

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: What Now?

Paul will be preaching this morning.

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-24

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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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:** February 16th, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing a series of lessons on **Signs of the Times**.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3rd Sunday):** February 20th. **NEXT WEEK! Theme: LOVE**
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, February 15th, 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. Lesson 6, Day 3.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- May 29th.** Time and place TBA, probably here at Valley Cities.



MAGI BOX NEEDS

You can take 4 items off your list. We have all the flip flops, toothbrush covers, rubber balls and combs that we need. May 1st will be here before we know it, so let's not forget the remainder of the list.

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Miki's friend Val Freeman**, who recently lost her husband Larry and is suffering from bad health herself.
- **Our brother in Christ, Dave Laton, from Prattville, AL, one of our past Sojourners, has been diagnosed with leukemia.** He is being treated in the hospital but has had to take a break from the harsh treatments so his kidneys can heal. Please pray for Dave and Lynn.
- **Please pray for our brother Jerry Lowe who has lost a lot of weight and is suffering mini strokes. He is in the VA hospital near Las Vegas, NV.**
- **Pray for Arthur as he has cancer surgery tomorrow.**
- **Pray for Patty Albro as she also has cancer surgery tomorrow.**
- **Gail Westerhold, who recently had one kidney removed because of cancer, is now having trouble with her remaining kidney. She appreciates our prayers.**
- **Dan Myers** will be having a lung scan on March 2nd.
- **Pray for Val Chilson of the Horseheads church as she lost her mother to heart disease last week.**
- **Please pray for Jim Sexton (and wife Debbie), formerly of the Lawson Rd. church in Rochester, now in Cherokee, NC. He just came through prostate cancer and now has esophageal cancer that may be spreading to his liver.**
- **Steve's sister Susie in Vermont suffered a minor stroke last week and has problems with a valve in her heart. Please pray for her.**
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver) on immunotherapy.
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant) He is on the list.
 - **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's) He will be moving in with his daughter Jane at the end of this month.
 - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer)
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer)
 - **Jeff Arditti** (in Chicago recovering from Guillian-Barre)

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.