

# *Almighty Throne of Mercy*

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Some years ago, now, I was waiting at the ATM in a local store. An extremely young-looking couple was ahead of me. I noticed how tense they were as they punched in the appropriate numbers and waited for a response. It was as though they had come to make an appeal to some god and were not sure what this god's response would be. They hung close to each other and to the machine, talking nervously and glancing at each other momentarily, then back at the ATM window... waiting... wondering... would their petition be granted?

My mind went back to the early days of my marriage when Sandy and I were so young, and quite poor. We never had enough money, but we sometimes hoped we could manage to buy something that we at least thought we needed. It was not out of the question for us to write out a check and hope that it was not cashed before we got the money in the bank to cover it. In the same way as this young couple, we threw ourselves on the mercy of the banking institution, hoping for understanding and mercy, and we waited...wondering... would we get a favorable response?

The young couple moved away from the ATM god, empty-handed. He was saying to her, "Do you have any money?" My heart went out to them, and I hurried through my transaction, making sure to get an extra \$20. I was trying to think how I could convince them that they had left it in the machine, and I worried that I might just offend or frighten them. They were gone, however, before I could put my plan into action, so I did not have to face that embarrassment.

This all brought to my mind the heart of our faith and how walking in the light brings us to the Almighty Throne of God feeling young, impetuous and foolish... throwing ourselves on His mercy... acknowledging that our account is overdrawn and confessing that we have no idea how to get it back on track. Then He reminds us that we should indeed be contrite, but we should also be bold.

*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*



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## **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Take Up Your Cross. Pt 1 Denial**

Larry Little will be preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 9:23-27**

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul Hutcherson will be teaching the men this morning. Diane Hutcherson will be teaching the ladies a continuation of her presentation from yesterday.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm August 3, here at the building and on Zoom, Larry Little will teach the men.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- ❖ **Ladies' Class - Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, Lesson 10, Day 3, 10am here at the building and on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- October 30<sup>th</sup>, venue TBA.**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>**



### MAGI BOXES

Our collection room has been temporarily dismantled so we could use tables for other purposes. It will be reorganized next week, categorized and labeled. Keep the young people of Honduras in mind as you plan how you can help fill those boxes!

### SOJOURNERS ARE HERE!

**Larry and Kay Little** from Moulton, AL, team leaders

**Paul and Diane Hutcherson** from Prosperity, SC

**Martin and Debra Buchanan** from Worland, WY

**Arthur's brother, Chris Barry, of Whitley Bay, Newcastle, England, passed away on Thursday, July 28.**

**Diane Hutcherson presented Children, Grands and Great Grands to a rapt audience yesterday morning. She put great effort in her program, even making centerpieces for the tables and sprucing up our outdated bulletin boards in the fellowship room. There was food galore for us all to share for lunch. In fact, there is still food to spare, so if you have no other plans, please join us downstairs today after services for lunch and fellowship.**

## PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** Remember to also pray for the people in Russia, especially for the church.
- **Pray for the flood victims and families affected by the floods in Kentucky.**
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They flew back to Los Angeles last week for stent placement. Pray that Mike's operation will reverse the dementia.
- **Molly and Jose (Pancho) Rivera of Nicholson, PA,** will have to find a new place to live. Please pray for them and for the **Endless Mountains church that now meets in their home.**
- **Amy's friend Ann Stasny** needs our prayers. She has shingles in her eyes, and it is causing her a great deal of pain.
- **Dan Myer** is awaiting results of a CT scan which he had on Tuesday.
- **Please pray for contacts those of us who knocked on doors last week may have made. Pray that some seeds were planted in good soil.**
- Please pray for **Kelly**, who has a corneal abrasion in her eye, and for **Samantha** who is suffering from a Crohn's disease flare-up.
- Pray for:
  - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
  - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
  - **Henry Rounsville** (recovering from cancer surgery) Also pray for Henry's sister Caroline.
  - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
  - **Jerry Lowe (recovery from heart attack and connection with a church in Las Vegas)**
  - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
  - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
  - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer)

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