

The Presence of God

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In the book of Exodus, we read about the "presence of God." God's people encountered His presence:

- at the burning bush (Exodus 3-4),
- in the 10 plagues sent on the Egyptians (Exodus 7:11),
- crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14),
- in the cloud and pillar of fire (Ex. 13),
- in the thunder, lightning, loud trumpet blast, smoke and fire at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19),
- in the angel sent ahead of them (Exodus 23),
- in the ark of the Testimony-between the cherubim (Exodus 25:22),
- in the glow of Moses' face (Exodus 34:29-35) and
- as the completed tabernacle was filled with the Lord's glory (Exodus 40:34-38).

The presence of God was also felt in New Testament time. The prophet Isaiah used the name "Immanuel" to refer to the coming Son of God. That name means "God with us" (Mt. 1:23). The Hebrews writer referred to Jesus as "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being." (Heb. 1:3).

What about you and me? I'm glad that God's presence was revealed to the Israelites and that Jesus personally came to the earth. But I'm very glad that you and I aren't left all alone. God's Holy Spirit lives in each and every one of His children today. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit cannot be discerned by physical, mental or emotional manifestations. But just like we "know" that God forgives our sins when we are baptized, we "know" that His presence is with us today! We know because of the promise of God (Acts 2:38; 5:32; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; Ephesians 1:13, 14).

Be thankful for His presence in your life!



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Lies the Wicked Tell Themselves

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Scripture: Luke 12:13- 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 11th, Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck:** September 15th
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing: September 29th here at Valley Cities.**



NEWS

- **Pancakes on the Porch** yesterday was attended by one guest only. We probably won't try this again until late spring.
- **Next Sunday will be our regularly scheduled potluck. With the cooler weather that is breezing in, we can enjoy some heartier fare, such as stews, chili and casseroles.**
- **Arthur will be speaking at the Camp Hunt (NY) Men's Retreat** on Saturday, September 21st. His subject will be **Overcoming Problems in the Church.**
- **Plans are being made to start a Grief Ministry** as an outreach service to the community.

PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two recent door-knocking campaigns.**
- Please pray for **Peyton**, as she continues to have seizures. After her most recent visit to the doctor she had her first grand mal seizure as she was returning home.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon, **Andrea Lentz and Lori Kashorek**, who have lung cancer (Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church), **Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer (Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin), **Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke, and **Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication.
- Pray for those of us who have people in our families who are yet unsaved or have strayed.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.