

In the Corner or On the Corner?

"For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

Acts 26:26

The apostle Paul seems to be in a special category of Christians when it comes to being outspoken for Jesus. It is easy for you and me to just leave evangelism to people like him. Aren't you glad people like him don't feel that way? Paul only had one "pitch" when it came down to testifying for Jesus, and it did not matter who he was making his pitch to; it would always come out the same.

So here he is talking to King Agrippa after being imprisoned for at least two years for talking to his fellow Jews about Jesus. He had the benefit of two years to think about how he might change his testimony and get released from prison. He had been granted audiences with others, such as Felix (Acts 24), so he definitely knew how the system worked. And yet his testimony remained unchanged. There was nothing that Paul wanted to abandon or amend. In fact he is unashamed and unwavering and he is even happy that King Agrippa knows all those facts that Paul does not want to change. Paul takes great satisfaction in knowing that nothing he had done had been done *in a corner*.

On the contrary, Paul lived and testified **ON** the corner, not **IN** it. His faith in Jesus was a public event, not a private privilege. Thanks to people like Paul, you and I can still come to Christ. Are there people who might say the same about you and me? Does our faith play out **IN** a corner or **ON** the corner?



That meets at 215 South Thomas Ave, Sayre, PA 18840
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April 3, 2016

WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



Today's Sermon: *The Testimony of Water and Blood*

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

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Scripture: 1 John 5:1-12

Hymns: 759 Shall We Gather at the River; **324** Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?; **374** There is a Fountain; **313** The Old Rugged Cross; **904** Are You Washed in the Blood?

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class, Tuesday, April 5th.** Darlene will lead the lesson on the first chapter of Ruth. There was some discussion about postponing class till next week on the 12th.
- **Spiritual Giftedness Seminar-** April 23-25. Doug Hamilton from the Camp Hill church will present this program at the Grand Victorian Hotel and here at the building. The schedule is on the bulletin board.
- An exploratory team from the Antioch Initiative will be coming up to Tunkhannock, PA the first week in May to start making plans to plant a church there.
- There will be a campaign in June to contact all interested people in the Tunkhannock area for Bible studies and worship. Robin Barry and his family from Soldotna, AK plan on visiting Arthur and Sandy at that time to help with the effort.
- Check out the poster for the Christian Town Hall that Arthur is working on and please add this to your prayer list.



- Jerry Lowe will be in a convalescent home for the next five or six weeks. He would love to receive cards and letters at the following address: The Bradford County Manor, 15900 Route 6, room 207, Troy, PA 16947.
- Arthur and Sandy are planning to attend the lectureship at Ohio Valley University from April 3-6. They will be leaving for West Virginia following services this morning. This is an opportunity to advertise the outreach efforts that are on-going in Northeast, PA.
- HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY, CHADEVIN!

PRAYERS...

- Emily Barry is thankful that she has been offered a job and has already worked a week. Aidan is also fitting in well at school.
- Jerry Lowe had been in the hospital for a week or so with an infection in his blood. He is now in a convalescent home for several weeks before going back home. His address is printed opposite.
- Don Washburn, Rhonda's husband, has been quite ill with Lyme disease.
- Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the church in Plattsburg, has lung cancer and is being treated with chemo.
- Please pray for the outreach effort of the Antioch Initiative to start a church in Tunkhannock, PA in the spring.
- Please pray for the church at Endwell during their time of transition. Also, we are thankful for safe travels for Eric and Kim and family, who have arrived in Victorville, CA.
- Darlene is looking for work once her job at the school finishes. She has multiple dental problems that are proving to be very expensive and painful.
- Our family and friends who need to be saved or restored to faith.
- Pray for our country, the upcoming election, and our Christian example to the rest of the world during these times. Help us to take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel.

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

Remember the fellow looking down his nose at others usually has the wrong slant.

What dainty morsels rumors are, they are eaten with