

CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

by Lawrence Barr

"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person." Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NASB)

"The Preacher," as he calls himself, had set about to discover what would really give him a way to succeed and enjoy life. He tried pleasure, wealth, wisdom, foolishness, even the learning of God's word (in an intellectual way).

Look in the mirror; you won't be satisfied. Try to make yourself lots of friends; they will disappoint you. See if you can learn more than your peers. It really won't make you a better person. Win all the theological arguments with your friends; you won't have done what God designed for you. What really matters is not what we own or know. What matters is how we incorporate into our lives what God has said.

To know is not enough, but to do. To do is not enough, but to become. The more we become in our world what Jesus was in His days here on earth, the less we will worry about those things that drive our neighbors.

Finally, that will leave the way open for God to really bless all those areas of our lives that we've been trying to "fix" all these years. We will forget ourselves, and God will remember us. We will lose our lives in service to others, and so God will give us our lives. We will forget about being handsome or pretty, and God will make us beautiful. Having friends won't matter so much; therefore, God will give us souls saved for eternity. Thanks be to God for giving us the victory!

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 1 John 5:4.



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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: [Peace in the Valley](#)

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Scripture: Psalm 131

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 4th, Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck:** September 15th
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing: September 29th here at Valley Cities.**



NEWS

- We heard from Rhonda that Jerry's two cancer-removing procedures were successful, and that **Jerry** is doing well, for which we are thankful!
- **Pancakes on the Porch** this Saturday, the 7th! We will begin serving at 8:30. We can use help setting up, preparing food, serving, cleaning tables and cleaning up afterward.
- **Paul and Dawn** are worshiping at the church in Albany, NY this morning. They plan to be back with us on Wednesday for Bible study.
- **Arthur will be speaking at the Camp Hunt (NY) Men's Retreat** on Saturday, September 21st. His subject will be **Overcoming Problems in the Church.**
- **Plans are being made to start a Grief Ministry** as an outreach service to the community.

PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two recent door-knocking campaigns.**
- Thanksgiving that all was well for **Jerry** on Monday as he had surgical procedures to remove cancer on his scalp and forearm.
- Please pray for **Peyton**, as she continues to have seizures. These are very distressful for all her family and loved ones and leave her quite weak and confused.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon, **Andrea Lentz and Lori Kashorek**, who have lung cancer (Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church), **Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer (Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin), **Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke, and **Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication.
- Pray for those of us who have people in our families who are yet unsaved or have strayed.

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.