

The Water Cycle

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Awesome! Magnificent! Breathtaking!

Niagara Falls is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and it is right here in New York State (with a bit in Canada 😊). I have visited more than once, and I can't help but wonder if the same molecules of water have produced that spectacle more than once. The water cycle calls rain from water vapor. Rain falls on the earth and it falls indiscriminately on the righteous and on the unrighteous (Matthew 5:45). It refreshes and regenerates and provides habitat for all manner of life as it makes its way, by rivers and streams, to our lakes and our seas and our oceans. There it provides a habitat for even more life forms while it waits to be called back to Heaven. The same sun that shines on the evil and the good (Matthew 5:45), the life-giving light that bathes the Earth in energy and orders our days, will work in harmony with water to bring life and comfort and hope. If there were no sun there would be no water cycle, and when the sun goes down, and night comes, the heavenward traffic comes to a standstill. Ice or snow can actually "sublimate" directly into water vapor without first melting, but intense sunlight is still necessary. Isn't it interesting that the earthward traffic (rain) is not interrupted by nightfall? Rain can fall whether it is night or day.

God makes sure we can always have rain, but He also makes sure that no one goes to Heaven without His call. Only those who walk in the light will make that journey. (1 John 1:5-10)

If you have once lived in the flesh, and been called to Heaven, you will not come this way again. It is appointed for each of us to die once (Hebrew 9:27). And yet, there is a cycle to God's water of life which is His Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39). To be indwelt by the Spirit is to be called Heavenward. That means we must relinquish our hold on this world as God shines His light upon us. The more of ourselves that we give up, the more God can pour His life into this world. The flow is from Heaven and back again. As the Spirit flows, it refreshes and revitalizes. It provides habitat for all manner of sinner, teaching them to walk in the light and not in the dark, because our lives are just vapor after all (James 4:14).

Of course, none of this would make any sense whatsoever without the knowledge of Jesus. This dying, parched world cried out for Him and He came...the very precipitation of God, falling like dew, shining in the morning sun. Then, falling like death, hard and cruel and dark, waiting for morning to come again; and it came. Then, He ascended back to the clouds, back to the light, back to very Heaven. Then, He sent His Spirit to call us. So, we cry for Heaven, and Heaven calls for us.

There has been a lot of water under the bridge since Jesus walked on Earth.

How awesome God is! How magnificent! How breathtaking!



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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: A Change is Gonna Come

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Scripture: Philippians 3:17-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** November 20th, 6:30pm. Arthur will continue with chapter 6 of Galatians. At the conclusion of the study of Galatians, whenever that happens, Paul will begin our new study of Colossians.
- **Next Potluck:** December 15th
- **Grief Ministry** meeting and showing of Tear Soup- 7pm, Tuesday, November 26th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th.
- **Next Regional Singing:** December 29th @ Endwell
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th



NEWS

- **Thanksgiving Dinner** last night was **AWESOME!** We had visitors from Endless Mountains in Tunkhannock, plus 5 visitors from the area. In all there were 31 of us. Many thanks to Pat and Robin Guthrie and Randy and Barb Salsgiver for all the food preparation and splendid service. It was a time of good fellowship.
- We will be having a **POTLUCK (DISH-TO-PASS)** dinner **TODAY** following worship. Please stay and help us eat up leftovers from yesterday's Thanksgiving dinner as well as anything new some of us have cooked up.
- We are planning to install a **chairlift** on one of the stairways leading to downstairs. Investigations are now underway. However, we are presently awaiting communication from the installation agency.
- **Darlene** will be having another **book signing** on November 23rd, this time at God's Promise Bookstore in Athens. See the poster in the foyer for details.
- **Our first meeting for the grief ministry** and showing of Tear Soup is in a little over a week, Tuesday, November 26th. Please share the information with friends and family and consider helping with refreshments. Listen for the ad on CHOICE 102 radio.

PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two door-knocking campaigns. We are getting results!**
- Pray for **Todd** as he is recovering from knee surgery, which he had on Monday. We are thankful that he is doing so well.
- **Jennifer** recently had a biopsy that was determined to be benign. For that we give thanks!
- **Emily Barry** is awaiting the results of her biopsy she had last Tuesday. Pray for her peace of mind.
- **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer is now staying at home. Please pray for her to be free from pain and for healing.
- **Please pray for Mark Elsbree, Doug's brother**, who needs a kidney donor.
- **Pray for Ted's brother John**, who has a rare blood condition where his blood has too much protein. It has been taking a toll on his health recently.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church. Lori has stopped using conventional medicines and is using diet and natural methods to regain her health.
- **Pray for Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer. She has recently decided to try a new course of chemo in an effort to prolong her life. Erin has agreed to study the Bible with Arthur about how to be saved and is asking deep questions. Pray for this study.
- **Pray for Peyton Chacona**, who has seizures.
- **Pray for all of us, that we can deepen our faith individually and continue to meet as often as we can to encourage each other. Pray that we increase in number.**

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.