

What Has God Put on Your Heart?

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I set out during the night with a few men. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. Nehemiah 2:12

Prophets hear words directly from the Lord or the Angel of the Lord. (E.g. Zechariah 1:1,14ff) but Nehemiah only heard a report from fellow Jews about the state of Jerusalem and he was moved to do something about it (Nehemiah 1:1-4). It is interesting that the desire to help Jerusalem also came to Darius, the Persian king, in the same way.

Praise be to the LORD, the God of our fathers, who has put it into the king's heart to bring honor to the house of the LORD in Jerusalem in this way. Ezra 7:27

Here are some other references to this phenomenon:

I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

2 Corinthians 8:16

Paul was engaged in the service of collecting funds from Gentiles to help their Jewish brothers in Jerusalem. Titus apparently did not need to have God speak directly to him, and Paul goes on to make it clear that Titus was joining the mission by "his own initiative" in verse 17. Titus simply saw a need that he was willing and able to fill and was moved to do so.

Now, what are we to make of the fact that God also moves people this way to accomplish His will by doing something negative?

For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled. Revelation 17:17

God is moving everyone to fulfill His will, and His will is revealed in His word. Some do so by obeying Him, but He will also use those who fight against Him. It is an ongoing process, but there are occasional outstanding events that call for action from either side, and there are those who will respond by doing whatever it takes to accomplish their vision of how the world should operate. God calls everyone by the gospel, but He also sends a powerful delusion for those who reject the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11). Of those who accept the call, God will say,

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

After God put it on his heart to rebuild the wall at Jerusalem, Nehemiah took time to formulate a plan. Then he went to work. Has God spoken to you as Jeremiah says? If He has, then He will also put some act of service on your heart. Have you started?



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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: Do You Take This Man...?

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Scripture: Colossians 2:6-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** October 16th, 6:30pm. Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians. Come a bit early and get some cake or cookies or pie or whatever is there, plus coffee or other drink to munch on while we study. We have been meeting downstairs for the last few weeks, but we can move upstairs if anyone has a hard time with the stairs.
- **Men's October Breakfast:** this Saturday, October 19th at 8:30.
- **Next Potluck:** October 20th **NEXT WEEK**
- **Men's Brunch-** As iron sharpens iron...Saturday, November 2nd, 10am-12 noon @ Horseheads church of Christ. Please see flyer on bulletin board in foyer for details.
- **Grief Ministry** meeting and showing of Tear Soup- 7pm, Tuesday, November 26th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th.
- **Next Regional Singing:** December 29th @ Endwell



NEWS

- **Todd Williams** will be having the first of his knee replacements on November 11th.
- **Darlene Elsbree** will be signing copies of her two books at Arrowhead Parable Christian Book Store in Johnson City, NY on Saturday, October 26th.
- **Devon Wolcott**, a contact from one of our door-knocking campaigns, has very recently had a little boy (Jayce) and is recovering from an emergency C-section. She and her mother in law plan on visiting us for worship when she feels a little stronger.
- **Virginia Rice** will be teaching children's music class in one of our rooms downstairs on Thursday afternoons.
- **We are planning to install a chairlift on one of the stairways leading to downstairs. Stay tuned...**

PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two door-knocking campaigns. We are getting results!**
- Pray for **Todd** as he is preparing to have knee surgery.
- **A lady named Kelly who lives nearby has requested prayers for someone named James, who needs lots of help, and also for her good friend who lost her daughter to suicide a few years ago at this time of year.**
- **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer, is staying at Elderwood in Waverly. Her cancer has spread to her bones. Please pray for Andrea to be free from pain and for healing.
- **Please pray for Mark Elsbree, Doug's brother**, who needs a kidney donor soon.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church. Her mother died from this very same form of lung cancer.
- **Pray for Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer. She has a husband and two preteen sons and is trying to extend her life as far as possible to be there for her family. Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin.
- **Pray for Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke in Jacksonville, FL.
- **Pray for Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication. He is currently unable to carry out his duties as preacher or as professor at Falconer University.
- **Pray for Peyton Chacona**, who has seizures. Doctors are still unable to determine the cause of her seizures, but think they may be hormonal.
- **Pat Lyons** has a friend who will be starting treatment soon for prostate cancer.

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.