

A Homeless God

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When God sent Moses to Egypt to free the Israelites from their bondage, they were surprisingly none too excited to leave (Exodus 6:9). Yet when you step back and consider it further, despite their poor living conditions, it was a big ask for them to leave their homes and give up everything they knew to become homeless pilgrims in the wilderness, searching of a new home they had never seen.

Yet, maybe even more astounding is that God said you won't be alone in this. Yahweh chose to become a homeless pilgrim dwelling with them (Exodus 25:8). They constructed a tabernacle for God to dwell in which was just a temporary structure- a large, tent that could be quickly set up and taken down as they moved from place to place. Yahweh, the creator of the universe, living in a mobile home! A homeless pilgrim among homeless pilgrims! Living unsettled and sharing in their hardships!

And it wouldn't be the last time as 1500 years later Jesus further demonstrated God's willingness to become homeless so that He could be with His people when He left the comfort of heaven to come dwell with men (John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8).

But while it appeared the Israelites were homeless, the reality was they had a home- a promised land- that God had ready for them (Exodus 12:25). It was going to be a difficult journey to get there, but a new and far superior home awaited them, and God was going to be alongside them through every difficult step it took to get there. Similarly, Jesus was never truly homeless because he knew where His home was and where He was going to- back to heaven and the right hand of the Father (John 14:28).

Regardless of our living condition on this earth, we must never forget where our real home is. We might be better served to consider ourselves homeless while here. And as we journey through this wilderness of life on earth filled with its struggles and difficulties, let's not forget that God is right here with us, willing to become homeless alongside us, so that He can lead us to the wonderful home that He's prepared for us- with Him!



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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. on Zoom

Today's Sermon: The Old Lamplighter

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105-112

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm December 13, on Zoom, Arthur will resume the study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 8th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, December 12.** We will resume our study of Micah.
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday –** December 17.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** March 31 at Horseheads.



- ❖ We are planning to invite the neighborhood to our December potluck meal and sing carols that afternoon. There will be a notice on the sign out front. Maybe bring a little extra, Christmas cookies, eggnog, or other festive foods.



PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Steve's brother Chris** who is suffering from depression, and for **his other brother Brian** who has prostate cancer. **Also, Steve's sister Deb, who has leukemia and has recently also been diagnosed with breast cancer.**
- Pray for **Darlene** as she seeks treatment for the pain in her throat and esophagus. Also pray for her and Doug as they sojourn in FL over the winter.
- **Steve Burger** has been placed on palliative care. He has lung cancer and can't tolerate immunotherapy infusions. Please pray for Steve and his wife Judy.
- **Dawn Cowles-** breast cancer- Pray for her surgery, which will hopefully take place in the new year, and chemo and possibly radiation following that.

Continue to pray for these people:

- **Monique (Miki's friend)-** gradual withdrawal from morphine pain killer
- **Dennis (Miki's brother-in-law in CA)-** stroke
- **Bonnie's brother Greg** needs hernia surgery, first has to recover from other infections.
- **Pat Guthrie-**he has lung cancer, stage 4, wife Robin
- **Paulette-** Pain coming from her spine and affecting her hip and leg. Pray that this will improve with time.
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia, wife Carrie
- **Sue Barry-** stage 4 breast cancer. (remission)
- **Brian (Steve and Amy's neighbor's b-i-l),** who was injured by a falling log and is in a rehab center near Albany. His family are getting him an electric wheelchair.
- **Jim Sexton-** on Hospice care for esophageal cancer, wife Debbie

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.