## **Listening For God's Voice**

by Mike Riley via gewatkins.net

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend.

The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise."

"Yes you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God, because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27).

Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around us, may our ears always be open, not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4; John 10:27; 1 John 4:6).

If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

# NEWSLETTER

Aug. 15, 2021

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#### Schedule of Services

Because of Covid our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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### 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.

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



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#### Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the "blue light" is lit at the front of the auditorium it means "Quiet Please"

**Condolences** Sharron Gantt's brother, Bill Fisher (in FL), passed away about 5:30 AM Friday morning.

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

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

Flanagan family. Let's pray for them as they deal with the recent passing of Bill.

Candi Butcher is doing better.

Bill Kinney is recovering at home. Let's pray for him and Kris.

Frank Marsden is recovering at home.

Maria Swindlehurst is recovering from recent hip surgery.

Jim Zachary (Amherst congregation) will be going to Cleveland Clinic Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> for an ablation.

Dan Callari (Amherst congregation) is dealing with Multiple Myeloma.

Becky, Erin Orton's mother, has a broken rib from a fall.

Ron Fees, Rick Fees' brother, is dealing with a detached retina.

**Elaine Fees** is in rehab at Northgate.

**Keith Marten** will have open heart surgery to replace one valve and fix the other one sometime in September. The doctor wants to wait for Covid in the area to settle down some.

Richard Wheeler's son and his son's wife in Florida both have Covid.

#### **Upcoming Events** (Lord willing)

Aug. 15	The Men's Business Meeting scheduled
	for today is postponed until next week.

Aug. 15 Today. Celebration of Life

Aug. 22 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount	\$1,843.00
Contribution Last Sunday	\$798.00
Attendance Last Sunday	50

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

#### Attn. Ladies

Ladie's Bible Class will resume here at the building Sept. 07 at 10 AM.

Save the date .... Dec. 11, 2021 Ladies Holiday Party Please check the "Mission Board" in the back of the auditorium.

## **Today** Celebration of Life – William "Sonny" Stine Jr.

You are invited to join Linda and the Stine Family in celebrating Sonny's life and memory on Sunday, August 15 at 2:00pm. Memorial Services will be conducted at the George F. Lamm American Legion Post at 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

There will be a brief service with a meal afterwards.

# Day of Prayer And Giving For Children

August 29, 2021



Life at Potter Children's Home is constantly changing. Our residents may change through the years, but one thing that never changes is the need for prayers for this ministry. Whether it is praying for a new single parent family that has just moved in, helping a girl in the girls' house work towards independence or a boy in the boys' house that is working on family therapy – the residents here need your prayers.

Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries

### Day of Prayer & Giving For Children

We have done this for the last several years and the time has come again for another opportunity to help.

We will spend our time on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> talking about serving children.

Additionally we will have a special contribution that day for Potter Children's Home.