

## ***Three Priorities***

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Three priorities of God that should be our priorities:

1. Ministry of God's Word.
2. Unity of God's Spirit.
3. Sanctity of God's Name.

Jesus outlines these priorities when He prays in Gethsemane. (John 17)

### **1. Ministry of God's Word.**

In Acts 6:1-4 The twelve apostles explain to the multitude of disciples that they need to devote themselves to the ministry of the Word

*John 17:8 "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me"*

Where there is the ministry of the Word there will be...

### **2. Unity of the Spirit**

In Ephesians 4:1-4, Paul is concerned that Christians demonstrate the kind of unity that will convince the world that Jesus is one with the Father.

*John 17:22,23 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*

Where there is unity of the Spirit there will also be...

### **3. Sanctity of the Name**

Peter tells us we are to bring glory to God by declaring His praises. (1 Peter 2:9)

*John 17:6 (KJV) "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word ... (17) "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (18)"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. (19) "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

If we are to bring glory to God we must have unity, and the only way we can succeed in maintaining unity is by being faithful to God's Word. So, once again, we see that the Word of God is the means by which we fulfill our ultimate priority of glorifying God.



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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: Our Mortal Enemy**

**Scripture Reading: Job 1:1-11**

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

Bulletins are archived on the website.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm January 11, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 1 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday, next Sunday-** January 15.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, January 10. Women of the Genesis, Chapter 2, The Daughters of Men.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing - January 29<sup>th</sup> at Horseheads.**



Today following worship, we will have our **yearly corporation meeting**. In this meeting the **trustees will announce who has been appointed treasurer and who has been appointed to finish out the last year of the three-year trustee**, both vacant positions. **Church members who are present will also elect someone to fill the one-year trustee position**, as we do every year.

**MAGI boxes** – Items for hygiene have been counted and recorded on the white board above the table. Please update the number on the board when you add something to the items. You will find a marker and eraser on the table. We need 11 toothbrushes, 75 tubes of toothpaste, 25 boys' combs, 40 girls' hairbrushes, 72 cakes of soap, 64 washcloths, 37 boys' deodorants, 40 tooth flosses and chapsticks and boxes of bandaids (all one shape).

Thank you for donating money! We will order soap and toothbrush covers in bulk as well as boys' T-shirts.

## PRAYERS

- **Pray for peace and comfort for Chris Connors and his ex-wife on the loss of their son, Aaron.**
- **Pray for Henry** to remain cancer free. He recently rang the bell to signify completion of his radiation treatments. We are very grateful for this cure.
- **Dan Myers** has an aneurism that has grown worse, and he will need an operation to treat it.
- **Tresa Shirel, who with husband Ben is hosting Doug and Darlene in FL, found out last week that her mother has advanced stage terminal cancer.** The Shirels are former members of the church in Endwell. We pray for Tresa and her family as they care for her mother.
- **Jackie is sick with bronchitis.** She is currently at her daughter Vicki's house in OK but plans to return to Sayre in a few weeks. Prayers for her quick recovery.
- **Miki's friend Monique Lattimer suffered a malfunction of the morphine pump that provides pain relief to her spine.** It cracked and flipped, so until doctors can operate to correct the situation, Monique must take her meds orally. Pray that this can be remedied soon.

### Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia) Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Pat Guthrie (lung cancer, side effects from chemo)**
- **Jerry Lowe**, needs knee surgery, not connected to the Lord's church in Las Vegas.
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) She is on Hospice care.
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He is currently in the hospital with pneumonia.
- **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) Jim recently lost his mother also.
- **Pray for the people of Ukraine. who are living in wartime conditions every day.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barnecat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barnecat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.