

## THERE WAS NO PLAN B

By Joe Slater

We cannot fully comprehend the horror Jesus faced that night in Gethsemane. A merciless scourging awaited Him, followed by nails being driven through His hands and feet. For six endless hours searing pain would wrack His battered body as He struggled for every breath.

But that scarcely begins to describe our Savior's woe. Who can fathom the agony of taking the whole world's sins and bearing them in His body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24)? No wonder He cried out, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me" (Matthew 26:39a). Yet even as He pleaded, He knew there was no Plan B. Unless He stayed the course all the way to the cross, no sinner could be saved. Therefore, He continued, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (26:39b).

Jesus had no Plan B when He sent His apostles to preach His gospel to the world. Not that long ago they had scattered like a covey of quail when Judas brought the Roman soldiers and temple police to arrest Him. Peter had denied three times that he even knew Jesus, much less that he was His disciple. Would you entrust those men with the most powerful and desperately needed message the world will ever know? Jesus did! And ten days after He commissioned them, they demonstrated that His confidence in them was fully justified. About 3000 souls believed and obeyed the glad tidings that the apostles proclaimed boldly. From that point on, the church grew by leaps and bounds.

You and I are still part of Jesus' Plan A. He is still the one and only way anyone can come to the Father (John 14:6), and His gospel is still God's power to save (Romans 1:16). He has no Plan B, so don't bother looking! Just follow Plan A, the plan "ordained from the foundation of the world!" (1 Peter 1:20).

*He was foreknown before the foundation of the world  
but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.*



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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today's Sermon: Go To the Top of the Class**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

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...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm October 4, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 6th chapter on W (work).
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – November 19. We will cancel potluck for this month.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, October 3. We will continue with the study of Hosea.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing – October 29, at Wellsboro.**



**Pearl Rivera was baptized into Christ following services last Sunday, witnessed by several members of her family and those who chose to remain for the joyous occasion. Praise the Lord! The Riveras have been worshipping at the Scranton church of Christ.**

**Welcome to Fall...**



## PRAYERS

- **Please pray for comfort for Jackie as she lost her dear sister Nancy Knobbs recently. Also pray for Nancy's husband Charlie. He was ill at the time with covid and couldn't be with his wife. He himself was taken to the hospital with trouble breathing and a possible pulmonary embolism.**
- **Pray for Ruthie** that she can find a way to get a new home. Pray that we can help her make repairs to her current home so she can be warm and safe when winter comes.
- **Sandy** is being treated for whiplash injury to her neck due to a recent fall or two. She will follow up with PT later in the month. Pray this will relieve pain and discomfort.
- **Darlene** will be having an upper endoscopy with chip on Friday, November 17.
- **Molly and José Rivera and their family** now own their own home. **Praise God!**
- **Sue Barry** has returned to using chemo meds because her tumor marker numbers have risen. Pray that she does not develop new tumors.
- **Paulette Frycek's friend Tammy** has recently found out she has cancer in her blood. Pray that it is treatable and not widespread.
- **We pray thanks that Miki's cousin Bobby in FL has been placed in a 24/7 care home which is close to where his wife Rosa lives.**

**Continue to pray for these people:**

- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Monique (Miki's friend)**- needs repair to pain med pump.
- **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia,
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling log

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.