

Sharing Our Faith

By Dick Miller

Why are we afraid to share our faith? Why do we not share with others what God is doing in our lives, and about what Jesus means to us? Rejection is probably the number one reason we hold back. When we invite someone into conversation about Jesus Christ and they resist, it isn't a personal rejection. God opens hearts to His message, and if we will share our faith we will discover people with open hearts. We will also discover people with closed hearts. Don't let that keep you from sharing your faith. If God has answered prayer in your life, tell people about it. If God has done something good in your life, tell someone what He has done. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, speak His name out loud to others. God will work!

Many hold back because of a "lack of knowledge" of God's word. You need to notice that in Scripture people didn't always have lots of knowledge of God's Word. The woman at the well in John 4 simply told neighbors that she met a man who knew all about her. These neighbors put their faith in Jesus based on her testimony. It can work the same way today. Chances are you will know more than the person you are sharing with. If you should discover someone who knows more of God's Word than you do, allow them to encourage you with the Word of God.

Many feel that they lack the time to study with people. If you read Acts, you will discover that many people responded after a brief encounter. There are people around us who are ready for the Good News of Jesus Christ. They are just waiting for someone to share their personal faith. Individuals realize their need for a Savior when they take time to do a personal inventory. There are people around us who are looking for help.

You can share your faith. Ask God for the courage to tell others about His Son. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38). Let's all be workers in the Kingdom of God. Let's all make an attempt to share our faith.



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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.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: When God Crashes Your Party

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Scripture: Acts 2:22-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 1 of Lesson 9 on the 9th. We will meet at the building @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** April 10th, Paul will be continuing with our study of Ephesians.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be June 30th at Endwell.
- **Men's Revival- Putting "man" Back in the Hood-**June 1st here at Valley Cities.
- **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:** the 28th of April.



NEWS

- Our **Bring a Friend Sunday** was a great success! Counting children, we had 7 new friends visiting. **Let's follow up with these people and see if we can make friends and teach them.**
- **Arthur and Sandy** would like to thank you all for the warm welcome back from our trip to Seattle and for the lovely surprise dinner and presents for our 50th wedding anniversary! We love you all!
- **Paul and Dawn Cowles** are in the process of buying a house in Waverly! That is very exciting news!
- **Jackie Lovebero** is all moved in to her new apartment on Keystone Ave.
- **Sam Ologun** has been accepted early to Rochester Institute of Technology. He will start there in the fall semester.

PRAYERS

- Continue to pray for **Peyton** concerning the seizures she has been having. The frequency of the seizures has been greater.
- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, needs prayer that he will be matched with a kidney donor soon.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer. Erin is getting worse and her doctors say it's serious now.
- **Emily Barry** has Lyme disease.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain).
- Pray for our **prayer ministry**.
- Pray for our **Bible classes**, both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings as well as Ladies' Class. Attendance is really low in all Bible classes.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.