

Living Up To Your Name

By Joe Slater

A popular cliché says, “There’s nothing in a name.” That’s an overstatement, to say the least. Would you name your daughter Jezebel?

Names in Scripture often have significance. My name is Joseph, the name Rachel gave to her firstborn son (Genesis 30:24). The name means “add,” in keeping with her hope that “the Lord shall add to me another son.”

Sometimes a name reflected the person’s character. Jacob’s name means supplant or deceive. Sure enough, in his early years Jacob took undue advantage of his brother and hoodwinked his father. God later changed Jacob’s name to Israel, meaning strive or wrestle with God (Genesis 32:28). Jacob had wrestled with a physical manifestation of God as he sought His blessing. No longer would he obtain what he desired by underhanded methods. The change in names coincided with a change in character.

People didn’t always live up to their name, however. While the prophet Micaiah (“who is like Yahweh?”) behaved consistently with that honorable name (1 Kings 22:14), his nemesis Zedekiah didn’t. Zedekiah means “Yahweh is righteous,” which is certainly true. But Zedekiah was anything but righteous and didn’t really respect the Lord righteousness or His righteous word (1 King 22:24).

If you are in Christ, you are a Christian, the name the disciples were called in Antioch (Acts 11:26). Luke used a peculiar word for “called” which indicates that the Lord Himself gave that name (see Isaiah 62:2 where a new name was prophesied). It means one who belongs to Christ, one who follows Christ. It differs little, if at all, from a disciple (learner-follower). Let each one of us strive to live up to the noble name “Christian”!



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today’s Sermon: The Shortest Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:19-23

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

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Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Suspended until 5/7.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm April 12, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. by Alex Tullis. You should receive notes ahead of time on email.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – May 21.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, April 18. 2 John and 3 John.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – April 30 at Ithaca. 4:30pm
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast- May 13**, I will tell of your name to my brothers. (Ps. 22:22)



 **MAGI boxes** – We need underwear (2 pairs each) for both boys and girls...size 12-14. We need pens and 10-12 count packs of colored pencils. Please continue to check the whiteboards to see what we need. We only have about 5-6 weeks to collect items for the boxes. Thank you for \$\$\$!

 **Game Time Fellowship-** Please share suggestions, ideas and level of interest in a gathering to play games and share snacks with each other. Anyone interested?

 **Potluck dinner today, following worship.**

PRAYERS

- **Bonnie Davis' brother Gregg** is dealing with prostate cancer. Please pray for him.
- **Steve Burger, a friend and neighbor of Miki's** has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and **his brother-in-law, Bob** has also been diagnosed with lung cancer and has a mass in his colon.
- **Please pray for Arthur and Sandy's grandson AJ** while he is in basic training for the Army in Ft. Jackson, SC.
- **Arthur's sister, Susan**, who has been in remission for stage 4 breast cancer since last year, recently learned that the cancer has returned in four places including one vertebra. Please pray for her.
- **Steve and Amy's neighbor's son, Brian**, is recovering from a spinal injury from a log falling on him on the back of his neck. Pray that he doesn't remain paralyzed.

Pray for these people:

- **Pat Gutherie**, lung cancer, chemo tolerance, (he's having a hard time)
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. Pray for strength for his wife Carrie.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, back on chemo
- **Jay Sanabria**- still recovering from burst appendix infection and surgeries.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Ukraine.**
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and a ride to worship. Pray that he may be encouraged.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.