

## YOUR FATHER CARES

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Does the fact that someone “knows” of a need necessarily translate into that someone “caring” and “doing” something about that need? No! Not at all! Look at how many people, organizations and government entities know of needs around them but do absolutely nothing.

In His “Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus definitely wants us to know that “your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him” (**Matthew. 6:8**). But Jesus also wants us to know that your Father goes the next step.

Jesus tells us to “Look at the birds” and realize that “your heavenly Father feeds them” (6:26). If God feeds the birds, don’t you know that all of your basic necessities “will be added to you” (6:33)!



If earthly fathers “give good gifts” to their children, “how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him” (7:11)—not just physical things like “bread” (6:11), but forgiveness of sins (6:12-14) and entrance into “the kingdom of heaven” (7:21).

Thank God that we have a Father who both knows and cares!



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

Romans 16:16

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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today’s Sermon: God’s Steadfast Love**

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm August 23, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 5th chapter on R (repenting).
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – September 17.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, August 21. Amos
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** – October 29, at Wellsboro.



Today is Bring-a-Friend Sunday and will be followed by our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Potluck Meal after worship. Please plan to stay for food and fellowship.

## PRAYERS

- **Steve** will be traveling to Boston this week to visit family. Please pray that those who are suffering ill health will improve and that he can encourage them to obey the Gospel.
- **Darlene** was supposed to have an upper endoscopy with Bravo chip on Friday to see what is causing severe esophagitis. Pray that she can find the correct medicine to remedy this.
- Darlene has asked for prayers for her **Aunt Nancy**, Jackie's sister, who is dealing with some health issues. Also, prayers for her **Uncle Joe**, age 90, who is dealing with the effects of dehydration.
- **The Elsbree homestead was a disaster area following a "microburst" passing through a week ago yesterday.** Pray that they can get the place cleaned up quickly and be able to go south for their anniversary trip.
- **The minister at the South Valley Church of Christ in Las Vegas** has promised to contact two churches that are actually closer to where **our brother Jerry Lowe** lives in a quest to help him establish contact and perhaps get a ride to worship. He said if that doesn't help, he will arrange for a ride to South Valley. This truly is an answer to prayer.

### Pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Greg (Bonnie's brother)**- long recovery from cancer surgery, home now doing better
- **Monique (Miki's friend)**- will be receiving another method of administering Morphine for effective pain relief.
- **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4 and is having chemo treatment every 3 weeks
- **Sue Barry**- pray that she stays in remission.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia
- **Amy**- pray that her stomach discomfort will ease soon.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, back on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling tree and is now in rehab near Albany, NY.

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.