

Community

By Ed Wittlif

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28 NASB).

Community is a powerful word. It pictures a group that are together in harmony and agreement. That is what God's people need to be. Jesus said the love His disciples have for one another is what proclaims that they truly are His. Without that mutual love, there is no community, only divisions.

The first letter to the Corinthian church points out their lack of community. They were divided as to whom they followed, they were divided by class, and they certainly were divided over spiritual gifts. Paul said they ought to be one "so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another" (I Corinthians 12:25).

We see a great sense of community in Acts 2:43-47. Because the members demonstrated love for one another, many joined their community. They spent as much time as possible with each other. Two powerful reasons given for us to come together is to encourage each other in faithfulness and to stimulate each other to good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Jesus tells us that if our becoming His disciples costs us our physical family, we will gain much more in our spiritual family (Mark 10:29-30).

The world is full of temptations trying to draw us away from Jesus. Satan is also active in trying to get us to give up. That is why we need to be a community. It is tough to go it alone. Therefore, be an active part of the community of God's family.

"Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death"

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Hebrews 10:39



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Is Your Fleet of Faith Shipshape and Seaworthy?

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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** January 15th, 6:30pm. Paul is leading a study of Colossians.
- **Next Potluck:** January 19th. **NEXT WEEK**
- **Next Regional Singing: March 29th, 2020, @ Horseheads 4:30pm**
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th



NEWS

- Please stay after worship this morning for a quick **annual meeting to elect a one-year and a two-year trustees.**
- If you have chosen not to read the Bible Old and New Testaments daily with us online, then please join us using your Bibles. Schedules will be provided monthly so we can all be in the same place each day. This is valuable for discussion, asking questions, sharing insight and many other ways of learning more about what God wants us to know.
- **Arthur and Paul** will be attending the monthly preacher's meeting at Wetzel Rd. Church of Christ in Liverpool, NY on Monday.

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Arthur and Paul**, as they are still deciding how to divide up the ministry work and secure support income for Paul.
- Thanksgiving that **Bob Elsbree** seems to be doing well following his recent emergency surgery.
- Continue to pray for **Todd** that he will make good decisions about his relationship with God and with his fiancée.
- Pray for **Ted** as he is waiting to have surgery on his Eustachian tubes to restore his hearing.
- Pray for **Chris Henson and Devon Wolcott** and their little son, **Jace**, who has brain trauma after suffering a seizure. Pray that they will visit our assembly and learn the gospel.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer.
- **Please pray for Mark Elsbree, Doug's brother**, who needs a kidney donor. **Pray for his son and daughter, who are possible matches for him.**
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer.
- **Pray for Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer. **Continue to pray that she can learn and grow in the Lord as a new babe in Christ.**
- **Pray for Larry Krause**, minister at Kittanning, who has prostate cancer and recently had surgery.
- **Pat Guthrie** from Kittanning was told that he has a recurrence of lung cancer following his all clear last summer. Pray for healing and encouragement.
- **Darlene** is waiting for results from two biopsies that were taken on Tuesday during her upper endoscopy. Pray that they are both negative.
- **Jerry** is recovering well from a fall that left him with several stitches in the top of his head. Pray that he continues to heal.

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.