He Is Risen!

1 Corinthians 15:13-19

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

Christianity is a faith rooted in history, not mythology, and it stands or falls on the reality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

Why?

Without the Resurrection, the cross is emptied of its power – death wins!

Without the Resurrection, the identity of Jesus as God's Son is nullified - Romans 1:1-4.

Without the Resurrection, there is no hope for OUR resurrection - 1 Corinthians 15:18.

The Evidence:

The existence of God – Acts 26:8 – "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?"

The testimony of the oldest sources – the letters of Paul & New Testament Gospels; NO early Christian sources teach a Resurrection-less form of Christianity.

The tomb is empty! – Acts 2:27-32 – Has to be explained some way.

The sudden appearance & rapid spread of the Church – Followers were convinced Jesus was still alive! All the apostles died for this faith. None ever denied it.

The Good News:

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

"When the perishable puts on the imperishable, & the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

'Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'" (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)



That meets at 215 South Thomas Ave, Sayre, PA 18840 (570) 886-1838 Arthur Barry, Evangelist- (607) 280-1732 April 16, 2017

WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.
	Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST GREET YOU. ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: Found: One Egg of Extraordinary Value

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Scripture: Philippians 3:8-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Next potluck: April 23^{rd.} NEXT WEEK! Theme: Spring! Take note that this potluck has been put off until the 4th Sunday to allow for Easter Sunday family time.
- Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, April 18th at the building. We hope to be discussing chapter 7 of <u>Struggle, Seek, Grow</u>, about Sarah!
- 5th Sunday Regional Singing will be held here at Valley Cities at 4:30pm on Sunday, April 30th.
- > Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.
- Men's Revival, Inner Man: the Uprising, Saturday, May 6th. Arthur has lined up speakers from Newark, NY and Endwell, NY.



- Please let Sandy know if you are willing to make soup, salad, sandwiches or dessert, provide beverages or snacks for the 5th Sunday singing on the 30th.
- ✓ Our Spring Theme Potluck will be held following worship next week.
- ✓ Kevan Barry, Sandy and Arthur's son in Seattle, will be deploying to Kuwait in July for 6 months with the US Air Force. His wife and two small children will remain in WA.



PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Kelly McElhaney will have a coronary ablation on Friday, the 28th here at Guthrie to correct her tachycardia.
- Please pray for Loren, an acquaintance of Lani's, here in Sayre. Arthur also knows him.
- Please pray for Tracy Spencer, Rhonda's friend from work, who has been diagnosed with lupus.
- Darlene's husband Doug will soon be tested to see if he is compatible to donate a kidney to his brother, Mark, who is experiencing renal failure. Doug has recently been found to have low red and white blood cells, possibly signaling internal bleeding.
- Darlene's sister, Vicki Joyce, of Locust Grove, OK has breast cancer. She is grateful for our prayers.
- Please pray for Emily Barry as she makes a decision about the node on her thyroid. She will consult with the endocrinologist on the 20th.
- Kiley Dolan has asked for prayers for her mother, Heather Morse, who is working on getting her life together following incarceration.
- If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6: 9, 10)