

## A Blind Leap of Faith?

by Ron Adams

Some non-believers speak of a Christian's faith as a blind leap of faith. Not So! Faith in God and His Son gives one the ability to see the unseen.

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

This is not a definition of faith; rather, it is a description of faith. Faith provides a foundation for hope and gives substance to things unseen, treating them as if they were already objects of sight.

It is said of Moses that he went *about "as seeing Him who is unseen."* Hebrews 11:27

The apostle Paul wrote, *"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."*  
2 Corinthians 4:18

HOPE AND TRUST. There is nothing mysterious about treating something unseen as if it were something already in sight. When one boards an airplane to travel to a small island in the vast Pacific Ocean for the first time, he does so "by faith." He has put his trust (faith) in the information and evidence provided, that there is such a place. He trusts that the pilot knows how to fly the airplane to the island. He trusts the plane is capable of making the journey. And he hopes to arrive safely.

Those who go about blindly are not Christians. Christians walk in the light. The ones who walk in darkness are those who are going about blindly. *". . . the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* 2 Corinthians 4:4



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### WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	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: *The Cross or the Crowd?***

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**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:1-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 2 of Lesson 8 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the building at 10.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** February 20<sup>th</sup>. Paul will be teaching Ephesians chapter 4.
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day-** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Sandy will be the speaker for the day. The text is Psalm 1.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at Horseheads.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time and Kittanning may decide to do the VBS then, also.

**Next Potluck: Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Make something green!**



- **Arthur** is attending a series of classes in preparation for **volunteering as a chaplain at the hospital** here in Sayre.
- **Arthur and Sandy will be traveling to Seattle, WA** on March 20<sup>th</sup> for their son, Kevan's retirement from the Air Force, along with a family reunion in the Cascade Mountains. **Paul** will be standing in for Arthur while he is gone.
- Brandon, Dara's son, and, Jamie welcomed little Kane into the world last Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:53pm, weighing 7lbs, 5oz!



**Congratulations, Grandma Dara!**

The baby is in the NICU in Syracuse because of breathing problems.

## PRAYERS

- **Ted and Ethan** have been sick with a cough and sinus congestion.
- **Ted's granddaughter, Peyton**, who we all know and love, has been having seizures of an unknown origin, which is very scary for her and family. Pray that the cause can be found, and Peyton can be treated to stop the seizures.
- Pray that **Dara's grandson, Kane**, who was born less than two weeks ago can recover and leave the hospital soon. Also, pray for the baby's parents, Jamie and Brandon.
- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, has been put on the national list for kidney donors. Please pray that he finds a donor match soon so he can stop depending on dialysis.
- **Sam** is trying to secure an internship in our area while he finishes his last semester at Corning. He had an interview on Thursday. Pray for success.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Pray that **Jackie** will have a smooth move from her home in Endicott to her new place in Athens, and that she can live comfortably there on her income.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer. Lori has recently stopped chemo treatments, which were just prolonging her life, and is managing her own cancer recovery with prayer and a healthy diet. We are praying along with this faithful Christian lady and her family specifically for her cancer to be gone.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
- Continue to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain).
- Pray for our **prayer ministry**.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barnecat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barnecat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.