

# Imprisoned or Free... Living for Christ

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While Paul is imprisoned he writes an impassioned plea to his beloved brothers and sisters in Philippi.

He says that while dying would be most beneficial for him, it was more needful for them that he remains alive; and that remaining alive, for him, is Christ (Philippians 1:21-24). He desires that they too live their lives together as it “becomes the gospel of Christ” and that they “stand fast in one spirit” and strive together with “one mind” for “the faith of the gospel” (1:27).

What does that life look like?

- It suggests humbling ourselves and having the mind of Christ (2:2–8).
- It indicates being obedient and working out our own salvation (2:12).
- It points to doing all things without griping or complaining (2:14).
- It implies rejoicing (3:1; 4:4).
- It signifies never giving up (3:13–14; 4:1).
- It means being thankful and thinking on the things that come from above (4:6–8).

What does *continuing to live here on earth* mean to you? Would you consider death to be gain? These two questions are inseparable. Be faithful.

[Those of you who join us for Wednesday night Bible study have been discussing these very scriptures, but I thought it would be good reinforcement, and encouraging for others, to include this powerful article dealing with Philippians – AB]



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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.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

ROMANS 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon: *Let us Pray***

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**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:13-20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: This Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The class will be at the building. Our lesson will be Day 4 of Lesson 5, continued.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will continue with our study of Philippians, chapter 2. Arthur is teaching.
- **Trunk or Treat-** Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm in the church parking lot.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner**, served by the Gutheries and the Salsgivers from Kittanning- Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18.

**Next Potluck: Next Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**



- **The Sojourners are coming! Four couples in campers will be arriving July 8<sup>th</sup> next summer and staying to help us until the 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Don't forget to think of ways we can use our building for community efforts. The homework help plan is a real possibility, Wednesday after school for starters, expanding to twice a week in the future.**
- **Please plan to join our "Trunk or Treat" on the 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. We would like to have a nice assortment of car and van trunks decorated to give out candy and treats to the kids who stop by. Please consider volunteering your car trunk if you can't be here yourself.**
- **POTLUCK NEXT WEEK! BRING WARM FOOD!** 😊

## 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 has started back to work part time.
- **Pray for fruitful results of ongoing visits and Bible studies.**
- **Ted** has had a stroke in his eye necessitating injections in his eyeball. His cataract surgery is on hold for the time being.
- **Emily Barry** has started training for her new job as caretaker supervisor. Her car is not yet available after her auto accident, and her employers have been offering transportation. **Aidan** is liking his school in Maine and having a successful time so far.
- **Arthur** will be visiting the cardiologist in a week to follow up on his heartbeat irregularities.
- Pray that **Jackie** can find a place to live in the Valley Cities area soon.
- **Molly Rivera** started her new job as an Equine Therapist on Thursday, for which she is very thankful. Pray that all goes well.

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