

Buried in the Promised Land

Before Joseph died in Egypt he asked his brothers a very special favor. You can read about it in two places in the Bible.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." Genesis 50:24, 25

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. Hebrews 11:22
You can read about that promise being fulfilled many years later when Joseph and his brothers were all long dead.

And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants. Joshua 24:32.

This is a clear case of someone still speaking, though dead. You could say that Joseph's faith lived on in his bones. Joseph was concerned about one thing when he was alive – the will of God. And he was concerned about one thing in his death - the will of God. He did not want to be separated from God's people ever again. He was going to make sure that part of him made it to the Promised Land.

Superstition? Fanaticism? Insanity? The world has little respect for such devotion today, but God sure does. He calls it FAITH!

Are you so convicted by God's promise of a heavenly reward that you are making your plans, now, to be in the Promised Land? Have you committed your body to holy ground, even now while you are alive? Will those who live on after you have passed from this world be able to draw sustenance from your faith? Are you so united with God's purpose, and His people, that, knowing what it means to be lost, you cannot bear the thought of ever being separated from them again? Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your epitaph read something like this?

By faith (.....) offered God an acceptable sacrifice. By faith he/she was commended as a righteous person, when God spoke well of his/her offerings. And by faith he/she still speaks, even though he/she is dead.

Hebrews 11:4

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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

Do not marvel at this,
for an hour is coming
when all who are in



Today's Sermon: *Has God Spoken To You Lately?*

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

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Scripture: Acts 5:12-42

Hymns: 480 Blessed Assurance; 530 Majestic Sweetness; 324 Alas And Did My Savior Bleed?; 23 Our God He Is Alive; 528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Meet the McElhaney family who have moved here from Baltimore. Nate and Kelly have a son, Jackson, 3, and a daughter, Harper, 2.**
- **Vacation Bible School at Valley Cities church- Saturday, August 13th.** Potluck picnic in the park after Sunday worship, August 14th. This will take the place of our normal 3rd Sunday potluck on the 21st. **People from Kittanning, PA, will again travel here to help. Please see where you can help.**



- **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. He has already been walking the streets of the immediate neighborhood to *invite people to VBS*. People are coming in from Kittanning and other places to help with that, also. Larry Krause, their preacher will be arriving tonight and another group will come up on Tuesday to knock doors and prepare for lessons.**
- **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.
- Pray for the successful outreach and teaching of the VBS efforts and a prayer of thanksgiving for the help we are receiving from other Christians to accomplish the VBS.
- Please pray that Felicity Hicks can find a place to live, as she is homeless now and her children are staying with friends.
- Patty and Ruthie Albro ask for prayers for their stepmother, Claire, who is receiving chemo and radiation treatments for lung, stomach and kidney cancer.
- Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, is in poor health and has moved out to Nevada near his brother for care.
- Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Springs, FL, is not doing well. He has no lower body strength. Doctors are investigating to find out why. Pray that he can be restored to health.
- Rhonda Washburn's father-in-law, age 93, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, has pneumonia. Pray for his comfort and relief.
- Pray for the continuing success of the church in Tunkhannock, PA.
- 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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