

Doing God's Will

Arthur Barry

Sandy and I now have two dogs that love to run and that don't recognize our property boundaries. As a result we have to keep them in the house or tie them up outside. They can never be free to run outside because they will go where they should not go, like in neighbors' yards and on the roads.

When I am working outside it would be really nice to be able to let them out and have them hang around with me. Lots of other dogs do that, including dogs that I have had in the past. They go crazy to come out with me and hate being stuck in the house, but my options are 1) tie them up outside 2) leave them inside. I wish I could communicate with them to explain that if they would just stay within the boundaries I would let them out, but they insist on running away. I am sure that if I could get them to understand that then they would behave accordingly. I have tried to tell them, but we are just not on the same wave-length.

I think that God must feel that frustration too. We all like sheep have gone astray and He would love to have us just hang out with Him as He goes about his business, but we have other ideas about how we want to spend our time. There was a heart-rending scene in Jesus' life when many of His disciples walked away from Him because they just did not get what He was saying.

And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:65-69

Today we have no excuse for not hearing and understanding what our LORD has to say to us. We should all answer like Peter does.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Today's Sermon: *History behind Closed Doors*

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Scripture: John 21:25 – Luke 1:8

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: September 18th.**
- **Ladies Class resumes: 10am, Tuesday, September 13th.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Tuesday night at 8pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**



- **Ethan Chacona had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Monday, the 22nd. Ted had tubes placed in his ears on Wednesday. Both are recovering well.**
- **We plan on asking Jerry and Elaine Stumpf to return in the future to share their program, Cracking the Marriage Code for any of us and people of the community.**
- **There are two thank-you cards here today for anyone who would like to sign. They will be sent to the Kittanning and Camp Hill churches to thank them for all the help they sent so we could have a VBS and make contacts in the area.**
- **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. 😊**



***If you would master temptation
let Christ master you.***

PRAYERS...

- Pray for the successful outreach and teaching of the VBS efforts and a prayer of thanksgiving for the help we received from other Christians to accomplish the VBS.
- Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the Massena, NY church has 3 more rounds of chemo to take for her lung cancer. She has been on chemo for a year and her cancer has spread only a little, which her doctor said is good. Lori is feeling weaker than normal and will be returning to her teaching job this week.
- Kelly McElhaney left with their children last week to go to Verona, NY to visit her father, Bernie Gilleece. He was taken to hospital with respiratory and cardiac issues.
- Please pray that Felicity Hicks can find a place to live, as she is homeless now and her children are staying with friends.
- Pray for Claire Albro, Patty and Ruthie's stepmom who has cancer in several organs and is being treated with chemo
- Lori Johnson, mother of Veronica who came to VBS, has brain cancer. She is being treated with chemo, and Veronica asked us to pray for her.
- Pray for Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, who is in poor health and has moved out to Nevada to be near his brother.
- Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Springs, FL, is not doing well. Darlene and her sister, Dara, have gone for a quick weekend visit to see how he is.
- Pray for the continuing success of the church in Tunkhannock, PA. Pray that an evangelist will move to that area to keep the work going.

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

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