

Stir Up One Another

By Clifton Angel

I love to boil a cup of water, toss in one-half cup of quick oats from Wal-mart, and mix it all into a bowl with two teaspoons of brown sugar and a teaspoon of butter! As I prepared my delicious breakfast just the other morning, I was reminded of the effects of stirring.

Several years ago, I learned that stirring water, while applying heat, provides for a rise (growth) in the normal boiling point of 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, adding salt will increase the same effect. As I prepared my oatmeal, such effects led me to think about the concept of stirring one another within the church.

Peter wrote:

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance

(2 Peter 1:12, 13).

He wrote further:

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance (2 Peter 3:1).

Certainly, God's Word can and will stir us to provide opportunity for growth in our Christian lives! However, we have to hear it (Rom. 10:17)!

Furthermore, on this subject, we find the words of the Hebrews writer, Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works (Heb. 10:24). The NKJV records, Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, and the ESV states, Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. When we stir one another, we provoke one another in a positive manner: unto love and good works. May we stir more so that we can do more!



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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: 'Tis the Season

Paul will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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 December 14, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from 1Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** December 18th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Next class **January 3, 2023**. Make sure you have a copy of the new book, **Women of the Genesis** by Cindy Colley.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** January 29th.



Our **December Potluck Dinner** next week (18th) will be a festive affair with fun and games. Also please plan to bring extra food as we have advertised to the Valley Cities area to join us for the meal.



Don't forget our **MAGI boxes** and the things we need to be gathering toward filling them. Thank you to all who have contributed things and money toward this good work.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray sincerely for the people of Ukraine** in this time of tribulation, especially **those in the church** both in Ukraine and in Russia and surrounding countries.
- **Pray for comfort for the DeLosa family after the passing of their grandson, Tyler.**
- **Pray for Jerry Lowe** as he considers having a knee replaced.
- **Pray for Henry** as he is having radiation therapy for his cancer. Also, both Henry and Caroline have been ill since just before Thanksgiving. Pray for their good health to return.
- **Paulette** is sick with a cough and difficulty breathing.
- **Dan Myers** has been declared cancer free following his last scan. Praise the Lord! However, an aneurism that he had has grown worse and he will need an operation to treat it.

Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Pat Guthrie (lung cancer, side effects from chemo)**
- **Zach Cowles (overseas deployment with the Army)**
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain)
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
- **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.