

## Coping in 2021

By Ronald Bartanen

What will we be facing in this new year?  
Will it be a year of good health, or of illness?  
Will there be a stabilizing economy or a stock-market crash?  
Will there be an increase of unity as a nation or an increase of chaos, looting, burning and physical violence?

As individuals, will we learn to cope with life's illnesses and failures, or will we collapse under the stresses of life? We don't know all the answers to the situations we must face. As our fears mount up, it becomes more and more difficult to cope.

Even those who are people of faith find it difficult to face personal, national, and global problems confidently. We need daily to be reminded of the words of Jesus: "In this world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Our ability to cope begins with faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Is your trust in Him who died for you, and was raised again? Have you, in faith, repented of sins, confessed faith in Christ, and been baptized? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Are you faithfully following Him? (Revelation 2:10) When united to Him who died for us, we are encouraged and strengthened by His Spirit to cope with the problems of life, and to rejoice in the new life He has promised those who follow Him.

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**Pride is to the character like the attic is to the house – the highest part, and generally the most empty.**



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### **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

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:** *Get Right or Get Left*

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**Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:20-26**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Today Paul will be teaching from the Psalms.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: January 13<sup>th</sup>:** Haggai
- **Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little and two other couples** hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



### NEWS

- **We will have an annual corporation meeting today, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be electing one and three-year trustees. Copies of the bylaws are available.**
- **Arthur and Sandy will be traveling to AL** by way of FL later in January. Arthur will be preaching at the Elmore church of Christ, which helps support our work here in Sayre, on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Join our **daily Bible reading** group! Use the internet or your Bible. Ask Arthur to be invited online or for a printed-out schedule.
- **Sam** has moved to Liverpool, NY for an internship which will last 6 or 7 months.
- **Doug and Darlene** will be leaving FL on the 18<sup>th</sup> to return home. Darlene plans to resume attending worship when she gets back.

Arthur will be preaching this morning.

## PRAYERS

- Pray for all the **Christian families who have lost loved ones** the past few weeks: **Arthur's cousin David in England, Ted's brother John, Paul's sister Linda and his brother Jimmy, Doug Kashorek's wife Lori and Jo Pennington's husband G.K.** We pray for peace and comfort that only God can provide.
- **Pat Guthrie** who many of us know from the church in Kittanning, has had lung cancer reoccur in his left lung. Please pray that he can go into remission once more.
- **José Rivera**, Molly's husband, has been laid off work until he can stabilize his blood sugar levels. Please pray that he can do that soon.
- Darlene's father-in-law, **Bob Elsbree** underwent emergency surgery on Friday to detach his intestines from his gall bladder where they had bonded. He is in Packer Hospital here in Sayre.
- Pray for **spiritual growth** (increased Bible class attendance and greater participation in Bible reading programs) and more people in the area who want to worship with us here in Sayre.
- We are thankful that none of us here at Valley Cities has come down with Covid-19. Several of us have close relatives who were sick with it, but we thank God that all recovered fully.
- We are thankful for the year 2020 coming to an end and a new year beginning! Happy New Year to us all! **God bless us in 2021!**

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.