

# Beautiful Feet

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"I will never forget the first time I saw him. It was love at first sight. He had the most beautiful smile I had ever seen, and then when I looked into his eyes—they were beyond beautiful." Words like this are sometimes part of conversations in our land, but one thing you will never hear: "He had the most beautiful feet I have ever seen. I was captivated by their beauty." Now as strange as it might seem, the Bible does talk about beautiful feet.

God's plan was for His people to take His message to a lost world. How did He look at it? "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things'" (Romans 10:14-15)! There it is. Those who bring the gospel to the lost have beautiful feet.

What makes their feet beautiful? It begins long before they walk to conduct their study with a lost person. When God described the armor Christian soldiers must put on, He did not forget their feet (Ephesians 6:13-18). He has on his head a helmet of salvation. His upper body has a breastplate of righteousness. His midsection is wrapped with the truth of God. His hand has that shield of faith to withstand every fiery projectile thrown at him by Satan. He also holds the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. However, there is one other item he must have. He must enclose his feet with "the preparation of the gospel of peace."

That gospel of peace was completely prepared by God as He established the church, but we must ensure that we place it on our feet. Teaching others demands hours of preparing ourselves. It demands prayer and long periods of study of God's word. However, God expects all of us to feed on the milk of the word, then go on to feasting on the meat of the word and then to become teachers of others (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Having done this, we take that "gospel of peace" to a troubled world. It brings peace between those who were captivated by sin, enemies of God, and makes them children of God. It brings to their hearts a peace which passes all understanding.

It also brings "glad tidings of good things." Is this not the definition of the gospel? The Greek word for gospel literally means good news. We take this good news to them, and it brings gladness to their souls. It brings gladness to your soul for there is no joy greater than bringing a lost person to Him. So, take time to look at your feet. They may appear hideous to you, but the heart of that lost one will say, "How beautiful are the feet of those who brought me the gospel of peace, glad tidings of good things!"



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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-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** *Soldiers of God*

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**Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, either Arthur or Paul will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck: August 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing: September 29<sup>th</sup>. Venue TBA.**



### NEWS

- **Phyllis Bloom**, our newest sister in Christ, has returned to her daughter's home in MD. We plan to follow up with her and make sure she has a place to worship and continue learning about Jesus.
- **Our hard-working friends from Kittanning and Camp Hill churches have been here, some since Monday and Tuesday, knocking on doors, creating craft projects, decorating rooms and planning skits and puppet shows and lessons for our VBS. Kittanning is still here, and the show goes on this morning!**
- **Please plan to stay after worship to enjoy a barbecue with us as a closing activity for the VBS, Soldiers of God.**
- **Jerry** will be having surgery to remove all the cancer he has on both his scalp and his forearm on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August in Towanda.

## PRAYERS

- **Prayers of thanksgiving for the success of our VBS, Soldiers of God, yesterday and today, and for a good response to the door-knocking campaign.**
- **Thanksgiving for the positive responses** to visits to the contacts made during our recent door-knocking campaign while the Sojourners were here to help. Pray that this effort will bear fruit for the church here.
- Pray for the success of **Jerry's** cancer surgery later this month.
- **Sue Davis**, wife of Bill Davis, of Horseheads is convalescing from a bad reaction to a UTI, which was initially diagnosed as a stroke. Prayers for her continued recovery.
- **Braxton Phillips**, infant, needs a feeding tube because of a rare disease. We met his grandmother while door-knocking close to the church building.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for 6-month-old **Blair Huddleston's** successful open-heart surgery.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon, **Andrea Lentz and Lori Kashorek**, who have lung cancer, **Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer, **Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke, and **Don Myers** who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication.
- Pray for those of us who have people in our families who are yet unsaved or have strayed.

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.