

## READINESS

*So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:4*

What if God called your name?

Be careful not to be so busy telling God where you want to go and what you want to do that you don't hear Him calling you. God does not need a résumé from you. You may have talent, skills and experience that make you fit for the work you have in mind. You may have no doubts about your ability in certain areas.

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On the other hand, you may be totally unprepared, or inclined, for some work, having none of the skills, talents, and experience to equip you for the job.

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To be baptized into Christ is to give your life to God. As a result of hearing the message of the gospel, your heart is convicted, and you know that God is calling your name. All of a sudden everything is very clear...the fog has gone...burned away by the presence of God. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we would say...

*... "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

Now we know that He loves us, and that He wants us to be with Him, and it does not matter if He asks us to do something big or something small. He simply wants to know if I am a ready soul. That bush that burned yet was not burned up...guess what? It still has not burned up. God is still calling His people to use as instruments of salvation in this lost world. He does it by calling us, first, to Him, and a ready person does not have to get ready.

Are you ready?

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### WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-6:30pm

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**  
ROMANS 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon: *Advance and Be Recognized!***

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

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**Scripture:** John 14:15-27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying Day 3 of Chapter 4 in the lounge. ☺**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Speakers so far are Don Myers from Montgomery, AL, Larry Krause from Kittanning, PA, and Steve Connors from Horseheads, NY., Orrin Nearhoof from Kentucky, Bill Garrett from Lewiston, PA, Frank Coletta from Clifton Park, NY and Alex Tullis from San Jose, CA. Also, Jeff Wyeth from Tunkhannock, PA.**

Next Potluck: May 20<sup>th</sup>



- **Arthur has been knocking on doors in this neighborhood to introduce us and hand them a leaflet asking them for ideas about how we can use our building for community events.**
- **Lani has accepted a new job in Texas, so she will be leaving us in early June. We will certainly miss her!**
- **Ruthie and Patty arrived home safely from FL last week. They had a wonderful visit but were saddened that their brother Stan was showing the effects of his cancer and was very frail.**
- **Emily Barry got the results of her biopsy on the half of thyroid that was removed. There was no cancer!**
- **A few of us attended the regional singing at Horseheads last Sunday evening and were treated to a very uplifting time of singing and fellowship.**
- **The gutters have been installed on the building. Take a look at how nice it looks!**

## PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **door-knocking**/leafleting campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood produces fruit and Bible studies.
- Prayer of thanksgiving that Patty and Ruthie came back to us safely and prayers for Stan and his wife Robin.
- **Pray that Connie has a successful interview for a full-time job.**
- Please pray for **Sam**, who is studying and working many long hours every day of the week.
- **Dara**, Darlene's sister, is searching for employment, as both of her current jobs have been cutting back hours.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**. Pray for her comfort as she is having trouble breathing. Also pray that she will reconsider Bible study.
- **Lori Kashorek** continues with experimental chemo treatments, and we pray it will keep her lung cancer in check.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments until June. She has 2 left to do. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. Pray for her comfort and that she will want to learn the truth about Christ soon.
- **Emily Barry** is thankful to God that her biopsy came back negative for cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Pray for **Ruthie's** friend and former colleague, **Nancy Black**, who is living at Elderwood in Waverly. She is very grateful for prayers offered on her behalf.
- **Don Myers** back surgery was not successful. He is suffering pain from a swollen nerve and is trying a new medicine for that.
- **Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** has been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. She had good news that the tumor shrank after her first round of chemo, which takes 3-4 days of infusions. She has finished her second chemo 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.