GOD IS WAITING FOR YOU

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Sometimes those who become Christians remain faithful for a short time, and they leave the church. They usually convince themselves that the people at church are full of hypocrisy or do not care about them so they can justify leaving the church. However, deep down, they realize they are just making excuses for breaking their commitment to God.

I wish those who choose to leave the church would remember how important their commitment to God is and realize that God never fails to keep His commitment to them. As Jesus says: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (<u>Mt. 6:33</u>). Furthermore, the writer of Hebrews says: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (<u>Heb. 10:24-25</u>).

When a person leaves the church, not only does he break his commitment to serving God, he also neglects his brethren. Whether that person realizes it or not, he is important to God, and he has the power to make a difference in God's kingdom, but that person cannot do anything to help the cause of God if he forsakes the kingdom of God.

While a person may find temporary satisfaction by being involved in manmade activities or charities outside of the church, true satisfaction only comes from laboring in the Lord's kingdom.

If you see yourself in this article, can you think of any valid reason you should not honor your commitment to God? Why not return home like the prodigal son did (Lk. 15:11-32) and know that all of heaven will rejoice (Lk. 15:7, 10)? God is patiently waiting for you (<u>2 Pet. 3:9</u>). The only thing holding you back is you.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Jan. 21, 2018 Sun Mark Dailey, evangelist

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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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) 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.



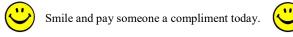
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Condolences Don Henry's aunt passed away in Pennsylvania recently.

Condolences Warren Whitelaw passed away Jan. 16 at the age of 92. He is a former preacher here at LaSalle. The funeral was yesterday in Michigan.

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

<u>Those that attend</u>: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Marvis Garrett, Brenda Nelson, and Diane Mellott.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Egla Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Jurek family, Mary, daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT. , Williams family, Mary, Elijah Heath, Mary, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Jean Fitzgerald, and Penny Hayes.

<u>Updates</u>:

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Mark Dailey. Mark was well enough from recent surgery to preach for us last Sunday.

Rodney Jones has an increased white blood cell count and is seeing a specialist.

Marvis Garrett is doing better but has a problem breathing in the cold weather we have been having lately.

David Alcorn . As of Friday night he was in the hospital. Possibly flu related. See Jessica for more info.

Yolanda Davis' **son in law** was taken to the ER at MMC last Sunday morning. Also, Yolanda's **daughter** has a bone problem.

Malissa Layton, Jean Cameron's cousin in GA, has been having problems with a torn retina.

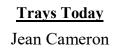
Keith Marten has been dealing with some health issues recently.

2018 – A New Year and a New Start! Lord wills, on January 21 & 28, for our Sunday morning sermon times I would like to talk about the future. I want to share with you some things I feel the Lord has placed on my heart regarding the church and the upcoming changes. To that end, I want to ask each one of us to make a special effort to attend these two worship times. I want to talk about some tasks and opportunities facing the LaSalle church. There is a lot of research-based information regarding small churches that we need to look at and understand. Some of that information is challenging and can be overwhelming if we look at it without understanding that God is overall and in all! At the same time, that information can help prepare us to face and shape the future with God's guidance.

As we continue in the process of looking for a new pulpit minister, I realize this process is new and can feel mindboggling to many of us, especially if we haven't been involved in one before. But now as a family in the Lord, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, we can come together in prayer as we seek the minister the Lord is calling to LaSalle. Again, Lord wills, the things we will talk about affects everyone who considers themselves to be part of the LaSalle church, so please make a special effort to be here January 21st and 28th. Thanks, Mark Sun. AM Adult Bible Study2 CorinthiansSermon Topic Today:God Is Sovereign (Part 1)Scripture Reading:Psalm 135:3-6No Sun. PM Bible Study10 AM at the building.Wed. PM Bible StudyGalatians

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

- Jan. 21 Today. Men's Business Meeting
- Feb. 04 Potluck Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day



HOLY BIBLE

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Update from the Preacher Search Committee

The congregational surveys have been reviewed and summarized. The summaries will be consolidated, then presented to a group who will work together to come up with an advertisement.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

is op Kyra Kyle

Kyra is a tenth grader at North Tonawanda High School. She is 15 years old and almost old enough to get her driver's license. Her sisters are Laura and Angela and her grandparents are Rick and Fran Fees.

Kyra's favorite subject at school is studying about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks – in other words, Geology. She likes to paint on canvas in her free time and loves to eat all kinds of cheese. She also likes to travel with her grandparents. Last summer she spent a month traveling with them to Kansas to see extended family.

Kyra is very thankful for her friends and family. Her favorite bible story is about Adam and Eve. She is grateful for the brethren at the LaSalle congregation and all their support.

