AN INSIDER'S VIEW

So we have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them. Once, I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, as though he were merely a human being. How differently I think about him now! What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! – 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NLT)

One of the wonderful things about being a Christian is that it allows us to perceive people in a different way than we ever did before. We now focus, not on the external, but on the internal.

After Paul's Damascus Road experience he viewed Jesus in a whole new light. This Christ, Whom he formerly viewed as an imposter at best, he now sees as God in human flesh. What was once a cause for malice has become an object of worship. Why? Because God gave Paul the insight of faith.

The same is true for us as individual believers. Prior to becoming Christ followers we often discerned a person's worth based on their physical appearance, age, financial status or other worldly measures of judgment. Now that Christ has made us new from the inside out, we can see others in the same way that Jesus sees them. Rather than devaluing people that don't meet predetermined and counterfeit criteria, we can now assess their significance by who they have become in Christ.





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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.
	Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: Is the Holy Spirit Comfortable

in Your Skin?

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Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- > Next potluck: August 20th.
- Ladies Class: has been suspended for the summer. We will resume after Labor Day in September. Watch this space!
- > Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.
- 5th Sunday Regional Singing: Sunday, July 30th at 4:30pm at Endwell.
- VBS, The Life of Peter: Saturday, August 19th. Conducted by people from Kittanning.



- \checkmark We will be needing cookies for the VBS on August 19th.
- Arthur is working on a canoe/kayak trip down the Susquehanna River from Owego to Sayre to take place sometime this summer. We may try a few shorter excursions first to "test the waters". ;-) This is for all who are interested.
- ✓ Kevan Barry will be deploying to Kuwait for 4 months in August.
- ✓ Jackie Lobevero was involved in an accident on Friday. She was not injured, but the car was totaled.
- We are hoping to have a table at the Athens Business Fair on Friday and Saturday this week. It will be a way to gain more exposure to the community.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RUTHIE!

PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Rhonda is suffering from digestive distress, causing her pain. She would appreciate prayers that this can be relieved.
- Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister, had her second round of chemo treatments. Despite discomfort, she is doing relatively well and greatly appreciates the support and prayers of her Christian brethren.
- Lori Kashorek is preparing for 4 weeks of radiation following her recent surgery for removal of a brain tumor. Our prayers are requested during this time.
- Pray for Emily Barry as she prepares for surgery on her thyroid soon. She recently had an ultrasound that showed growth of nodes in several places there. She has conferred with her surgeon and is awaiting a call from the ENT doctor.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan's mom, Heather Morse, in prayer.
- Tim Bump is looking for a different job, and needs prayer to help him deal with problems in his life.
- Remember Deborah Albro in prayer, who is dealing with several health issues.
- Robin Guthrie, who we may remember as one of the ladies from Kittanning who served a Thanksgiving dinner to us, has asked for prayers for a little boy, Dakota Miller, who is on life support as the result of a shooting accident.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.

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

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