

Where Is God?

by Brett Pertillo Mt. Caramel church of Christ Athens, Alabama

A little boy named Doug was having one of those unique childlike discussions with his mom. He asked, "Mom, is God in the moon?" She did her best to explain that God is everywhere. "Is he in my tummy?" Doug asked. "Well, sort of," his mom responded, not sure where these questions were leading. Doug paused and then declared, "Then God wants a banana" (Buff Spies, in Reader's Digest, November 1991).

God's omnipresence is a hard concept to grasp. Since everything else in our world is limited to a single location, it's difficult to wrap our minds around the concept that God is everywhere. Scripture helps shed some light on this.

God fills the entire earth, and no man can hide from Him (Psalm 139:7-10). Not even the heavens and the earth combined can contain God (1 Kings 8:27). God's eyes are everywhere and He can see both the evil and good (Proverbs 15:3). Since God is near (Jeremiah 23:23-24), Paul told the people of Athens that He wants people to seek Him, to grope for Him, and to find Him (Acts 17:27). In other words, God is in all places and He is nearby, but He wants to become even closer with us. The way we do this is simple, we draw near to Him and He will draw near to us in return (James 4:8).

God is everywhere. This can be a fearful thing if we try to hide sins, but it should be a comforting thing. When we are going through the toughest times in our lives, God is near. When we need Him the most, God is near. When we feel alone, God is near.

God is nearby. Just how near He is to you and I depends on how closely we draw near to Him.

Weather Related Cancellation of Services

With the possibility for inclement weather be sure to check TV station Channel 2 for any cancellation of services. If you are unable to view this channel please call someone before traveling to the building to confirm whether services are being held.

The "Phone Tree" will also be used in this situation.
Always use your own discretion when traveling in inclement weather.
The safety of our members is of utmost importance.



NEWSLETTER

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At

1121 N. Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone (716) 283-1214

Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

This bulletin can also
be found on our website.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Jessica Alcorn had additional testing recently and will begin chemo in a couple of weeks. Let's keep Jessica and her family in our prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Diane Mellott is dealing with scoliosis from disintegrating disks.

Charles Bennett had surgery Nov. 30. Word was received Thursday that he was home recovering.

Maria Swindlehurst is recovering from hand surgery she had recently.

Louella Hopkins is undergoing medical tests for herniated disks in her back.

Elliot, Louella Hopkin's 4 yr. old grandson, will have eye surgery soon.

Cheryl Moore Johns, daughter of former preacher Matthew Moore at Linwood and a good friend of Bev McArthur, is dealing with health issues involving arm, hip, and dental issues and will need surgery.

Danielle, Maria Swindlehurst's daughter, is undergoing medical tests.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Directory & Phone Tree

We want to update the *Directory* and *Phone Tree* soon. Please see the paperwork posted in the back concerning updating the *Directory*.

Thank You Card

Please see the *Thank You* card posted in the back from Linda Stine.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 11 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Dec. 18 Next Sunday

It is planned that Caleb Callari will be here and will conduct the adult Bible class and also preach for us. The men will meet with Caleb after services. There will be a *Potluck* also.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,262.00

Attendance Last Sunday 40

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for: Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism Philippines

Caleb will be here Dec. 18 and conduct the Adult Bible Class and also preach.

The men will meet with him after services that day. There will also be a *Potluck* that day.

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the *Zambian Mission*, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Mission Sunday Next Sunday

There will be **Fellowship Holiday luncheon** (Potluck) **next Sunday** after the morning service. *This time will also allow us to spend some time getting to know Caleb and Vanessa Callari and their children. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the back bulletin board to help with food for the luncheon.*

Also, we will present the Callari family with a book of encouragement for them to take back to the Philippines. The book will be passed around. Please take a moment and write the Callari family some encouraging words. See Carol to sign the book.