

AUTHENTIC PRAYER

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next three and a half years! Then he prayed for rain, and down it poured. The grass turned green, and the crops began to grow again.

– James 5:16-18 (NLT)

Imagine praying for something and actually expecting God to answer! What a change that would be for many of us who claim to believe in prayer, yet deep in our hearts do not really expect anything to happen when we pray. The fact is, when we offer up our requests to God, it is really God who hears, and responds to our petition.

In the context of a prayer for spiritual and perhaps, physical healing, James gives the example of Elijah. Elijah was just a person like you or me, yet he believed that God would respond to his prayer. And what a prayer it was! Who among us would dare to pray such a prayer? Many of us have trouble believing that God will grant us our daily bread let alone change the weather patterns! There are two keys here to authentic prayer: 1) A righteous heart; 2) Faith that God can answer.

If you fear that you cannot produce these two characteristics remember that they come from God. He never expected us to come up with these goods on our own.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James

6:16



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.
Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *God's Eternal and My Little Life*

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Scripture: Isaiah 8:10-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: has been suspended for the summer. We will resume on Tuesday, September 12th. Come with ideas for study! 10am**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm. Sorry about last week. If you are planning to be there, please let Arthur know as soon as possible. We canceled for lack of attendance, but we would have had 6 people there!**
- **Next Potluck: September 17th. Bountiful Harvest theme!**



- ✓ **NEW CHURCH BUILDING!** We have been offered a chance to rent the property at 701 S. Wilbur for the amount we are currently paying (\$700/mo.) until we can come up with the money to buy it. We plan to send out letters seeking donations from individuals and churches in an attempt to secure the entire purchase price of \$100,000 plus funds to install a baptistry (and yes, that is spelled correctly!). We all need to [pray](#) that we are doing the right thing with this effort.



- Sam is back at college at Corning, and the school kids are back in the classroom in Valley Cities. [Prayers](#) for a great school year!
- Lani is in Boston with her family this weekend for her cousin's wedding. Happy Birthday to Lani on Thursday! 9/7

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, in OK, has finished with chemo treatments. She will soon start radiation treatments and continues to have problems with lymph edema. Pray that she feels well as she begins the new teaching year.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek, that her lung cancer stays contained and there will be no more spreading.
- Emily Barry is grateful that she now has two jobs! She is planning thyroid surgery in November. She also needs an MRI as further examination concerning her irregular mammogram. Her car broke down last night as well and has been towed to the garage for repair.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas in prayer.
- Darlene is dealing with a few digestive problems and an achey throat. Pray that she feels better soon and is able to keep up with her music engagements as well as with her teaching job and hairdressing business.
- Tim Bump is looking for a different job, and needs prayer to help him deal with problems in his life.
- Kevan Barry is in Kuwait. Pray for his safety as he flies missions over there supporting the people of Syria and Iraq in their fight against ISIS, and for his family as they carry on at home.
- Kelly asked for prayer for her friend Sarah with her marriage.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.
- Pray for success in teaching Bible truths to the contacts gathered through the door knocking campaign.

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

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