enjoy a new culinary experience at 317D Hayden St., Sayre, near the hospital at around 4:30pm.
- ✓ There will be a summer outreach campaign in Tunkhannock involving visiting workers, beginning in June. They will begin meeting at their new premises in a couple of weeks.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5: 19, 20)

PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Kelly McElhaney had a coronary ablation on Friday at Guthrie to correct her tachycardia. We pray that it was successful and are thankful that the procedure went well.
- Harper is suffering from allergies, which are causing her distress. She has been tested recently, but is still having symptoms. Pray for relief and helpful test results.
- Please pray for Loren, an acquaintance of Lani's, here in Sayre. Arthur also knows him.
- Darlene's husband Doug will soon be tested to see if he is compatible to donate a kidney to his brother, Mark. Doug has recently been found to have low red and white blood count, possibly signaling internal bleeding. His next appointment is in late May with the VA.
- Vicki Joyce, of Locust Grove, OK has breast cancer. She tested positive for the HER+ gene mutation, which is an added cause for concern. She is grateful for our prayers, as are her mom, Jackie, and sisters, Darlene and Dara.
- Please pray for Emily Barry as she makes a decision about the node on her thyroid. She will visit the endocrinologist on Thursday.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan's mom, Heather Morse, in prayer.
- Patty Albro's son, Tim, needs prayer to give him strength to deal with problems in his life now. Patty would like prayers too as she tries to help him.
- Please pray for Emily Barry's son Aidan, as he is dealing with emotional problems for which he will be getting counseled.
- If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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