

"Owe No Man Anything"

by David Padfield via the church of Christ in Zion, IL

"Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Rom. 13:8). This is one of the verses where the New International Version gives us a better understanding of the text. It says, "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another..."

Christians are commanded to pay their bills! All of us can think of someone with a reputation for not paying their debts. What do you think of people like that? Would you be willing to loan them money?

While a young man, Abraham Lincoln went into business with William Berry. Months later, when Berry died, Lincoln was left with an enormous debt. Eventually he paid it all back, but it took him several years. This is one of the reasons he was referred to as "honest Abe."

Some years ago *Reader's Digest* (June 1992) told of a ship builder named Walter Meloon who was forced into bankruptcy. It took a while, but Meloon paid back over \$500,000, even though he was not legally bound to do so. I admire people like Lincoln and Meloon.

"The Bankruptcy Code" in chapter 7, or liquidation cases, the debtors property is sold off by a trustee to pay the debts owed to creditors. An individual debtor can keep a modest amount of household property or realty under federal or state exemptions" (*The Academic American Encyclopedia*). People today often carelessly spend money they do not have, and then go declare bankruptcy, without any thought of paying the money back.

When you go to the mall and sign your name on a credit slip, you are giving them your word the debt will be paid. Failure to pay the debt means two things: you are a thief and a liar! A thief because you now have stolen property and a liar because you have not kept your word. Thieves and liars cannot go to heaven (Rev. 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9-10). Bankruptcy is legal, but so is gambling, drinking, and in some places, prostitution.

A thief can be forgiven, but he must make restitution for what he has stolen (Num. 5:6-8 and Lev. 6:1-7). The "golden rule" provides us with a higher standard of conduct: "whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them" (Matt. 7:12).

I have met men who have declared bankruptcy and still thought they were qualified to serve as an elder in the church of our Lord. Such men must not be allowed to serve until their debt is fully repaid (with interest) for they will not "have a good testimony among those who are outside" (1 Tim. 3:7).

I wish every Bankruptcy Court had the following verse engraved in stone: "The wicked borrows and does not repay" (Psa. 37:21).



See the article "Dealing With Credit Card Debt" in the recent *House to House-Heart to Heart* magazine (Volume 28 Num 02) posted on our website and at housetohouse.com

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

Ladies' Bible Class meets on Tues. at 10 AM
starting Mar. 21, 2023 meeting every other week.

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This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



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.

Condolences to family, friends, and loved ones of **Eugene C. Perry**. (July 19, 1922 - Feb. 15, 2023)
Please see obituary posted in the back. He is a former preacher at this congregation.

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.

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

Roger Mapes He is now at Elderwood at Cheektowaga. No visitors. Let's pray as he recuperates.

Jessica Alcorn continues with chemo treatments. She thanks all for the cards, calls, and prayers on her behalf.

Michael & Hope Rice have been dealing with Covid.

Sharron Gantt She was recently checked and is cancer free. She will be checked again in 4 months.
Let's pray she continues to do well. She sends hugs and says hello to everyone.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) Let's keep her in our prayers as well as family members.

Cheryl Moore-Johns (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She is facing several surgical procedures.
She recently had oral surgery and will have surgery on her left shoulder in April. She is thankful for our prayers.

Peter is dealing with colon cancer. He is the husband of Lynn who is Denise Garlitz' niece. Let's pray for them.

Laval Baptiste, Louella Hopkins' brother, age 83, is dealing with pneumonia.

Miranda, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

Jody, Jim Mellott's daughter, has been dealing with Covid.

David Kris Kinney is asking for prayers for him as he will be deployed to Poland.

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.

Letter Please see the letter posted in the back from *House to House-Heart to Heart*.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 19 Next Week. Men's Business Meeting

Mar. 21 Ladies Class resumes.

Apr. 09 Easter

Apr. 16 Men's Business Meeting

Apr. 29 Ladies Day at Amherst church of Christ

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,359.00

Attendance Last Sunday 34

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

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."

Sir Isaac Newton once had an exact replica of our solar system made in miniature. At its center was a large golden ball representing the sun, and revolving around it were small spheres attached at the ends of rods of varying lengths. They represented Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, and the other planets. These were all geared together by cogs and belts to make them move around the 'sun' in perfect harmony.

One day as Newton was studying the model, a friend who did not believe in the biblical account of creation stopped by for a visit. Marveling at the device and watching as the scientist made the heavenly bodies move on their orbits, the man exclaimed, 'My, Newton, what an exquisite thing! Who made it for you?' Without looking up, Sir Isaac replied, 'Nobody.'

'Nobody?' his friend asked. 'That's right! All of these balls and cogs and belts and gears just happened to come together, and wonder of wonders, by chance they began revolving in their set orbits and with perfect timing.'

The friend got the message. It was foolish to suppose that the model merely happened (Psalm 14:1), but it was even more senseless to accept the theory that the earth and the vast universe came into being by chance. How much more logical to believe what the Bible says, 'In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth' (Genesis 1:1).