

Persevering Prayer

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How easy it is to become discouraged if we have been praying for something specific and we fail to see our prayers being answered. Questions may begin to fill our hearts. “Did I pray right?” “Are there sins I may need to repent of and confess?” “Is my heart really right with the Lord?” “Why does God not answer my prayers?”

The answer to our questions may be in the simple truth that God’s timetable does not match our own. We live on the limited island of time; God lives in the limitless ocean of eternity. We may think we have been praying a long time, but in God’s sight we have spent little time in prayer.

In our moments of doubting our prayers, we need to remember that Jesus gave a parable to teach that “men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Lk. 18:1). Our earnest prayers to God should always be offered in the spirit of “not my will but Yours be done.” When we pray and trust God for His answers, we may not always receive what we ask for, when we want it, but we will learn some great lessons if we “continue steadfastly in prayer” (Rom. 12:12). When we “pray without ceasing” (1 Th. 5:17), we will learn patience as we wait on the Lord and fully trust Him, especially when we don’t understand! May we heed God’s warning to not become impatient or discouraged, but to continue in prayer and we will learn that God’s delay in answering our prayers may be His way of releasing more of His grace and love into our hearts!



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Today’s Sermon: There Goes My Life

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-5

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 November 8, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 7th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, November 7. We will continue with the study of Nahum.**
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Dinner- Saturday, November 18, here at the building. Please invite guests to this dinner.**
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday – November 19.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** March 31 at Horseheads.



- ✓ **Thinking about ways to use our building for outreach...**
 - Steve is looking into an addiction recovery program that we could offer the community.
 - How about a coffee house / musical jam session?
 - Do you have any ideas for developing our outreach ministry and our spiritual fellowship?
- ❖ **Beginning in December we will be looking into the discipline of prayer and fasting** with a view to entering into the practice together.
- ❖ **MAGI boxes- T-shirt sizes for boys- Mens Small or Youth Large. For girls- Ladies Small.**

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Steve's brother Chris who is suffering from depression.**
- **Steve Burger has had a recurrence of lung cancer. He is going to have immunotherapy and is very hopeful of good results.**
- **Darlene had a brain MRI** to check for a possible mass behind her ear. Thankfully, the MRI was normal. She will also be having **an upper endoscopy with chip** on Friday, November 17. Please pray that she can learn how to treat her irritated throat and esophagus.
- **Jackie** had shoulder pain on Friday. She had bloodwork done and an Xray to see if it was an arthritis flareup. Please pray for pain relief..
- **Paulette Frycek** is in acute pain from a pinched nerve in her lower back. She is still unable to go to work.
- **Miki** is being treated for gout in her foot.
- **Debbie Sexton has reported that Jim has been placed in hospice care because of his esophageal cancer** and is looking forward to seeing our Lord soon. He is at peace.
- **Joyce Ross** from the Ithaca church is in the hospital with swelling in her face and pain following surgery there.
- **Jonathan Russell**, also from Ithaca, is in Packer Hospital here in Sayre again for complications of diabetes affecting his feet and legs.
- **Ruthie's friend Nancy Black** is now having diabetes related trouble with her remaining leg. Please pray it can be resolved before it gets worse.
- **Bonnie's brother Greg** needs hernia surgery and is not yet fully recovered from his prostate surgery.

Continue to pray for these people:

- **Monique (Miki's friend)-** needs pain relief
- **Pat Guthrie-**he has lung cancer, stage 4.
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia,
- **Sue Barry-** stage 4 breast cancer. Currently in remission while continuing with chemo.
- **Brian,** who was injured by a falling log and is in a rehab center near Albany. Making slow progress.
- **Tammy (Paulette's friend)-** cancer in her blood.

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.