

MY CHURCH

“Feels like the Holy Ghost runnin’ through ya”

So begins the chorus of country singer Maren Morris’ new song “My Church.”

It’s a confession really – the confession of a young woman whose very deliberate, unapologetically wayward life cuts her off (she feels) from regular “Church.” And so, she gets in her car, rolls the windows down, cranks up the radio and, with the wind blowing in her hair, finds “holy redemption” in a Church (her car) where “Hank brings the sermon and Cash leads the singing.” Please don’t think me critical of Ms. Morris. She just sings the song (really well I might add) and I presume it is not autobiographical. But far too many have bought the sentiment. Unwilling to yield our lives to the guidance and discipline of the Holy Spirit, we settle for something we think “feels like the Holy Spirit” and convince ourselves we’ve found redemption. We haven’t. The feeling is deceiving.

Redemption comes but one way – through the sacrifice of Christ experienced not alone on a highway racing to elude a heavy heart with the wind in our hair, but in the fellowship of other redeemed people known as the “body of Christ.” Not even Saul of Tarsus experienced salvation until in the company of another redeemed sinner.

The songs and pop spirituality of modern culture may comfort us slightly with notions of finding God on our own terms, but it’s a deception. God is found truly and only on His terms. All else is a lie. A toe-tappin’ lie perhaps, but a lie all the same.

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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



GOD IS

Today’s Sermon: *The Perfect Love of God*

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

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Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Hymns: 136 Love For All; **463** I Know Who Holds Tomorrow; **379** If That Isn’t Love; **308** Wonderful Love of Jesus; **382** Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class**, Tuesday, February 16TH. Maxine will lead the lesson on the fifth chapter of Esther.
- Potluck Dinner- next Sunday, February 21st.
- Spiritual Giftedness Seminar- April 23-25. Doug Hamilton from the Camp Hill church will present this program here at Valley Cities.



- Our church received a substantial gift of money from a group of individuals in the Camp Hill, PA church. Some of that was used to purchase a flat screen TV, which is mounted on the front wall of the auditorium.
- An exploratory team from the Antioch Initiative will be coming up to Tunkhannock, PA the first week in May to start making plans to plant a church there.
- There will be a campaign in June to contact all interested people in the Tunkhannock area for Bible studies and worship.
- Linda Hicks has moved out of the apartment she shared with Felicity and Chadevin and Matthew and into an apartment with her good friend, Angela.

PRAYERS...

- Darla Towell, Katie Barry's aunt, from the church in Soldotna, AK, has cancer in her liver and pancreas. She is not expected to recover, so has requested to be on comfort care.
- Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the church in Plattsburg, has had a recurrence of lung cancer. She has had her second round of chemo and plans to continue her teaching job as long as she is able. She has asked for prayers.
- Please pray for the outreach effort of the Antioch Initiative to start a church in Tunkhannock, PA in the spring.
- Linda Hicks has a little 4-year-old neighbor girl, Rayne, who was born without a chemical in her brain that controls levels of excitement. Pray that her doctors can remedy the situation, as her heart could stop if left untreated.
- Ethan Chacona had a fever last week for a few days which they were not able to find a reason for.
- Maxine Schiel had X-rays on her left hip and knee on Tuesday to try to determine why she is having problems with them.
- Emily Barry, of Palmer, AK, has an irritated esophagus which is making it difficult to eat. She has a condition of the esophagus and celiac disease, and will undergo a scope procedure on the 26th to see what is happening.

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.

❖ *Why does everyone want to be in the front of the bus, the rear of the church, and the middle of the road?*