

Buried in the Promised Land

Before Joseph died in Egypt he asked his brothers a very special favor. You can read about it in two places in the Bible.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

Genesis 50:24,25

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. Hebrews 11:22

You can read about that promise being fulfilled many years later when Joseph and his brothers were all long dead.

And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants. Joshua 24:32

This is a clear case of someone still speaking, though dead. You could say that Joseph's faith lived on in his bones. Joseph was concerned about one thing when he was alive – the will of God. And he was concerned about one thing in his death - the will of God. He did not want to be separated from God's people ever again. He was going to make sure that part of him made it to the Promised Land.

Superstition? Fanaticism? Insanity? The world has little respect for such devotion today, but God sure does. He calls it FAITH!

Are you so convicted by God's promise of a heavenly reward that you are making your plans, now, to be in the Promised Land? Have you committed your body to holy ground, even now while you are alive? Will those who live on after you have passed from this world be able to draw sustenance from your faith? Are you so united with God's purpose, and His people, that, knowing what it means to be lost, you cannot bear the thought of ever being separated from them again? Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your epitaph read something like this?

By faith (.....) offered God an acceptable sacrifice. By faith he/she was commended as a righteous person when God spoke well of his/her offerings. And by faith he/she still speaks, even though he/she is dead. Hebrews 11:4 **AB**



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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-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *WBS presentation – Bill Colwell*

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Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, April 17th, 10am. We will be studying Day 2 of the fourth chapter.**
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29th, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31st- Sunday, June 3rd. Speakers so far are Don Myers from Montgomery, AL, Larry Krause from Kittanning, PA, and Steve Connors from Horseheads, NY., Orrin Nearhoof from Kentucky, Bill Garrett from Lewiston, PA.**

Next Potluck: May 20th



- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX is here with his wife, Ruth, today to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- We had a very fruitful cleaning and organizing day yesterday! Thanks, everyone!
- **Arthur has started knocking on doors in this neighborhood to introduce us and hand them a leaflet asking them for ideas about how we can use our building for community events.**
- **Lani** has accepted a new job in Texas, so she will be leaving us in early June.
- **POTLUCK TODAY: WORLD THEME!** Please plan to stay for a fellowship meal with us following worship. Our afternoon workshop with Bill Colwell will begin at 2pm. Friends from other congregations will be here too.

PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **door-knocking**/leafleting campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood produces fruit and Bible studies.
- **Praise God for Connie Altieri's decision to be baptized!**
- Please pray for **Sam**, who is studying and working many long hours every day of the week.
- **Dara**, Darlene's sister, is searching for employment, as both of her current jobs have been cutting back hours.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**. Pray for her comfort as she is having trouble breathing. Also pray that she will reconsider Bible study.
- **Lori Kashorek** continues with experimental chemo treatments, and we pray it will keep her lung cancer in check.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments until June. She has 3 left to do. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. Pray for her comfort and that she will want to learn the truth about Christ soon.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on the 24th of April in Sayre. Pray for peace for her. Also, Sandy and Arthur's niece, **Katie**, will not be having surgery on her thyroid at this time.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Also, please pray for **their sister in law, Deborah**, who is suffering excruciating pain in her jaw.
- **Ruthie's** friend and former colleague, **Nancy Black**, has had her foot amputated because of complications of diabetes. She is living at Elderwood in Waverly. She is very grateful for prayers offered on her behalf.
- **Don Myers** back surgery was not successful. He may need a second surgery.
- Pray for **Connie** as she has an interview for a good fulltime job tomorrow.
- **Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** has been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. She had good news that the tumor shrank after her first round of chemo, which takes 3-4 days of infusions.
- **We pray that our workshop this afternoon is well attended and that some of us choose to join the program to win souls for Christ. Also, that Bill and Ruth Colwell have safe travels when they depart from here.**

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry: barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.