

## Normal Service Will Be Resumed...NOT!

I grew up in the early days of the phenomenal invention we call television, when they were still working out a lot of the kinks. It was not unusual to see these images on the television screen (BBC).



One message appeared when something went wrong and the other was called the “Test Pattern”. It was what you watched when no programming was available. If you recognize



these images you remember spending almost as much time watching them as you spent watching the actual programs.

Our normal service here at Valley Cities Church of Christ has been significantly interrupted by the arrival of brothers and sisters in Christ who traveled hours and days to get here. They have sacrificed time and money to be here to help us with our gospel meeting. They have purposed to bring encouragement and edification our way and have poured themselves into our lives. As a result, many souls who live around us have been reminded of our presence once again. More than that, they have been made aware that Jesus is alive and that He cares for them.

These encouragers will soon be heading home and we will be remaining here. Will normal service be resumed? Wouldn't you like to hear these words from Jesus?

*“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.”* Revelation 2:19

Surely, we want to take Him up on this promise:

*...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* Colossians 3:24

Each of us must ask ourselves if normal service is what we want to offer our LORD. I am praying that normal service will not be resumed in my own life. Each of us must consider how we can encourage each other to greater works of service.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* Hebrews 10:24,25

When we became Christians, we accepted that normal service should never be resumed but Satan would like to convince us otherwise. In fact, Satan would like nothing better than to mesmerize us with the “Test Pattern” but God would convince us otherwise.

*Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!* 2 Corinthians 13:5

*Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.*

Psalm 2:11



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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.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon:** *Building the Kingdom Through Godly Living.*

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, subject TBA.
- **Athens Street Fair-** July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. **Volunteers needed** to help with our church booth during this event. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year to participate.
- **VBS –** August 10<sup>th</sup> here at the building with volunteers from Kittanning and Camp Hill churches. **We will need cookies, drinks and snacks! Volunteers to help the day go smoothly are always welcome.**
- **Next Potluck: August 18<sup>th</sup>.**



### NEWS

- **The Sojourners are here!** Dave and Lynne Laton are here from Prattville, AL. Terry and Winni Carlisle are from the Elmore congregation in Montgomery, AL. Larry and Kay Little hail from Decatur, AL (Kay is Lynne's sister) and Mike and Nadine Huddleston are from Fayetteville, AR. **Please get to know these great Christian people as we join in a fellowship potluck meal today following worship.** Terry and Winni will be pulling out today following the potluck. Dave and Lynne, and Kay and Larry will be leaving tomorrow morning. We get to keep Mike and Nadine for another week.
- **Larry Krause** will be bringing us the lesson this morning in a continuation of our Gospel tent meeting. Larry and his wife Diane are here from Kittanning, PA.
- **Those of us who were present for the Gospel tent meeting are still pinching ourselves to see if it was real! We had such a spiritual feast! The singing was out of this world (think spiritual), we had visitors from the community, perfect weather, a truthful, Bible-based lesson and great fellowship! We want to do it again!**

## PRAYERS

- Prayers for **Jackie's** continuing recovery from her fall.
- **Ted's brother John** was admitted to hospital Friday because of complications with a blood condition where his body makes too much protein and it attacks his heart. Pray for him.
- Pray for **Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer. She was taken into ICU a couple days ago, according to her daughter Lynn. Also pray for her family, as some have serious health concerns.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer. Doctors have found additional spots on her lungs.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer. She needs to be able to gain weight back.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain). Ronnie is getting better, but Don is very disabled. He needs our prayer and concern.
- **Mike and Nadine's little twin granddaughter, 6-month-old Blair**, will be having open heart surgery on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We pray that everything goes well for her.
- **Larry and Kay** have been blocked from traveling to Russia for an unknown reason. They dearly loved working for the Lord in Russia and pray that they can return.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.