

A Genuine Bargain in Religion

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It takes more than a reduced price to qualify as a real bargain. Some fixed price items can be bargains too, if what you get is worth more than you pay, even at full undiscounted price.

People may be bargain hunters in religion too. They seek a religion that provides benefits greater than the cost. What they often end up with is something that cannot provide their real spiritual needs, but people will accept it because of the reduced cost and commitment on their part. They want to be accepted and approved even though they make a minimal contribution in service, money, etc.

True Christianity is "fair traded." The price is not negotiable but fixed. Its price cannot be lowered or raised. The cost is complete surrender and commitment of oneself to the Lord, willingness to be added to the one and only true church by the Lord Himself and to function only under His headship.

Even with the extremely high cost Christianity is a bargain. The forgiveness of sins, ability to cope with the demands of life, endless spiritual blessings, and the promise of heaven at the end of it - this far outweighs the cost.

It is worth noting that the cost for the Christian is less than what it cost Jesus Christ to provide salvation and heaven for sinners. Be glad you don't have to pay that price.

...for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:20



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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.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Gospel of Mark Pt 2*

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Scripture: Mark 8:27-33

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Out for the summer! Watch this space! We will resume NEXT MONTH.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 22nd at 6:30pm. We are studying the book of Judges.
- **5th Sunday Singing: September 30th at Endwell. 4:30pm**

Next Potluck: September 16th.



- **Sam's mother, sister in law, Katherine, and niece, Esther, are here visiting from Nigeria! Please introduce yourself and get to know Sam's family.**
- **Some of us have been following up on leads provided to us from the door knocking campaign leading up to the VBS. Let's hope that we see many of these people join us in worship and also join us in Christ.**
- **Arthur and Sandy had lunch with Jeff and Teresa Wyeth on Friday to encourage each other in their work as preachers.**
- **Happy Birthday to Jennifer, Saturday, the 25th!**



PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **effort at the Vacation Bible School** produces fruit and **Bible studies. Let's all invite our friends and neighbors to study the Bible and attend worship.**
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** who has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer (lymphoma). She had a particularly hard time with chemo this last time.
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will be having cataract surgery in the near future.
- **Dara Reynolds** has been going through some hard times the last few weeks. Prayers for her.
- Pray for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening **Bible class attendance and participation.**
- Arthur and Sandy are thankful for the safe return from Scotland and Iceland of their daughter **Hannah**. Their daughter **Molly** is in Prescott, AZ, taking a course on Equine Therapy. Pray that she stays safe until her return in two weeks. Their other daughter, **Emily**, has been diagnosed with the start of a retinal tear. Please pray that this won't happen soon.

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.