

NEVER STAY THROWN

The story is told that Andrew Jackson's boyhood friends just couldn't understand how he became a famous general and the President of the United States. They knew of other men who had greater talent but who never succeeded.

One of Jackson's friends said, "Why, Jim Brown, who lived right down the pike from Jackson, was not only smarter but he could throw Andy three times out of four in a wrestling match. But look where Andy is now."

Another friend responded, "How did there happen to be a fourth time? Didn't they usually say 'three times and out'?"

"Sure, they were supposed to, but not Andy. He would never admit he was beat - he would never stay 'threwed.' Jim Brown would get tired, and on the fourth try, Andrew Jackson would throw him and be the winner."

Picking up on that idea, someone has said, "The thing that counts is not how many times you are 'threwed,' but whether you are willing to stay 'threwed.'"

This story reminds me of a man who was murdered and buried. One day passed, then a second. The third day dawned and hope was surely fading for those who might have longed to see him again. Fortunately for us, Jesus longs to see us again, and he did not stay 'threwed'.

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. Acts 2:23, 24



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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



Today's Sermon: *God's Kitchen Sink*

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

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Hymns: 103 He Has Made Me Glad; **193** Crown Him With Many Crowns; **214** Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?; **461** Be Not Dismayed whate'er Betide; **664** Take My Life, And Let It Be

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class**, Tuesday, January 19th. Maxine will lead the lesson on the second chapter of Esther.
- Fifth Sunday singing will be at Endwell on Jan 31st.



- Darlene and Doug Elsbree are sojourning in Cedar Key, Florida for a few months.
- Felicity Hicks had her gall bladder removed last Thursday. Everything went well.
- An article from the Christian Chronicle about Katie Grises from the church in Prattsville, AL, is posted on the bulletin board. Katie was diagnosed with breast cancer while pregnant with her second child and started chemo while still pregnant. She is a friend and coworker of Tiffany Cantrell, who visited with the group last year, and was on our prayer list for several weeks.



POTLUCK DINNER TODAY!

PRAYERS...

- Linda Hicks needs to have a procedure done on her spine that allows her to self medicate for pain.
- Bob Machuga, of Erie, PA, father-in-law of Arthur and Sandy's niece, Sue, has gone to Cleveland Clinic to deal with his stage 4 lung cancer. Pray that it hasn't spread to his lymph system.
- Darla Towell, Katie Barry's aunt, from the church in Soldotna, AK, has cancer in her liver and pancreas. She survived breast cancer last year.
- Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the church in Plattsburg, has had a recurrence of lung cancer, which she first had several years ago. She has begun chemo and plans to continue her teaching job as long as she is able. She has asked for prayers.
- Ruthie lost her special pet cat, Pansie, last week when she had have her put to sleep.
- Arthur and Sandy's niece, Molly Arnold, 15, had a bad reaction to an outpatient knee reconstruction surgery and had to be admitted to the hospital so they could get her pain under control.
- Please pray for the outreach effort of the Antioch Initiative to start a church in Tunkhannock, PA in the spring.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.