

What Has God Put on Your Heart? Arthur Barry

I like Nehemiah's use of the phrase "God put it on my heart".

I set out during the night with a few men. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. Nehemiah 2:12

Prophets hear words directly from the Lord or the Angel of the Lord. (E.g., Zechariah 1:1,14, etc.), but Nehemiah only heard a report from fellow Jews about the state of Jerusalem and he was moved to do something about it (Nehemiah 1:1-4). It is interesting that the desire to help Jerusalem also came to Darius, the Persian king, in the same way.

Praise be to the LORD, the God of our fathers, who has put it into the king's heart to bring honor to the house of the LORD in Jerusalem in this way. (Ezra 7:27)

Here are some other references to this phenomenon:

I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

2 Corinthians 8:16

Paul was engaged in the service of collecting funds from Gentiles to help their Jewish brothers in Jerusalem. Titus apparently did not need to have God speak directly to him, and Paul goes on to make it clear that Titus was joining the mission by "his own initiative" in verse 17. Titus simply saw a need that he was willing and able to fill and was moved to do so.

Now, what are we to make of the fact that God also moves people this way to accomplish His will by doing something negative?

For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled. Revelation 17:17

God is moving everyone to fulfill His will, and His will is revealed in His word. Some do so by obeying Him, but He will also use those who fight against Him. It is an ongoing process, but there are occasional outstanding events that call for action from either side, and there are those who will respond by doing whatever it takes to accomplish their vision of how the world should operate. God calls everyone by the gospel, but He also sends a powerful delusion for those who reject the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11). Of those who accept the call, God will say,

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

After God put it on his heart to rebuild the wall at Jerusalem, Nehemiah took time to formulate a plan. Then he went to work. Has God spoken to you as Jeremiah says? If He has, then He will also put some act of service on your heart. Have you started?



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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: Faith is the Victory

Paul will be preaching today

Scripture Reading: TBA

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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:** June 8th, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will begin Chapter 9 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** June 12th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class -Tuesday June 7th. Lesson 9, Day 1.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- July 31st.**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30th – August 11th**



MAGI BOXES

80 boxes for age 11+. As before, we will be asking for item donations and money. We will be better organized this time because we know what is expected from us.

We will be having potluck next Sunday, so we don't conflict with Father's Day on the 19th.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Ukraine!** Also pray for those who are helping them. There are also Christians in Russia who need prayer.
- **Dan Myer** will be having SBRT (radiation) on his lungs after he has a PET scan. If it has spread, he will need chemo.
- **Miki's friend Steve Noble** had a recent lung transplant and is recovering well.
- **Mike Walls, formerly from the church in Ithaca, is dealing with Frontal Lobe Dementia. There is a chance he has been misdiagnosed and actually has a type of dementia caused by saggy brain syndrome. This is reversible. Mike and Carrie will be traveling to CA to Cedars Sinai Hospital to see a specialist. Carrie has requested prayers that he can be cured.**
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer)
 - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer, chemo)
 - **Gail Westerhold** (problems with remaining kidney, back problems)
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Sharon Morningstar-lupus**
 - **Arthur's brother Chris**-(Alzheimer's)
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer)
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
 - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer)
 - **Jerry Lowe** (recovering from heart attack)
 - **Mary Wallenbeck**- Parkinsons and Leukemia

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.