

Buried in the Promised Land – Arthur Barry

Before Joseph died in Egypt, he asked his brothers a very special favor. You can read about it in two places in the Bible.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." Genesis 50:24,25

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. Hebrews 11:22

You can read about that promise being fulfilled many years later when Joseph and his brothers were all long dead.

And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants. Joshua 24:32.

This is a clear case of someone still speaking, though dead. You could say that Joseph's faith lived on in his bones. Joseph was concerned about one thing when he was alive – the will of God. And he was concerned about one thing in his death - the will of God. He did not want to be separated from God's people ever again. He was going to make sure that part of him made it to the Promised Land.

Superstition? Fanaticism? Insanity? The world has little respect for such devotion today, but God sure does. He calls it FAITH!

Are you so convicted by God's promise of a heavenly reward that you are making your plans, now, to be in the Promised Land? Have you committed your body to holy ground, even now while you are alive? Will those who live on after you have passed from this world be able to draw sustenance from your faith? Are you so united with God's purpose, and His people, that, knowing what it means to be lost, you cannot bear the thought of ever being separated from them again? Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your epitaph read something like this?

By faith (.....) offered God an acceptable sacrifice. By faith he/she was commended as a righteous person when God spoke well of his/her offerings. And by faith he/she still speaks, even though he/she is dead.



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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: Song and Prayer Service

Paul will be leading.

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18

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:** Arthur is teaching from Romans, however there will be no class this morning.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm November 2, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from James.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** November 13th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday November 1, Lesson 13, Day 1, 10am on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- January 31, 2023.**



5TH SUNDAY REGIONAL SINGING this afternoon at Valley Cities. We will be hosting this event starting at 4:30pm and serving chili, sides and desserts following the singing.

Jerry Lowe called on Wednesday from Las Vegas. He said he is doing well. He wants us all to know how much he loves and misses us.

Robin and Pat Gutherie from the Kittanning church will once again be traveling up here to serve us and friends and neighbors a home-cooked **Thanksgiving meal**. This will happen **on Saturday, November 12th at 5pm**. The Gutheries will be on their own this year, so would appreciate help with dessert from some of us at Valley Cities.

Mark Hatfield from Pittsburg, who is the regional **MAGI box** coordinator, will be giving a **presentation about the work on Sunday, November 13th** during Bible class time and as part of the worship service. He will also bring our 80 boxes when he comes.

November Potluck: It is our custom to have our November Potluck Meal on the Sunday following Thanksgiving Dinner on the years when the people from Kittanning serve us this meal. We will also be having a guest speaker that day, so even though it is the second Sunday instead of our traditional third Sunday, we will have the **fellowship meal on the 13th**.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** These people are in a war! Remember to also pray for the people in **Russia**, especially for the church.
- **Darlene** had an MRI on her brain on Friday to see why she is having headaches.
- **Jackie** will be leaving on November 8th for Oklahoma to stay with daughter Vicki for a few months over the winter. Pray for safe travels and a good sojourn for her.
- We are thankful for the family time that **Paul** was able to experience in FL and we pray that **Zach** is kept safe as he travels back to his duty station overseas.
- Pray for these people:
 - **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike is planning on heading back out to L.A. in a few weeks for more surgery.
 - **Henry Rounsville** will be starting radiation therapy soon. Also pray for Caroline.
 - **Dan Myers (lung cancer)**
 - **Jerry Lowe (connection with a church in Las Vegas)**
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) They are trying targeted radiation.
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
 - **Steve Noble** (lung transplant) having problems with the transplant.
 - **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) not out of the woods yet, but lymph system appears clear of cancer.

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.