

Helpers Needed

And God has appointed in the church...helpers. 1 Corinthians 12:28

God appointed in the church some very impressive folks. Just go down the list and see for yourself: apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators, and speakers in various kinds of tongues. There's a certain glamour and sheen to be found in each of these words. They are folks to be looked up to and respected because of the gifts God has given them.

But right in the middle of such distinguished company the Lord saw the need for "helpers." And maybe that's where I can fit in. If so, I will be rubbing shoulders with some very elite folks in God's scheme of things.

I think of some helpers in the first century: There was Dorcas who sewed and ministered to practical human needs. There were four men who let the paralytic down through the roof of a house so that Jesus might heal him. And there were those who held the rope so Paul could slide down the outside of the city wall in a basket and escape those seeking to kill him. Apollos is said to have greatly helped those who through grace had believed. Timothy and Erastus are both called helpers of the apostle Paul. And Paul says of Phoebe that she was a helper of many, and of himself as well. I even read of some who helped by praying (surely something all of us can do). And who can forget those ladies who worked side by side with Paul "whose names are in the book of life"?

There's a place in the Kingdom for you and for me. We can all belong to the "Honorable Order of Helpers!" Remember the words of Paul to Titus, "And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful" (Titus 3:14).

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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *The Joy of Christian Unity*

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Scripture Reading: Acts 2:41-44

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: September 30th**, at the building at 6:30. This week's class has been postponed. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We will be continuing our study of Hosea. Please join us!
- **Next Potluck: TBD**
- **Next Regional Singing: TBA**



- **We are planning a cookout in the parking lot at noon on Saturday, the 26th. We will be giving out hot dogs and chips to our neighbors and friends. Come by and help out!**



- We are currently working on getting **House to House** leaflets mailed out to households in the Valley.
- **G.K. Pennington, former minister at Endwell who baptized a few of us here, had resection surgery Friday morning, after chemo and radiation to treat his esophageal cancer. He is hoping to go home from the hospital on Wednesday.**
- It was **Paul and Dawn's wedding anniversary** on Thursday, the 17th.
- Paul will be preaching today.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as schools are in session amidst the Covid-19 crisis. We pray that teachers, staff and students remain safe and virus free.**
- **Pray for Tim as he recovers from his infection and the extraction of 4 teeth.**
- Pray for **Ted** because he is suffering from vertigo and has lost his balance and fallen recently.
- Pray for **Jerry**, who is on blood thinners and has trouble controlling bleeding when he cuts or scrapes himself.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. Pray for a quick recovery from his recent surgery.
- **Doug Kashorek has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori as she has decided to go home to be with the Lord when He decides to take her. Lori is on hospice care now.**
- **Please pray about the Lord's Supper and how we can keep our faith and please God during this time of pandemic. Keep us all safe from illness.**

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.