## Who is Really to Blame?

by David Bragg

On the morning of July 2, 1881 Charles J. Guiteau shot President James A. Garfield in a Washington D.C. train station. Immediately he was apprehended as doctors rushed to tend to the wounded President. These trained doctors proceeded to probe Garfield's wounds with their unwashed fingers and unsanitized surgical instruments. Over the next eleven weeks this practice would continue and, unsurprisingly, infection set in resulting in the President's death on September 19, 1881.

When Charles Guiteau was finally brought to trial his appointed lawyers entered an insanity defense. But Guiteau would contend with the court that he was not guilty, saying, "The doctors killed Garfield, I just shot him".

It is interesting how some people refuse to recognize the truth. Garfield's chief physician, Dr. Willard Bliss boasted, "If I can't save him, no one can" (Mark A. Lombardi, The Garfield Observer). Most today acknowledge this as an empty boast.

When John spoke of Jesus as the embodiment of truth, a truth that will endure through all generations.

It was not an empty boast (John 1:14). Jesus also makes that claim, a claim He can easily back up (John 14:6). You can trust Him. You MUST trust Him (Acts 4:12)!

What Time is it Really? The above article makes me think of how, what we called 8:30 am yesterday, we are calling 9:30am today. How can we do that? Daylight Savings Time throws us a curve, doesn't it? We change the numbers on our clocks and watches and electronic devices, but why did it look dark at 7:00am this morning?

We need to be reminded that although God gives us the ability to tinker with His Creation, He is still the Creator, the One who set time in motion and the One who will bring it to an end. And, though we make our own laws, which sometimes go against His laws, He is still the lawgiver and judge.

"The truth will out"



That meets at 701 South Wilbur, Sayre, PA 18840 (570) 886-1838 Arthur Barry, Evangelist- (607) 280-1732 March 8, 2020

#### 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: What Would You Ask Jesus?

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Scripture: Mark 9:2-13

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Wednesday Evening Bible Class: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Paul will continue with our study of Colossians, chapter 3.
- Next Potluck: March 15<sup>th</sup>. NEXT WEEK! Something green?
- Horseheads Ladies' Day: Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Prayer is the theme. See the poster in the foyer.
- Next Regional Singing: March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, @ Horseheads 4:30pm
- Sojourners-July 27<sup>th</sup>- August 6<sup>th</sup>
- **► VBS-** August 8<sup>th</sup>



### **NEWS HAPPY MARCH!**

- Ted's Eustachian tube surgery is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> here in Sayre.
- **Bible reading schedules for March** are ready for pickup, for those who are reading from books instead of online. You will find them on the railing at the front of the auditorium.
- Jerry left for Las Vegas, NV yesterday to stay with his son for a month. His youngest son also lives there and is a victim of early onset Alzheimer's. We will all miss Jerry while he is away!

## **PRAYERS**

- Please pray for Arthur and Paul.
- Pray for all those who are suffering with the Coronavirus, and for the families of those who have died. Pray for protection for the elderly and others who are vulnerable.
- Pray for the families of the victims of the huge tornado that hit the Nashville, TN area last week.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will have surgery on his Eustachian tubes to restore his hearing.
- Todd Williams has recently had his second knee replaced.
  Pray for his speedy recovery and for his heart to be opened to the gospel message.
- Pray for **Chris Henson and Devon Wolcott** and their little son, **Jace**, who has brain trauma after suffering a seizure.
- Pray for Andrea Lentz, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- Please pray for Mark Elsbree, who needs a kidney donor.
  Pray for his daughter, Emily, who is a match for him and is willing to donate. Mark is near the top of the list now, so Emily may not need to have surgery.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek, who has lung cancer.
  Pray for Chris Beiber and sons, Nick and Nate, as they adjust to life without Erin. Pray that we can stay in contact and encourage them to draw close to Jesus
- Prayers for the group effort Bible reading program! Help us all feel connected knowing we are all reading or listening to the same chapters in the Bible each day.
- Pray for Jerry as he's traveling and while he's staying with his son in Las Vegas. Pray for his time with his sons as he may never get a chance to see his younger son again.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at <a href="mailto:barrorat7237@gmail.com">barrorat7237@gmail.com</a> or text or call (607) 261-0911.