

Are You on Firm Footing?

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Luke, being a physician, refers to feet almost twice as much as the other gospel writers and in the book of Acts there are 16 references to this part of the human anatomy. Let's take a look at references in Chapters 4-7.

1. *There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.* Acts 4:34,35
2. *Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.* Acts 5:1,2
3. *Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."* Acts 5:9
4. *At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.* Acts 5:10
5. *...dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.* Acts 7:58

Are you seeing patterns here?

1. I definitely want to be among those who brings things honestly to the feet of the apostles. Apostles were the leaders of the church because they spoke the words of Christ. We need only their endorsement and we must support only their agenda (1 John 4:1-6).
2. There are the feet of those who bury those who bring things dishonestly to the feet of the apostles. These young men were probably horrified at what happened, but they did not break faith.
3. There are those who pay tribute to people who persecute the Church. Paul represented the enemies of God on earth. Those who bore false witness against Steven needed his endorsement.

The Bible focuses on feet quite a bit because it is concerned with what is under our feet. So what is under the feet of Jesus?

To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? (Hebrews 1:13)

That is why when Jesus comes we will want to throw ourselves at His feet.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. Revelation 1:17



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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: Appreciation for Affliction

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:10-12

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm September 6, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 5th chapter on W (Work).
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – September 17.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, September 5. We will conclude the study of Amos and begin Hosea.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – October 29, at Wellsboro.
- ❖ **Camp Hunt Ladies' Retreat- September 15-16. This World is Not My Home.** Speakers: Marty Colletta and Sandy Barry.



PRAYERS

- **Bonnie** has been tested for babesia, a tick-borne disease that affects the red blood cells. She is suffering from weakness and other symptoms of babesia. Pray that her results will help doctors restore her health.
- **Ruthie** has been told that she needs to get a new trailer home because her current one has too many problems to be fixed. Please pray that she can find a way to get a new home.
- **Sandy** will have an MRI on her cervical spine on Wednesday. Pray for relief from the severe pain in the vertebrae in her neck.

Continue to pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Greg (Bonnie's brother)**- long recovery from cancer surgery, home now doing better, but still has issues.
- **Monique (Miki's friend)**- will be receiving another method of administering Morphine for effective pain relief. Pray that she does well with this.
- **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4 and is having chemo treatment every 3 weeks. Also pray for his wife Robin who cares for him.
- **Sue Barry**- Pray that she stays in remission.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia, and pray for his wife Carrie who has the hard job of caring for him.
- **Darlene**- Pray that the medicines her doctor is trying to treat her esophagitis heals her.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling tree and is now in rehab near Albany, NY.

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.