

It's Going to be Okay

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One of my favorite characters from the Old Testament is Joseph. What a wonderful study of overcoming adversity his life provides! Even through all of the difficulties that life brought to him, he kept God first. Even with temptation in his face, and power to spare, he focused on doing what was right. In this article, I would like for us to think about one of his very last acts on earth, which is found in Genesis 50. Joseph's brothers were ruthless. Some of them wished him dead, and, as a tradeoff, they sold him into slavery and reported him dead to their father, Israel. You likely know the way that this story turns out; Joseph's brothers end up needing his help once he is in a position of authority in Egypt. Joseph graciously took care of his family, but when Israel died, his brothers thought that he would seek vengeance for their previous wrongdoings. They sent word to Joseph that Israel had requested that he forgive his brothers for their transgressions against him. Whether Israel actually wanted Joseph to receive this message or not (the Bible gives no indication that Israel actually made this request), Joseph had no intention of getting revenge for how his brothers had treated him. In a beautiful display of faith and love, Joseph responded to his brothers in a way that they surely didn't expect. In Genesis 50:20, Joseph speaks these words to them; "...as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." He went on to comfort them and promised to provide for them and their families. Things don't always happen to us the way we would wish in life. There will be times when we will have a run of bad luck. There will be times when our decisions bring difficulties in our life. There will be times when others will just flat-out do us wrong and possibly damage our reputations. There is a valuable lesson for us to learn from the life of Joseph. Even when life is hard, we must remain faithful to God. These thoughts likely cause you to think about the words of Paul in Romans 8:28. This verse doesn't teach that everything will always be good and enjoyable for us in our lifetimes. But, it does teach that God will work out even the most challenging times of our lives for good according to His will as long as we keep ourselves in submission to Him. Have you had bad luck lately?

Be patient. Have your decisions brought about trouble for you? Continue your efforts to make good choices, change those that need change, and be patient. Has someone done you wrong? Be willing to forgive, continue doing God's will, and be patient. God will work it out for good. Everything is going to be okay!

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to His purpose."

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

* Beginning Aug. 6, 2017 we will no longer have a Sunday PM service.



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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

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Speaker
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Time Warner Cable Channel 20
Tuesday 5:30 AM
Friday 4:30 PM

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

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynam, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Diane Mellott, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Joan Campbell-Cook, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, and Maria Swindlehurst.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz’ grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Tony & Eglar Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack.

Updates:

Levi, Leslie Wilmot’s grandson, an infant, had surgery recently.

Shelly Tucker, a friend of Candy Butcher, is requesting prayers for family members with health problems.

Loretta Gorito, Shelly’s Aunt, has an aneurysm in her stomach. **Kay Ables**, Shelly’s cousin, has MS and Lupus.

Red Crow was recently hospitalized with an infection.

Sierra Paul - niece of Erin Orton, has been deployed to Turkey (USAF).

Gage Kelly, Jim & Cheryl Mellott’s grandson, graduated from Marine basic at Paris Island, SC yesterday.

Andrea, in PA, sister in law of Anna Brink’s nephew, recently fell out of her wheel chair and suffered serious neck injuries. She had surgery that went well and is now in rehab in Pittsburgh.

Renee Kinney continues to battle cancer. She recently received two units of blood. They have been keeping an eye on a tumor in the back of her brain that is now active.

Lionel Weir recently had triple bypass surgery. He is now home recovering. He and his wife Bonnie are members in St. Catharines, ONT and visit with us from time to time.

Update on Keith & Glori Marten

They send their greetings to everyone. They are doing well.

They've found a house in Leesburg, FL and hope to close on it by the end of the month.

Keith went back to the doctor about his foot and the doctor determined his foot/ankle is broken in 2 spots. He has to wear a boot for 8 weeks.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

- July 16** **Today.** Men’s Business Meeting after the morning worship.
- July 21** Ladies fellowship, 6:30 PM at the building.
- July 21-23** Gospel Mtg. Jamestown church of Christ (see posting)
- July 23-29** Camp
- July 30** Area-wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by LaSalle church of Christ
No PM Service ... 5th Sunday of the month.
- Aug. 06** **Potluck** (Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup & cleanup)
Beginning today we will no longer have a Sunday PM Service.



Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 1 Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: Barnabas - A Good Farmer

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-37

Sun. PM Bible Study Daniel 7-12

Sunday PM Bible Study - Weekly Questions

1. What is the situation or problem?
2. What is the meaning for the original readers?
3. What is the meaning for the modern church, or believer?
4. What do we learn about God?
(or, What do you think God might think or feel about the situation or problem?)
5. What is the meaning YOU got from the reading?

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study Will resume Tuesday Sept. 5th.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1 & 2 Samuel

Trays Today: Sharron Gantt



Read Me

Notice

The Men’s Business Meeting has decided that starting in August we will no longer have Sunday evening services. We will be hosting the Area-wide fifth Sunday Singing on July 30th and as of August 6th we will no longer be meeting Sunday evenings. We understand this is a major change but feel it is the right decision at this time. Thank you for your support and encouragement. – Men of the Men’s Business Meeting

Area-Wide Fifth Sunday Singing
hosted by the LaSalle Church
July 30, starting at 3:30 PM
Remember to bring
plenty of finger foods for our guests.
(our evening service will be cancelled)

Heart & Soul - 939 Ontario Ave. Niagara Falls, NY
They need 5 people to help serve food.
July 29th and also Aug. 26th from 10 AM until 1:30 PM
See Louella Hopkins if you have questions.

FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
EPHESIANS 5:1-2 KJV

Please check the “Love One Another” and “Answered Prayers” boards in the back of the auditorium.

Notice “Get Well” card.

Please sign the “Get Well” card for Lionel Weir that is on the table in the back of the auditorium. Thanks

Notice “Thank You” card.

Please see the “Thank You” card from Diane Mellott that is posted on the message board.