

Three Priorities

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Three priorities of God that should be our priorities:

1. Ministry of God's Word.
2. Unity of God's Spirit.
3. Sanctity of God's Name.

Jesus outlines these priorities when He prays in Gethsemane. (John 17)

1. Ministry of God's Word.

In Acts 6:1-4 The twelve apostles explain to the multitude of disciples that they need to devote themselves to the ministry of the Word

John 17:8 *"For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me"*

Where there is the ministry of the Word there will be...

2. Unity of the Spirit

In Ephesians 4:1-4, Paul is concerned that Christians demonstrate the unity that will convince the world that Jesus is one with the Father.

John 17:22,23 *"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*

Where there is unity of the Spirit there will also be...

3. Sanctity of the Name

We are to bring glory to God by declaring His praises. (1 Peter 2:9)

John 17:6 (KJV) *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word*

John 17:17 *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."*

If we are to bring glory to God we must have unity, and the only way we can succeed in maintaining unity is by being faithful to God's Word. So, once again, we see that the Word of God is the means by which we fulfill our ultimate priority of glorifying God.



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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 Heart of a Christian

Paul Hutcherson will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 4: 20-27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Martin Buchanan will be our teacher this morning.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm August 3, here at the building and on Zoom, Martin Buchanan will teach the men.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** August 21st.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class - Tuesday August 2nd, Lesson 10, Day 3, 10am here at the building and on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- October 30th, venue TBA.**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30th – August 11th**



MAGI BOXES

Please be on the lookout for summer items such as **girls' sunglasses, boys' ball caps, boys' shorts (size 10-12). We need plastic bins and cardboard boxes to organize the donations,** and **money** toward items we order in bulk (flip flops, soap and toothbrush covers, boys' T-shirts, boys' shorts). Remember that we are now collecting things for **ages 11+ (about size 12, or 10-12)**. Hygiene items and underwear are always on sale somewhere.

SOJOURNERS ARE HERE!

Larry and Kay Little from Moulton, AL, team leaders
Paul and Diane Hutcherson from Prosperity, SC
Martin and Debra Buchanan from Worland, WY

5th Sunday Regional Singing- TODAY at 4:30pm @ Horseheads.

Arthur's brother, Chris Barry, of Whitley Bay, Newcastle, England, passed away on Thursday, July 28.

Children, Grands and Great-grands- Saturday, August 6, 9-noon!

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** There is still a war going on there and people are still in danger! Remember to also pray for the people in Russia.
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They flew back to Los Angeles last week for stent placement. Pray that Mike's operation will reverse the dementia.
- **Molly and Jose Rivera of Nicholson, PA,** will have to find a new place to live, as the house they have rented for many years is being sold. Please pray for them and for the **Endless Mountains church that now meets in their home.**
- **Amy's friend Ann Stasny** needs our prayers. She has shingles in her eyes, and it is causing her a great deal of pain.
- **Dan Myer** will be having a CT scan with contrast on Tuesday followed by an appointment with the doctor to make a treatment plan for his lung cancer.

- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
 - **Henry Rounsville** (recovering from cancer surgery) Also pray for Henry's sister Caroline.
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Jerry Lowe (recovery from heart attack)**
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** liver cancer
 - **Steve Noble (lung transplant) out of ICU! Prayer of praise!**
 - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer, he is doing much better, and the cancer is shrinking, liver and lymph nodes are now clear)

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.