

Today's sermon: *A Time To Pray*

## ***A**lmighty **T**hrone of **M**ercy*

I was waiting at the ATM in a local store some time ago now, but I remember it well. An extremely young-looking couple was ahead of me. I was struck by their youthfulness, but I also noticed how tense they were as they punched in the appropriate numbers and waited for a response. It was as though they had come to make an appeal to some god and were not sure what this god's response would be. They hung close to each other and to the machine, talking nervously and glancing at each other momentarily, then back at the ATM window...waiting...wondering...would their petition be granted?

My mind went back to the early days of my marriage when Sandy and I were so young, and quite poor. We did not have ATMs, but we certainly knew the anxiety of balancing a budget and trying to time the writing of a check so that it did not get cashed before our money went in the bank to cover it. If our timing was off, we had to pay a penalty, of course. It would have been nice if we could have thrown ourselves at the feet of the Baal of budgeting, hoping for understanding and mercy.

Then I remembered the many times I have approached God, feeling young, impetuous and foolish. I have thrown myself on His mercy, acknowledging that my account is overdrawn and confessed that I have no idea how to get it back on track. "Would you help me out one more time, please, LORD?" Then I wait...wondering...will I get a favorable response? Then He reminds me that I should be contrite, but I should also be bold.

*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*



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**WELCOME!**

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



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Bible class series continuing today:

## *The Book of Ephesians*

*“Sit - Walk - Stand”*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Ladies Bible Class: several ladies expressed an interest in a weekday morning ladies Bible class last week. Trying to work around the schedules of local women as much as we could, we will begin meeting at 10am Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can decide on what to study, etc. at that time. Please invite your friends and neighbors!
- Megan Patrick, who has been vacationing with her aunt and grandmother at Hilton Head, SC, will be returning to us on Tuesday.

## NEWS...

- Our kitchen area is shaping up! Cindy Patrick located a sink and cabinet surface area and Arthur picked it up. Doug Elsbree helped Arthur finish the doorway and hook up our newly donated stove.
- Be sure to pick up a copy of the **minutes of our first congregational meeting**, which was held last Sunday following our very first potluck dinner!



## PRAYERS...

- Cindy Patrick had surgery on her back at Robert C. Packer Hospital on Thursday. Thank the Lord that the lab reported that no cancer was present! Cindy plans to return to work on Tuesday, but plans on taking it easy.
- Darlene Elsbree had minor surgery a week ago Thursday and learned that the bit she had removed from her cheek was benign, but would have turned into cancer at some point.
- Angelica Haakenson, the 11-year-old girl from Anchor Point, AK who lost her legs in an accident on Christmas Day will be transferred to a children's hospital either in WA or OR in a couple of weeks to rehabilitate and be fitted for prostheses.
- Muriel McConnon, who many of us know, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Jerry Lowe has been prescribed physical therapy to help him with arthritis in his back, which affects his legs as well.
- Tom Patrick was ill last Sunday, but is feeling better now.

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



**Songs: 666** I Am Thine, O Lord **472** A Shelter in the Time of Storm, **379** If That Isn't Love, **473** Safe in the Arms of Jesus, **827** Sweet Hour of Prayer