

Reflections On Our Beginnings

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The following is a report that I posted on Oct 21, 2014:

The work in Sayre was just beginning in earnest and it involved a door-knocking campaign. The first day of the Valley Cities Church of Christ Campaign is complete.

There are six of us in teams of two. We were able to set up six Bible studies and will be hitting the streets again tomorrow. Temperatures have been just right, and the rain only teased us occasionally.

I want you to get a feel for what is happening here. One 80-year-old drove 1100 miles, on his own, to be a part of this, and shed tears because God blessed him to be here. One 70-year-old started his flight schedule at 4:00am to get into Scranton, where he rented a car to drive 3 hours into Sayre, because there are lost souls here, but there is also now a concerted effort to save them.

Sandy and I are the babes of the senior set at 66. Sandy brought some of her famous chili along and one of her equally famous apple pies. We enjoyed stanching our hunger and sharing our stories of the day. We wish you could all be here to savor this special moment. Then there are these two young-uns, one 16 and one 17. They flew in from Alaska to help Grandma and Grandpa. Don't even get me started talking about these two.

[The 80-year-old was Clarence McDowell, former preacher at the Kittanning church, and the 70-year-old was Jimmy Davis, an elder at the Elmore, AL church. Daniel and Jenna Barry were the two young'uns.]



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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: Opportunity Knocks

Paul will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18

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

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm October 26, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from James.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** November 20th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday October 25, Lesson 12, Day 4, 10am on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- October 30th, 4:30pm here at Valley Cities.**



Our church website has a new feature! Notes for our weekly Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening will now be available on the website.

Paul is back from his trip to FL where he was able to be with his kids and grandchildren, including **Zach** and his daughters. Zach is on leave from the Army.

Sunday, October 30th (NEXT WEEK!) at 4:30 we will be hosting the 5th Sunday Regional Singing. We will need food to feed our guests after we sing.

Robin and Pat Gutherie from the Kittanning church will once again be traveling up here to serve us and friends and neighbors a home-cooked **Thanksgiving meal.** This will happen **on Saturday, November 12th at 5pm.** The Gutheries will be on their own this year, so would appreciate help with dessert from some of us at Valley Cities.

Mark Hatfield from Pittsburg, who is the regional **MAGI box** coordinator, will be giving a **presentation about the work on Sunday, November 13th** during Bible class time and as part of the worship service. He will also bring our 80 boxes when he comes.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** Remember to also pray for the people in **Russia**, especially for the church.
- **Doug Elsbree** had Covid last week, and Darlene was also feeling sick, although she and her mom, Jackie have tested negative so far. Please pray that they can all feel better soon.
- **Darlene** will have an MRI on her brain on October 28th to see why she is having headaches.
- **Jackie** will be leaving on November 11th for Oklahoma to stay with daughter Vicki for a few months over the winter. Pray for safe travels and a good sojourn for her.
- We are thankful for the family time that **Paul** was able to experience in FL and we pray that **Zach** is kept safe as he travels back to his duty station overseas.
- Pray for these people:
 - **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike 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.
 - **Dan Myers (lung cancer)**
 - **Jerry Lowe (connection with a church in Las Vegas)**
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) They are trying targeted radiation.
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
 - **Steve Noble** (lung transplant) having problems with the transplant.
 - **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) not out of the woods yet, but lymph system appears clear of 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.