

Paul's Winning Way

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The Apostle Paul's philosophy about winning is seen in his teaching in 1 Corinthians 9:19-27. Paul shows us that his philosophy of winning is much different than the prevailing worldview about winning. He actually does whatever he can to WIN, but when Paul talks about winning, he means winning souls. When he talks about "winning" he means "saving".

His basic plan is stated in the following verses.

*Though I am free and belong to no man,
I make myself a slave to everyone,
to win as many as possible.*

1 Corinthians 9:19

*To the weak I became weak, to win the weak.
I have become all things to all men so that
by all possible means I might save some.*

1 Corinthians 9:22

And yet Paul is not unaware that winning also means "beating", and we all know that a winner is someone who beats the competition. In this same passage Paul does talk about beating his competition, but, again, there is a surprise for us if we are thinking the way the world thinks. Here is what Paul has to say:

*Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly;
I do not fight like a man beating the air.
No, I beat my body and make it my slave
so that after I have preached to others,
I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

1 Corinthians 9:26,27

To Paul, his competition is his own body, and if he is to win others, he must beat himself; he must bring his own body into submission. You don't have to live in this world for very long to find out that there is no warrior as fearsome as self. When we go up against ourselves, we face a ruthless and relentless champion who does not like to be beaten and who has countless ways of defending his or her domain. Paul teaches us not to underestimate the power of this competition. If you think you have to train hard to beat others, do not think you have to train any less hard to win others.



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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 Promise of the Holy Spirit

Arthur is preaching today

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-21

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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:** December 1st, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3rd Sunday):** December 19th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, November 23rd, on Zoom.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 3, Day 4.
- ❖ **5th Sunday Singing- January 30th at Ithaca. (?)**



- There was a situation with some **Covid positive** members here during last weekend. Everyone who came in contact with them at the Thanksgiving meal and/or the worship service and potluck meal the next day have been informed and given the chance to get a test. Please speak to Arthur if you are concerned. We ask, but don't demand, that we all be **kind and considerate** regarding keeping others safe, including wearing masks if you think you should, staying away if testing positive for Covid, and getting tested if exposed.
We have done well! So far nobody has contracted Covid through church services here or any of our activities.
- **Keep the MAGI box items and money coming in!** Thank you to all who have been so generous! We have all the T-shirts we need. We welcome ideas for good quality, inexpensive **little boys' shorts**. We also need some **little games or dolls, etc. for 5-7-year-old girls, small rubber balls** for all the kids (50) and **underwear** for 25 little boys and 25 little girls. **Flip flops** too! We have 2 pairs so far. We need **9 more little dresses**, if anyone likes to sew.
- **We will be planning another Carol Singing on the Porch for this year.** We are considering an afternoon time slot this time.

PRAYERS

- **Jackie** is spending a couple of weeks in rehab following her surgery to repair her broken hip. They recently changed their policy concerning Covid and are allowing visitors. We pray for a quick recovery.
- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's), **Steve and Amy's neighbor's sister, JoAnne** (cancer).
- **Pray for our MAGI box project** which will be sent to children in Honduras, ages 5-7. Deadline: May 1st.
- **Arthur** is planning to have surgery to remove his cancer at the end of December or beginning of January. We pray for a full recovery.
- **Pat Gutherie** was in the hospital with pneumonia for a few days following his trip here to help with the Thanksgiving dinner. He was treated with antibiotics and is home now. He has lung cancer and is still on chemo for that.
- **Miki's friend Larry Demings** is in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Pray that he continues to improve.
- **Darlene has asked for prayers for her friend Connie** who used to teach with her at Epiphany. Connie has advanced stage lung cancer and wants prayer for peace and healing.
- **Dawn's niece, Bobbie's, husband, Arthur Hardison** has been in the hospital for 2 months with Covid. He recently had emergency surgery for blood clots and is currently in ICU on a ventilator. Please pray for him.
- **Katie Barry and 3 sons will be flying out of Anchorage, AK on Saturday to be united with Robin in their new hometown of Lake Charles, LA. Granddaughters Liz and Abby will be sojourning with Arthur and Sandy for a couple weeks. Pray for a safe transition for all.**

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.