

A WINNING COMBINATION

Now I want to tell you, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia . Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich generosity.
– 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NLT)

When we allow God to have full reign over our hearts, it is amazing what He can accomplish. We often perceive our ability or inability to serve others based on what we lack rather than what we have in our possession.

Paul describes the Macedonian churches' response to his appeal for financial help for the Christ followers in Jerusalem . If we were to view their response as a mathematical formula it would look something like this: *Trouble and Hard Times + Wonderful Joy + Deep Poverty = Rich Generosity*. Viewing this through eyes that do not see as God sees would lead us to believe that the only positive factor in this equation is *Wonderful Joy*. Yet, it is joy combined with trouble, hard times, and poverty that led these Christians to give generously. These believers saw God even in the struggle and it caused them to have hearts that overflowed for others who were in need, even though their own need was great. Often our hearts are refined in the furnace of misfortune when we allow God to speak to us through the hardship we are experiencing.

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

Isaiah 48:10



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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-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you,
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *More is Not Enough*

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Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: We will resume Tuesday, September 11th.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 5th at 6:30pm. We will be studying Philippians.
- **5th Sunday Singing: September 30th at Endwell. 4:30pm**

Next Potluck: September 16th.



- **Sam's mother, sister in law, Katherine, and niece, Esther, are here visiting from Nigeria! Please introduce yourself and get to know Sam's family. This will be their last Sunday here.**
- **Emily Barry and her son, Aidan, left yesterday for St. Albans, Maine, where they have made their new home.**
- **Sam is applying for permanent residence in the US. Pray that everything goes smoothly with this endeavor and that he has a productive school year.**
- **School has started in the Valley Cities. Drive carefully and pray for all our young students.**

PRAYERS...

- Let's all make a big effort to fill this beautiful big building that we have been so blessed to acquire. **Each of us can invite people to study the Bible**, either with us or with another Christian or at one of our regular Bible studies.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber who** has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer (lymphoma). She is has had the last round of intensive chemo and will have results next week.
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will be having cataract surgery in the near future.
- Pray for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening **Bible class attendance and participation.**
- **Emily Barry** has been advised that she has the beginnings of a retinal tear, which she can do nothing to prevent. Pray for her and for Aidan as they start out for their new home in ME, and that Emily's job works out well there.

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