

The Consequences of Sin

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I am sure that most can relate to the feeling in the pit of your stomach that arises when you are driving down the road and maybe you have not checked your speedometer or paid close enough attention to it, at least not until you zip past a police officer and see them pull out behind you a few moments later. There is a sense of unease as you look in your review mirror as you wait for those flashing blue and red lights to turn on. In the same moment you likely find yourself glancing to make sure your speed had dropped to where it always should have been.

Those feelings of anxiousness are likely undergirded by guilt, or potential guilt, at the fact that maybe you did break the law and are going to be facing the consequences of doing so. There is never anything pleasant about being disciplined or punished. In the case of speeding the end result may be a hefty fine depending on how fast one was going, and the annoyance of increased car insurance because of the mark against your record.

If only the world, and in many ways Christians, had the same fear of the consequences of sin. The truth of the matter is that with many crimes committed against human governments, the criminal can get away with their wrongdoing if they are careful enough not to get caught. With spiritual crimes there is no escaping the governing authority that is God. There is nothing that escapes the view of a being so great that He is aware of even the number of hairs growing on each one of our heads (Luke 12:7).

As Christians we should always be working to make sure no one is facing the flashing lights of God's judgment on that great day.



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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: Banks That Fail and Hearts That Don't

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 20:1-4

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 March 22, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 2 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – March 26.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, March 21. Women of the Genesis, Chapter 11, Tamar.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – April 30 at Ithaca.
- ❖ **Ladies' Prayer Brunch and Devotional- God's Peace and Hope-** March 25th from 10:30-1 here at Valley Cities.
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast- May 13,** here at Valley Cities.



Ladies' Prayer Brunch and Devotional-God's Peace and Hope is happening on Saturday morning! We are excited to host our first ever ladies' event here at Valley Cities! Please help to encourage us by planning to attend. Ask Amy if you want to know how you can help.



MAGI boxes –

We have enough toothbrushes, wash cloths and soap now. Also, notebooks, pencils, and boys' shorts. Please check the white boards in the collection room to see how you can help. We can always use money donations too.



Potluck Dinner- We have postponed today's potluck dinner until **next Sunday** to facilitate our ladies' brunch.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for the success of the Ladies' Prayer Brunch on Saturday.** We aim to encourage regional Christians and make an impression on those in the local area.
- **Dawn Cowles** lost her brother Jimmy, age 51, last week. Pray for Dawn and the family for peace and comfort.
- **Henry and Caroline -.** Pray that he can get the truck fixed on the 21st and keep his new scan appointment on the 23rd.
- **Pray for Molly and Pancho Rivera and family to secure a place to live soon.**

Pray for these people:

- **Pat Gutherie,** lung cancer, chemo
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia. Pray for strength for his wife Carrie.
- **Jim Sexton,** esophageal cancer
- **Jay Sanabria-** recovering from burst appendix infection and surgeries.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April,** terminal cancer, salvation
- **Ukraine.**
- **Arthur-** congestive heart failure, diabetes
- **Miki's friend Monique-**pain meds correct dosage and administration.
- **Miki's friend Carol Lou-** has been transferred to rehab at St. Josephs in Elmira. Pray for her as she has a slow recovery from the stroke she suffered.
- **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 barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.