

***Let each of you look out not only for his own interests,
but also for the interests of others.***

Philippians 2:4

There is a Yiddish proverb that says, "If each one sweeps his own door, the whole street is clean."

That makes sense, doesn't it? But is that the way life works? Not really. If you have ever seen a street where all the houses were pretty much linked together and front doors opened onto the sidewalk you can get the picture of what the proverb is saying. On any given day you might see several people outside their doors making sure everything is tidy in front of their own house. Often there is even competition to "outshine" the neighbors. Some flowers in the window box, a little paint around the door and even on the step, but at least get out the broom and sweep the step and sidewalk in front of your own house.

Now, take a look down the street again. Notice that one or two of the neighbors just don't seem to be doing the job very well? They have not been swept in days. What a shame – they are letting the whole street down. Well, does it really matter about the whole street? As long as my part is up to scratch, why should I worry about the rest of it? It is the old conundrum that has troubled mankind since sin first entered the world. "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" We want to be with the group, but we don't want to be responsible for the group. Christians struggle with that in a big way. Jesus made it clear that nothing is more important than loving one another.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34,35

Paul also goes to great lengths to encourage the church to look out for one another.

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body---whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free---and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. 1 Corinthians 12:12,13

So, when you look down "your street" as you get ready to clean your part of it, do you see somebody's house that looks neglected? Perhaps they are unwell, or they have gone away, or they may be discouraged for any number of reasons.

You know what? Your broom will work just as well on their place as it does on yours.



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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: Psalm 119 – the A-Z of Life

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm June 14, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the third chapter on G (giving). You should receive notes ahead of time by email.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – July 16.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, June 13. Study of Jonah begins.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – July 30. [Here.](#)



Fourth of July BBQ picnic: Tuesday, July 4th at Paul & Dawn's house- 350 Dean Creek Rd., Spencer, NY 14873. Beginning at 12 noon, bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Meat, BBQ beans and Mac 'n cheese provided.

Sandy and Arthur will be attending the weddings of two Grandchildren in Alaska at the end of this month. They will leave on June 22 and return on July 1, Lord willing.

The "House to House and Heart to Heart" mailing took place last week and we have already received a response by mail. Arthur followed up by delivering some additional Bible study materials.

PRAYERS

Sandy has been quite ill since Thursday and has been put on antibiotics to treat possible Lyme disease, or aspiration pneumonia.

Pray for success with the House to House and Heart to Heart outreach effort.

Pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry**- Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment.
- **Pat Gutherie**- lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Bonnie's brother Gregg**- prostate surgery June 29.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. He is not improving. **Carrie is very discouraged and despondent.** She needs prayer and encouragement.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, he is back on chemo
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **The people of Ukraine, Russia and Sudan.**
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and encouragement.

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.