

A Reed Shaken by the Wind...Not!

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" (Luke 7:24)

How do you think John would have scored in some of the polls that we like to take today? Would he have been successful as a candidate for any of the offices men run for?

He certainly got a fair bit of attention. Even the Pharisees came out into the wilderness to be baptized by him (Matthew 3:1-8). But he had that uncanny gift of being able to see through men's schemes and, therefore, was less than welcoming. However, he also had a hang-up that led him to a life in the wilderness rather than in the halls of power. He would have been better acquainted with wild jackals than he was with civilized jackals. A politician would welcome anyone that was willing to show some evidence of support, if only for a moment, but John was not interested in pretense. He told them that they needed to produce fruit worthy of repentance. Only in this way could they prepare the way of the Lord.

John's disciples came to Jesus to get some confirmation, for John, that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. John could not come himself, as he had been imprisoned for telling the truth (Luke 3:19,20). He felt the wind of popular wisdom, but he refused to let it bend him. His world was not any different than ours, and he could have lied his way out of any predicament or into any position of power. But he chose to tell the truth.

I try to see myself confronted by this unbendable reed and wonder if, even though I have been baptized, he might convict me of my need to produce fruit of repentance. If the entire field has been beaten down by the wind, all except for one solitary reed, would I be willing to stand with the one, or would I hide among the fallen?

How about you?



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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

ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
GREET YOU.
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Faith Basics: The Second Coming*

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Scripture: James 5:7-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: Sunday, August 20th. This potluck will be a picnic at the park up the road concluding the VBS.**
- **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.**
- **Vacation Bible School based on the life of Peter: Saturday, August 19th.**
- **5th Sunday regional singing: Sunday, July 30th, at Endwell at 4:30pm.**



- ✓ We will need our cookie bakers to supply snacks and dessert for the VBS on August 19th, as well as drinks or other contributions.
- ✓ Arthur is working on a canoe/kayak trip down the Susquehanna River from Owego to Sayre to take place sometime this summer. This is for all who are interested.
- ✓ Kevan Barry will be deploying to Kuwait for 4 months on August 9th.
- ✓ Friday and Saturday Kelly helped us take advantage of an opportunity for outreach by securing us a space at the Athens Street Fair, sponsored by the Athens Business Association. Arthur, Sam, Lani and Darlene spent time at our booth talking to people and handing out leaflets. (Also prepared for us by Kelly.)
- ✓ Nate, Kelly and children are away spending time with Kelly's mom, who is visiting from Florida. They expect to be back this afternoon.
- ✓ Ruthie and Patty's brother Jim and his wife Deborah are up from Florida for a visit.
- ✓ Lani will be going home to New Mexico for a 10-day visit, leaving Tuesday.

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.
- Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister, is getting ready for her third round of chemo treatments next week. She is doing 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.
- Emily Barry will be having surgery to remove two large nodes on her thyroid for biopsy soon. She requests prayer for courage and that her thyroid is negative for cancer.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan in prayer concerning the situation with their mother.
- Kelly McElhaney is having discomfort from her gall bladder and had a scan on Tuesday to help discern the problem.
- 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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