

A Little Sin

by Glen Elliot Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

On the slope of Long's Peak in Colorado lies the ruins of a giant tree. It had stood there for four hundred years. It had been struck by lightning fourteen times. The storms of the years had repeatedly broken over it. It had resisted all of nature's blows. But now it lay in ruin.

A small beetle had entered into that giant tree. The beetle had brought his little friends with him. Although the insect was so small that a man could crush it between his thumb and forefinger, yet with the help of his companions, it felled the forest giant.

Sin is regarded lightly by many in our society. It is frequently the object of humor and ridicule. Yet, even the smallest of sins, as we refer to them in human terms, can produce the most devastating effects. The Bible warns us that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). It is sin which separates one from God who is the source of all life and goodness (Isa. 59:1-2; Jas. 1:17). It is imperative that we take careful thought and consideration about sin as it influences our lives. We must lay aside sin as we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ (Heb. 12:1-2; Rom. 5:1). Never underestimate the power of sin. Only as we obey the truth will the blood of Jesus purify our souls and enable us to live strong and healthy lives in the sight of God (1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 1:7).

Widows & Widowers

Please remember our widows and widowers in cards, calls, and helpful service. **James 1:27**

NEWSLETTER

Jan. 15, 2023

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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 Let's keep her and her family in our prayers as she deals with cancer. She had her third round of chemo this past week.

Candy Butcher is back in her apartment.

Louella Hopkins is recovering from back issues.

Samantha Mellott had surgery on her foot this past Wednesday. Recovery is going well.

Cheryl Moore-Johns (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She is facing several surgical procedures.

Brenda, a HTH contact, requests prayers for healing after recent surgery.

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.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Jan. 15 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 19 Men's Business Meeting

Feb. 20 Presidents' Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,621.58

Attendance Last Sunday 39

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."

Offering Receipts

The Offering Receipts for 2022 were mailed out last week.

If you did not receive one and would like a receipt for your offering for 2022, please contact Audrey.

Directory Update

Please add **Thomas Rinallo, Jr.** to the *Directory* passed out last week dated Jan. 8, 2023.

The info is posted in the back.

Are You Worried Yet?

by Jay Launius Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas

It would seem that everywhere we turn, we're being told that we should be worried about something. If you watch the news, then they're telling us that we should be worried about the economy, politics, homelessness, world hunger, endangered animal species, the environment, our health and the weather. If you watch the commercials in between the newscast, then we're to be concerned about having the right clothes, shoes, houses or cars. They tell us that we should worry about our savings and investments or our children might not get to go to college. We're told we need insurance for our house, car, teeth, eyes, ears, and anything else that might fail us. We can now purchase insurance in case our car's transmission breaks or the refrigerator goes on the blink. They say we need to have a certain lawyer's number handy just in case we're injured in an accident. Are you worried yet?

The truth is that we spend a lot of our time worrying about things that never come to pass and as Christians, we are not to be a worrying people. We have put our trust, not in the securities of physical life, but in God. Jesus said, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" He then said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow..." (Matthew 6:31-34). Now does that mean that we should be "happy-go-lucky" through life without a concern in the world? Certainly, we are to be concerned about our relationship with God, raising our families, being good stewards over our blessings, and helping our fellow man. But not to the point that it cripples us into a state of ineffectiveness. The bible tells us not to worry, but in everything give thanks to God and His peace, which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts through Jesus Christ. (Philippians 4:6-7). We can have confidence and ease our worries because, as Peter wrote, we can cast all our cares upon God because He cares for us. (1 Peter 5:6)