

## ***Congratulations!***

Our daughter Hannah had just completed the Lake Placid Ironman event. It had been a long hectic day as we had tried to maneuver ourselves into positions where we could watch her go by. It was her first and, given her health history, we all worried how things would go for her. But she finished in a good time and so we were all headed back to where we had parked the cars, almost two miles away. To my amazement, once the athletes have completed that incredibly grueling course, and moved out of the receiving area, they are completely on their own.

Hannah had come across the line smiling but now she was nauseous and in pain, barely able to walk. We moved slowly up the hill out of town while her boyfriend John rolled her bike for her. Then she remembered some of her equipment had been left behind, so I took the bike from John as they turned back. There were many people coming and going along the road and it was now dark. Local residents posted themselves on the sidewalk, cheering on those who were still running the last miles of the marathon stage. Several of them, and many of the runners who passed us, called out to me “congratulations!” when they saw the bike I was rolling. At the top of the hill a very friendly man on the other side of the road was yelling, “Here comes an Ironman!” I finally had to respond, “This is not my bike. It’s my daughter’s. She is coming behind.” I should have left that last bit off because then I could hear him calling every woman who was coming along behind, “Ironman!”

I couldn’t help but think about Jesus. He did all the work...endured the suffering...won the race. Now he lets me push his bike around and, before you know it, everybody and his brother is getting in on the act. At least that is what Jesus would like to happen.

*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:18-20



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### **WELCOME!**

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

...and  
everyone  
who lives



### **Today’s Sermon: Faith, Phobia, Fetish or Fad?**

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

Bulletins are archived on the website.

[valleycitieschurchofchrist.org](http://valleycitieschurchofchrist.org)

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**Scripture:** Romans 12:9-21

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Meet the McElhaney family who have moved here from Baltimore. Nate and Kelly have a son, Jackson, and a daughter, Harper. Once you meet them you will fall in love with them, as Sandy and Arthur have done.**



- **Next Potluck-** August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Vacation Bible School at Valley Cities church- Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
People from Kittanning, PA, will again travel here to help.



- **Regional Singing at Endwell, TODAY at 4:30pm. Meet their new preacher, Dave Curry and his family.**
- **Bill and Laura Dayton, old friends of the Barrys, are here with us today. Please make them welcome!**
- **Dave and Lynne Laton have arrived back in Tunkhannock from AL for the month of August.**
- **Arthur has ordered door-hangers to advertise VBS for people who would like to help knock doors. If you would like to help, let Arthur know. People are coming in from Kittanning and other places to help with that, also.**
- **We need COOKIES for VBS snacks. Please help! They can be from the store or homemade. All will be greatly appreciated!**
- **Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle. We are meeting more and more people who wish to worship with us or learn about the Bible with us who do not have transportation. Giving them a lift is a good way to get to know people. 😊**



## PRAYERS...

- Pray for Lori Kashorek, who has lung cancer and is being treated with chemo.
- Patty and Ruthie Albro ask for prayers for their stepmother, Claire, who is receiving chemo and radiation treatments for lung, stomach and kidney cancer.
- Patty and Ruthie, and Arthur and Sandy have enjoyed special family time with visiting relatives last week. Thank you, Lord!
- Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, is in poor health and has moved out to Nevada near his brother for care.
- The work in Tunkhannock is up and running but still needs lots of prayerful help. The Mann family lost the transmission in their van last week.
- Pray for our country, the upcoming election, and our Christian example to the rest of the world during these times. Help us to take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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**Don't compare your goodness with other men's goodness but with the goodness of the man from Galilee.**

*And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone."*

Matthew 10:18

