

Hearts Gone Out

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And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 2 Corinthians 9:14 (NKJV)

There is an expression we used in England when I was growing up that referred to a person's lack of presence of mind. We would say "He's gone out". We have a similar expression in this country that goes like this, "He's out to lunch." If you are like me, perhaps you have experienced your mind "going out" occasionally. Sometimes we just say a person has "lost their mind." Well, the New International Version of the Bible has a nice way of rendering the above verse. It goes like this, *"And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you because of the surpassing grace God has given you."*

Has your heart ever "gone out"? Isn't that a lovely expression? Something strikes you with such beauty that it tugs at your heart...tugs it hard enough to steal it from you. Perhaps it was a cuddly puppy, or an adorable baby. And you were unashamed to be among those whose hearts have gone out. It might be the one you fall in love with, and spend the rest of your life in love with. The idea is that a longing is produced within you and the focus of that longing is outside of yourself. What was it about these Corinthians that would produce such longing in other Christians? Paul says it is because...

..they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

(2 Corinthians 9:13)

Paul is commending them for their giving. He had been asking the Corinthians to help with needs of the Christians in Jerusalem. God loves a cheerful giver (9:7). His heart is moved when His children show generosity. In fact you might say His heart goes out to them.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

Galatians 3:23

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On this day in 1991, Islamic militants in Lebanon release kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson after 2,454 days in captivity.



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### Today's Sermon: *What Is Man?*

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**Scripture:** Psalm 144:3-7

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: December 17<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for a theme welcome!**
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the building. We are using Human and Holy by Michelle Goff. We are preparing chapter 12 for Tuesday.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**



- **Last night we were treated to an awesome Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, ham and all the trimmings! Pat and Robin Guthrie and Randy and Barb Salsgiver from the Kittanning, PA church traveled 5 hours up here, cooked and prepared the entire meal for 25 of us and decorated the tables and served it to us. Many of us were there as well as 6 visitors from the valley. What hearts of servants!**
  - **The ladies Bible class was held at Darlene Elsbree's last Tuesday. We enjoyed a special time of sharing and ate lunch together there.**
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- **Ryan Leachman from AL has shown interest in the preacher position at the church in Tunkhannock, and he appears to be a promising candidate.**
  - **Help yourself to pie, dessert and coffee in the kitchen!**
- **Thank you to all those who have been so eager to help with picking people up for worship and taking people home.**



**Happy Birthday, Kelly! Thursday, 12/1, Dara! 12/10**

## PRAYERS...

- **Patty and Ruthie's sister in law, Deborah, who visited here with her husband Jim a few weeks ago, has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and is currently on chemo.**
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Wilda from Ohio, who is 93, took a fall recently and is not recovering well.**
- **Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, from the Plattsburgh, NY church, who has lung cancer. Pray that a new drug that is being tested will be the cure she needs. We are thankful that her cancer has shrunk.**
- **"Rocky" Perry of Sayre asked for prayers for struggles he is trying to overcome in his life, and pray that his Bible study will lead him to the Truth.**
- **Darlene has been having trouble with her vocal chords. She had an endoscopy on Thursday and implantation of a chip in her esophagus to record how it responds to food that she eats for 48 hours. Pray that she can find some answers for her distress.**
- **Pray for Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, who has been diagnosed with throat cancer. Pray that other parts of his body are not also affected.**
- **Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher.**
- **Doug Elsbree had a CAT scan on his heart to monitor the aneurism there. Pray that it has not grown larger.**
- **Pray for comfort for those from war-torn countries who have no homes, are starving and without water and are not safe and have lost friends and relatives in the violence that surrounds them.**
- **Remember to pray for Matthew Lowe in Ohio, Ken Wilkins, of Gray, TN, and Edna Jarrett, of the Bronx.**

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

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