

Planet What-ness?

Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Intro: Play on words with the national fitness gym.

Some argue our planet is sick, burning. Many are out in the streets protesting the lack of action on climate change. One thing that is noticeably absent in all the rhetoric...GOD. (I have to believe that many of those who are warning us may well have a belief in God)

Who gets to evaluate the planet? God gave Adam and Eve a perfect planet to look after, but they / we began to approach the world as though it was our gift to God (Genesis 1-3). God reminds Job that he was not around for the creation. (Job 38:1-18). For all of Job's integrity he had slipped into thinking he could debate the state of the world with God. Not so... (Job 34:14). Is this blasphemy?

Historical event that focuses on the blasphemy of discounting God's ability to take care of His own world. (Isaiah 36-37). Assyrians are belligerent (36:13-20*). God is not impressed (37:21-29).

Sennacherib sends his army to invade Judah and blasphemes God when threatening Hezekiah. In response to Hezekiah's prayer, the angel of the LORD destroys 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. (37:36-38)

Nowadays it is a simple problem of dealing with the natural order.

Supernatural is rejected. God is blasphemed.

What is your planet like?

Who calls the shots? Me? Us? Them?

Whose word will the planet respond to? (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Does Jesus live on your planet? Is He King?

How does He treat the environment?

He controls winds and waves (walking on water)

He feeds His sheep on His word. (John 6:35)

If the gospel is true, then it is true that our sin has cursed the planet.

How great is the news that God can restore vitality and hope to His creation! How? By forgiving sin. (John 8:1-11)

John 7:37-39 If Jesus can cause rivers of water of life to flow from our hearts, meaning the Holy Spirit, what does that say about my planet. Is it fit or is it sick?

Isaiah 40:25-41



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All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: Planet What - ness?

Arthur will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm September 28, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from James.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** October 16th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday September 27th, Lesson 11, Day 4, 10am on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- October 30th, venue TBA.**



MAGI BOXES

Composition notebooks, pens, pencil bags and other school items are quite cheap right now. The day after Halloween be on the lookout for cheap big bags of non-chocolate candy. Underwear goes on sale often. Light up bouncy balls can be purchased for \$1 each in many stores.

Arthur attended Camp Hunt Men's Retreat on Friday, returning home yesterday. It was a very uplifting time for all. Toby Taylor of Utica church did an excellent job teaching on Acts.

Paul is preaching at the Horseheads church this morning.

There is a proposal to invite the congregation at Horseheads to worship with us here at Valley Cities next Sunday. Paul is supposed to preach there next Sunday as well, and that would make it so he wouldn't have to be away from us for so long.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** Remember to also pray for the people in **Russia**, especially for the church.
- **We are thankful that the Riveras have found a very small but adequate house to move into in Nicholson, PA.**
- **Arthur** is feeling much better, but still suffers from general weakness. He returned from camp not feeling very well. Please pray he can overcome this.
- **Dan Myers** spent a night in the hospital last week because of trouble breathing and an accelerated heartbeat. He was in danger of pneumonia. They have had to put off his radiation therapy until they can control the fast pulse. Also, one of the spots he had in his lungs has tripled in size in a few weeks.
- **Arthur's sister, Susan, of Dryden, NY is going to be having an MRI soon to check on a possible recurrence of breast cancer.**
- Pray for these people:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), also pray for wife Carrie and the family. Mike told us he is planning on heading back out to L.A. in a few weeks for more surgery.
 - **Henry Rounsville** will be starting radiation therapy soon. Also pray for Henry's sister Caroline.
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army) He will be visiting Stateside next month.
 - **Jerry Lowe (connection with a church in Las Vegas)**
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer,)
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
 - **Steve Noble** (lung transplant) out of ICU, still in hospital.
 - **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.