

COVID Reminder

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By now we are all well aware that there is a pandemic going on in the world because of the Corona virus. We also know that there is a lot of confusion, and some major disagreement, about what the effects are and how we are to behave. The reason for the controversy is that **my personal behavior** must be moderated by the fact that **my personal behavior** can affect others. Each of us has free will, but, obviously, we need to exercise that will in a way that contributes to the greater good. Even non-believers generally hold to that principle. And, as Christians, we accept that we are called to the highest standard when it comes to interacting with the world, and each other as ambassadors of Christ.

As a congregation of those who follow Christ, we need to find a balance between what is **acceptable** within our personal daily walk and what is **expedient** when we are in assembly. The question is, can we establish a desired course of action to follow, in general, and especially when we come together to worship? The apostle Paul was familiar with such conundrums, and here is how the Holy Spirit guided him.

1Corinthians 6:12 *All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.* (KJV)

1Corinthians 10:23 *All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.* (KJV)

Jesus was no stranger to such decisions, and we are blessed that He chose what was expedient for others, not just lawful for Himself.

John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.* (KJV)

The Greek word for expedient is *Sumphero*, meaning "To bear or bring together."

We all need to choose between doing what is personally lawful, and what is expedient for others. Let's put our minds and our hearts together to make sure Satan does not use this pandemic to gain ground that Jesus has won for us at **great personal expense**.



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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: [Amazing Grace](#)

Paul will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Titus 3:1-11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 11th, at the building, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew. Come at 6 and bring something to eat with us before the lesson if you like.
- ❖ **Next Potluck:** August 15th. **NEXT WEEK!**



- **Minutes from yesterday's men's meeting and a financial report are available in the front of the auditorium.**
- **The next 5th Sunday Regional Singing will be on Sunday, August 29th. We at Valley Cities will be hosting it.**
- **Paulette has been in Arkansas visiting Sue Austin, who taught her through World Bible School.**
- **Barrys are having a wing ding at their house on Saturday, September 11th. More information forthcoming!**
- **September 19th will be the first of monthly Bring-a-Friend Sundays. They will coincide with our potluck meals on the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

PRAYERS

- Pray for **Paulette**, our new babe in Christ.
- **Dan Myers**, Paulette's friend, needs prayer for multiple health problems.
- Remember **Zachary Cowles** as he has been deployed with the army for the next two years.
- **Jackie** is recovering at home and dealing with edema of the legs and feet.
- **Pat Gutherie** from Kittanning has lung cancer.
- **Gail Westerhold** is having another kidney surgery on Wednesday, August 11th to remove more cancer. She has asked us to pray for her.
- **Jerry** has been suffering weak spells and lack of energy.
- Pray for **Linnett Short**, who has stage 3 lung cancer.
- **Arthur's younger sister, Sue**, has stage 4 breast cancer and **his brother Chris** in England has Alzheimer's Disease.
- **Amy Connor's friend Denise Whitfield** has colon cancer and will soon have surgery.
- Please pray for **Nancy Holcomb** from the Horseheads church as she is suffering from dementia. Also pray for her daughter Sarah.
- **Pray for Dawn and her family as they mourn her sister Alice who passed away last week.**
- **Pray for Steve to fully recover from his recent surgery which involved several setbacks.**
- **Pray for our church group to correctly handle meeting together for worship in light of Covid contagion.**

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.