

## ***God Is In Control***

Welcome to the finale of VBS 2016 at Valley Cities church of Christ. Once again we have had tremendous help from the brethren at Kittanning and Camp Hill churches and we cannot thank these brothers and sisters enough. They have come in numbers and they have come with supplies and they have come with zeal to knock doors and invite a great many people for the community. Whole families have temporarily transplanted themselves to Sayre for days and have devoted themselves to this effort.

What makes people do such things?

Larry Krause and I have shared our nostalgia for the cars that we used to drive in the old days. In fact on Wednesday afternoon, as we were gathering back at the building, following afternoon door-knocking activities, Larry arrived with Nathan Rosenberger (a.k.a. Brother Pro Wimpy) in a white 1977 Triumph TR4. Larry would have purchased this car as it had everything that he wanted except for one thing. It had no D.A (Diane Approval). Nevertheless Larry and Nathan got to enjoy their brief joy-ride.

Larry knew that this Triumph would bring defeat. He longed to own such a thing and spend time behind the wheel, shifting those gears and listening to that engine as he imposed his directional will upon that classic vehicle. But such a choice could mean causing a tear in the L.D.C. (Larry / Diane continuum) and ultimately Larry was happy to yield to the control of a higher power.

Joy in the LORD won out over nostalgia for old cars. Larry may one day own such a vehicle but he will not let any passion over-ride his passion for the LORD. God is in control of his life, so he has spent the entire week here, relentlessly knocking on doors. Others from Kittanning and Camp Hill have been arriving since Tuesday and all have worked tirelessly. At one point, when I expressed concern that we had not planned to feed them very well, the answer was, "We did not come to be a burden on you."

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God must be in control of these lives.

Then there is Jesus, breathing His last, but managing to ask His Father to forgive those who were putting Him to death.

God must have been in control of His life, don't you think?



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### **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

***Thanks to brethren  
from Kittanning and  
Camp Hill  
Vacation Bible School***



**Today's Sermon: TBA**

**Guest Speaker: Ben Wright from Kittanning**

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**Scripture: TBA**

**Hymns: 731** Take Time To Be Holy; **699** I'll Be A Friend To Jesus; **700** More Love To Thee; **452** Standing On The Promises; **332** Lead Me To Calvary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: September 18<sup>th</sup>.**



- **We will be carrying on and finishing up VBS 2016 this morning. We are happy to report that there were 13 visitors to VBS yesterday, not counting parents and relatives, etc. After worship, please join us at River Front Park, down the street, for a potluck barbecue. See you there!**
- **The Christians from Camp Hill, PA left yesterday to return home as did Larry and Diane Krause. Larry will be preaching at Kittanning this morning. Keep the rest of the group in your prayers as they travel back to Kittanning this afternoon and evening.**
- **Ethan Chacona will have his tonsils and adenoids removed on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ted will have tubes placed in his ears on the 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Arthur and Sandy will be traveling to TN to attend Polishing the Pulpit and visit family this week. Jerry Stumpf from Allentown will be preaching here next Sunday.**
- **Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle. We are meeting more and more people who wish to worship with us or learn about the Bible with us who do not have transportation. Giving them a lift is a good way to get to know people. 😊**



## PRAYERS...

- Pray for Lori Kashorek, who has lung cancer and has been treated with chemo. She appears to be recovering well.
- Pray for the successful outreach and teaching of the VBS efforts and a prayer of thanksgiving for the help we are receiving from other Christians to accomplish the VBS.
- Please pray that Felicity Hicks can find a place to live, as she is homeless now and her children are staying with friends.
- Pray for Claire Albro, Patty and Ruthie's stepmom who has cancer in several organs and is being treated with chemo
- Lori Johnson, mother of Veronica who came to VBS, has brain cancer. She is being treated with chemo, and Veronica asked us to pray for her.
- Pray for Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, who is in poor health and has moved out to Nevada to be near his brother.
- Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Springs, FL, is not doing well. He has no lower body strength. Doctors are investigating to find out why. Pray that he can be restored to health. Darlene will be traveling there next month for a visit.
- Pray for the continuing success of the church in Tunkhannock, PA. Bless the outreach accomplished during their ladies day yesterday.
- Pray for our country, the upcoming election, and our Christian example to the rest of the world during these times.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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