

A Cedar in Lebanon

By David R. Ferguson

David declares in Psalm 92:5-7 and 12-15 [NKJV],

5 O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. 6 A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this. 7 When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever.

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, 15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Here we find yet again in the 92nd Psalm another truly great psalm of encouragement for the Christian. Look at what God says about us: We shall flourish like a palm tree, we'll grow like a cedar in Lebanon, we'll flourish in the courts of our God, and we'll still bear fruit in old age.

God places a great barrier between the Christian and the non-Christian. This becomes really obvious when we ponder verses 12 through 15. Your heart just skips a beat when you think of all that Christ does for you.

The wicked, however, don't have a clue. God calls them senseless in verse 6 because they just don't understand what we see in the Bible, and they don't understand how much we love God. Our love for our Lord is greater than any other love we can experience on Earth.

Thank God for His salvation. We are no better than the non-Christians; we are not saved because God just had to save us because we were so good. We are saved because the grace of God has opened our eyes to see and accept the salvation Jesus Christ has provided for us.

Pray today in thankfulness, as you remember Psalm 92, for the salvation God has granted to you, and pray also that all those around you would come to Christ as well. The work of the church is still ongoing. Use this special season to reach out to the lost around you and share the good news of the gospel plan of salvation which only comes through Jesus Christ and the work He accomplished when He shed His precious blood on the Cross.



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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: Our Mutual Friend

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:7-11

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

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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 January 18, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 1 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** - February 19.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, January 17. Women of the Genesis, Chapter 3, The Daughters-in-Law of Noah.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** - January 29th at Horseheads, 4:30pm.



Last Sunday we held our annual corporation meeting for the purpose of electing a one-year trustee (Tim Bump was re-elected) and to establish a trustee to finish out the final year of the vacant three-year position. (Arthur Barry was appointed to fill that position). Copies of the financial report are available upon request.

MAGI boxes – Items for hygiene, clothing, school, toys, candy and extras have now been counted and recorded on the white boards above the tables. Please update the number on the board when you add something to the items. You will find a marker and eraser for that purpose.

Thank you for donating money! We will use it to order soap boxes and toothbrush covers in bulk as well as boys' T-shirts, flip flops, and other clothing.

Please stay today for our monthly potluck dinner following worship and a meeting to share ideas and make plans-something we would like to do at each potluck.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for peace and comfort for the Merrill family, as Doug Elbree's friend Dave passed away a few hours after being admitted to the hospital with pneumonia last week.**
- **Tresa Shirel, whose mother was recently diagnosed with advanced stage terminal cancer reports that her mother will have radiation treatments to her brain in an effort to prolong her life for possibly another year.**
- **Jackie has been sick with bronchitis.** She is currently at her daughter Vicki's house in OK but plans to return to Sayre on the 31st. Prayers for her quick recovery.
- **Miki's friend Monique Lattimer had a procedure on Tuesday at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester to replace her morphine pump which cracked and fell out. Pray that it all works out well to relieve her spine pain.**

Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia) Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Pat Gutherie (lung cancer, side effects from chemo)**
- **Jerry Lowe**, needs knee surgery, not connected to the Lord's church in Las Vegas.
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) She is on Hospice care.
- **Dan Myers** (aneurism requiring surgery)
- **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer).
- **Pray for the people of Ukraine. who are living in wartime conditions every day.**

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.