

Sharing Our Faith

by Dick Miller

Why are we afraid to share our faith? Why do we not share with others what God is doing in our lives, and about what Jesus means to us? Rejection is probably the number one reason we hold back. When we invite someone into conversation about Jesus Christ and they resist, it isn't a personal rejection. God opens hearts to His message, and if we will share our faith we will discover people with open hearts. We will also discover people with closed hearts. Don't let that keep you from sharing your faith. If God has answered prayer in your life, tell people about it. If God has done something good in your life, tell someone what He has done. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, speak His name out loud to others. God will work!

Many hold back because of a "lack of knowledge" of God's word. You need to notice that in Scripture people didn't always have lots of knowledge of God's Word. The woman at the well in John 4 simply told neighbors that she met a man who knew all about her. These neighbors put their faith in Jesus based on her testimony. It can work the same way today. Chances are you will know more than the person you are sharing with. If you should discover someone who knows more of God's Word than you do, allow them to encourage you with the Word of God.

Many feel that they lack the time to study with people. If you read Acts, you will discover that many people responded after a brief encounter. There are people around us who are ready for the Good News of Jesus Christ. They are just waiting for someone to share their personal faith. Individuals realize their need for a Savior when they take time to do a personal inventory. There are people around us who are looking for help.

You can share your faith. Ask God for the courage to tell others about His Son. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38). Let's all be workers in the Kingdom of God. Let's all make an attempt to share our faith.



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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: Inheritance

Arthur will be preaching this morning.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

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. We have started Psalm 106.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** April 13th, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Mark and Jane Hatfield will be demonstrating how to fill MAGI boxes.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** April 24th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, April 12th, 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 8, Day 1.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- May 29th, here at Valley Cities.**



MAGI BOX NEEDS:

- 15 coloring books
- 17 pairs boys' shorts, size 6
- 2 dresses, size 6
- Band aids (about 50)
- Extra items: reusable cup, hats, sunglasses

Mark Hatfield, our contact in Pittsburg, along with his wife Jane plans to join us on Zoom on Wednesday night at 6:30 and talk to us about how to pack the boxes and answer questions.

Arthur and Sandy did not make it to the church in Flushing last Sunday due to inclement weather. Instead, they worshiped with the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock. Jeff and Teresa Wyeth will be there for the last time today and leave for a new position with a church in Michigan.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Ukraine** and the people of neighboring countries who are taking in refugees from the violence. Pray for the people in Russia.
- **Please pray for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock which needs a preacher and a place to meet. They also need support to stay open, if it be God's will.**
- **Jerry is in ICU in Las Vegas after suffering a heart attack yesterday. Please pray for him.**
- **Jackie** has recently had a second skin cancer removed and sent for biopsy. We are thankful that there is **no cancer there!**
- **Dan Myer** will be having biopsies April 20th on two masses: one in his lung and one near his ribs. Pray for good results.
- **Please pray for Arthur and Sandy as they travel to Newcastle, England and Glasgow, Scotland to visit his brother Chris and sister Ann. They leave on the 21st and return on May 6th.**
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer)
 - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer, chemo)
 - **Gail Westerhold** (problems with remaining kidney)
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant)
 - **Arthur's brother Chris** in England (Alzheimer's)
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer)
 - **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer)

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.