

What God Wants

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He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

These three things - act justly, love mercy and walk humbly - are the focus of a Christ-centered life.

God expects His people to treat others fairly. Jesus summed that up in the Golden Rule. Fair treatment means a day's work for a day's pay, whether you are the worker or the payer. It means a fair shake for everyone with whom we deal, regardless of our personal feelings. It means standing up for right when it isn't popular. Ultimately, it means doing what God tells us to do all the time.

To love mercy is more than being merciful. It is one thing to grudgingly give mercy to those who deserve otherwise because God has ordered it as though we were children ordered to make up after a fight. It is quite another to love mercy so much we look for ways to show it. Jesus loved mercy, and his example was one of the greatest compassion in confronting the sins of the people combined with stern rebuke for those who led them.

Finally, we are to walk humbly with our God. When we think of the great privilege to walk with God, how can we do any less than walk humbly? It is a human tendency to get a little full of ourselves from time to time, and Christians are no exception.

It is good for us to remind ourselves that we are here simply by God's grace and the message we have been given is not our own, but God's. If that message is rejected, we should not angrily assume it is personal. Rather, as those who love mercy, we should be saddened when someone seals their doom by rejecting God.

In the end, our outward obedience - frequency of communion, worship and even mode and reason for baptism - must come from a sincere desire to please God.

If not, we might as well be heathens.



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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: *Stones, Bones and Thrones*

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Scripture: Luke 24:13-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: This Monday, September 24th. The class will be at Darlene's house with lunch following. After this week we will revert to our usual Tuesday.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 26th at 6:30pm. We will continue with our study of Philippians.
- **5th Sunday Singing: September 30th at Endwell. 4:30pm**

Next Potluck: October 21st.



- **We should be hearing within the next week or so how many Sojourners can come and when they will be coming next summer. Applications have been filed with local authorities.**
- **Arthur attended the Camp Hunt Men's Retreat from Thursday evening until Saturday afternoon. He had fellowship with old friends, met several new people and listened to lots of sound teaching about the word of God from Kerry Morris of Albany. The singing was very edifying too.**

PRAYERS...

- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor. She is currently on a chemo regimen that is experimental but appears to be working.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber who** has metastatic breast cancer. Erin is also on a chemo program that is extending her life.
- **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). The results of her chemo were not as good as she hoped in that the tumors hadn't shrunk, but they hadn't grown either and appear to be inactive. Natalie is starting back to work part time.
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will be having cataract surgery soon. He is also having his hearing loss assessed in preparation for getting new hearing aids.
- Pray for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening **Bible class attendance and participation, which has been low to non-existent.**
- **Emily Barry** has been advised that she has the beginnings of a retinal tear, which she can do nothing to prevent. Pray that she will find a good-paying steady job.

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.