

Planning for 2017

Last month I asked for feedback on plans for 2017 and beyond. I hope you are giving thought to those things. In the meantime here are a few requests that I have for next year as I plan for sermons and lessons.

1. Do you have any topics or themes that you would like to be incorporated into the preaching or teaching for next year? Perhaps there is a Bible passage or entire book that you would like to be more familiar with?

2. Do you have any suggestions for one-time events that might benefit the church here and also serve as an outreach effort?

3. Do you have any guest speaker in mind that we can invite to visit for a Sunday or for a weekend?

This last question is about others:

Please write down name(s) of persons you want to see obey the gospel next year.

What must happen next year that did not happen this year in order to achieve this goal?



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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

~ On this day in 1865 slavery was officially abolished in the U.S.A. ~

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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed." Luke 4:18

Today's Sermon: *What Is Man? (3) From the Mouth of God*

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Scripture: Luke 6:39-49

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: January 15th. Ideas for a theme welcome!**
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, December 20th at the building. We are using Human and Holy by Michelle Goff. We are preparing chapter 13 (last one!) for Tuesday. There will be no ladies' Bible class on the 27th because of the holidays.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaneys Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**



- Today is POTLUCK! It's Polish! Stay and join the fun and fellowship with us!
- Darlene and Doug Elsbree will be flying home tomorrow after spending a week with her father and step mother. Darlene's father, Richard has been given 3-6 months to live and is now on hospice care.
- The brethren at Kittanning have given us a generous donation for presents for less fortunate area residents. We have started compiling a list, including sizes, preferences, etc. Please let Arthur know if you know of any person or family to add to the list...today at the latest.
- Our church has been in contact with two area organizations that help people in need. We would like to help them with a donation from church funds, but you can also donate to these worthy groups independently. **Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center** (First Look Pregnancy Center) is located at 209 Lockhart St., Sayre. Their mission is to change the hearts of women who seek abortion and provide a caring alternative. **Children's House**, sponsored by Children's Advocacy Center, takes in abused children. It is located in Towanda, PA.

PRAYERS...

- Patty and Ruthie's sister in law, Deborah, has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and is currently on chemo. The doctor thinks it's possible the tumor has reduced in size since starting chemo.
- Endless Mountains Pregnancy Center requests prayers for their clients, that abortion-minded women will have a change of heart, and that all will accept the abundant life in Christ.
- Darlene has asked for prayers that her father will learn the truth sometime before he dies and will come out of the Catholic faith.
- Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, from the Plattsburgh, NY church, who has lung cancer.
- "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.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher.
- 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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