

Integrity

A. Jay Kelly

His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. Job 2:9-10

Lynn Anderson had a hit with a song called "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" many years ago. In the song, a wife was reminding her husband that not everything goes right all the time and that relationship had to be able to weather the storms as well as the good times.

There is an Arab proverb that sums up that feeling quite well. It says, "All sunshine makes a desert." That would seem to sum up what Job told his wife as well. We need to understand that Job was far from perfect and his wife was probably not as evil as we make her out to be from this verse.

How many times have we had the same reaction as Job's wife to our problems? How many times have we wanted to give up? How many times have we told ourselves or others that this is just too hard?

How many times has Satan tempted us to quit trying? Some of us have given in from time to time and Satan is using that failure to incite us to give up again. We need to be like Job. No, he was not the paragon of virtuous understanding we sometimes think him to be. He failed to understand all the reasons for God's allowance to Satan, but so do we. Is there really anyone reading this who claims to understand all of why God does what he does?

We don't need to always understand, just believe. We can understand it later. We'll have all eternity.



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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: Investing in the Blood Market

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Scripture: John 2:13-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We had a good lesson with a delicious lunch last week at Darlene's. We will study Day 3 of Lesson 9 on the 23rd. We will meet at the building @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** April 24th, Arthur 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. Featured speakers will be Paul Cowles, Ervin Greene and our own Arthur Barry.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time (12-14).
- **VBS** – August 10th here at the building with volunteers from Kittanning and Camp Hill churches.
- **Next Potluck:** the 28th of April (notice that this is the 4th Sunday, to avoid Easter Sunday, so people can spend time with family).



NEWS

- **Paul and Dawn Cowles** are in the process of buying a house in Waverly! They should be moved in at the end of May if things progress as planned.
- **Jackie Lovebero** is all moved in to her new apartment. Her new address is 428 N. Keystone Ave., Sayre, PA 18840.
- **Sam Ologun** has been accepted early to Rochester Institute of Technology. He will start there in the fall semester.
- The Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock have had a **baptism** last week, the second one this month.

PRAYERS

- Pray for the family of **Gordon Parmenter**, elder at the Salmon Arm Church of Christ in BC, who was tragically shot and killed last Sunday.
- Please pray for Sandy and Arthur's friend, **Don Bailey** from Anchor Point, AK, who was airlifted to the hospital in Anchorage and had 4 stents inserted.
- **Molly Rivera** is driving to NC today and will be studying there for a 2-week intensive therapy internship. Pray for safe travels and success.
- Continue to pray for **Peyton** concerning the seizures she has been having.
- **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. She has had to give up her job as school secretary.
- 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.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain).
- Pray for our **Bible classes**, both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings as well as Ladies' Class. Attendance is 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.