

**Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.**

Philippians 2:4

There is a Yiddish proverb that says, "If each one sweeps his own door, the whole street is clean."

That makes sense, doesn't it? But is that the way life works? If you have ever seen a street where all the houses were pretty much linked together, and front doors opened onto the sidewalk you can get the picture of what the proverb is saying. On any given day you might see several people outside their doors making sure everything is tidy in front of their own house. Often there is even competition to "outshine" the neighbors. Some flowers in the window box, a little paint around the door and even on the step, but at least get out the broom and sweep the step and sidewalk in front of your own house.

Now, take a look down the street again. Notice that one or two of the neighbors just don't seem to be doing the job very well? Their doorsteps have not been swept in days, never mind beautified in any way. What a shame – they are letting the whole street down.

Well, does it really matter about the whole street? As long as my part is up to scratch, why should I worry about the rest of it? It is the old conundrum that has troubled mankind since sin first entered the world. "Am I my brother's keeper?" We want to be with the group, but we don't want to be responsible for the group. Christians struggle with that in a big way. Jesus made it clear that nothing is more important than loving one another.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34,35*

Paul goes to great lengths to encourage us to look out for one another.

*For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body---whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free---and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. 1 Corinthians 12:12,13*

So, when you look down "your street" as you get ready to clean your part of it, do you see somebody's house that looks neglected? Perhaps they are unwell, or they have gone away, or they may be discouraged for any number of reasons. You know what? Your broom will work just as well on their place as it does on yours.

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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: Give - It's the Law**

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**Scripture: Hebrews 10:1-10**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck:** October 10<sup>th</sup>
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing: September 29<sup>th</sup> here at Valley Cities.**



NEWS

- **POTLUCK TODAY!**



Stay and enjoy fellowship.

- **Arthur will be speaking at the Camp Hunt (NY) Men's Retreat** this Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. His subject will be **Overcoming Problems in the Church.**
- **Sandy** enjoyed the Ladies Retreat at Camp Hunt for the past 3 days. Nancy Bond from AR brought a series of lessons about women of HIStory.
- **Plans are being made to start a Grief Ministry** as an outreach service to the community.

## PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two recent door-knocking campaigns.**
- **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer, is staying at Elderwood in Waverly. Her cancer has spread to her bones. Please pray for Andrea to be free from pain and for healing.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon, **Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer (Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church), **Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer (Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin), **Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke, and **Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication. **Peyton Chacona**, seizures.
- 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.