

## When You Don't Feel Like It

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We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment.

Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95.

*"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances..."*

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

*"For all things are Your servants..."*

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God's servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

*"If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies."*

Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to *delight* in and *diligently consider* God's precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate, remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God.

## NEWSLETTER

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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

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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.*

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

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

**Marjorie Reed** is self-quarantining. She does not have Covid.

**Roger Mapes** It was announced last Sunday that he was in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Louella Hopkins** It was good to see her back with us last Sunday after recovering from back issues. She thanks everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers on her behalf.

**The Bennett family** was recently dealing with Covid.

**Dennis & Darlene Reed** It was announced last Sunday that they are both dealing with Covid.

**Candi Butcher** She fell on Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and had to have 4 stitches in the back of her head.

**Samantha Mellott** was recently admitted to Mt. St. Mary's with an infection in her foot. It was announced last Sunday that she was back home.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur's mother) Let's pray for her as she deals with health issues.

**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.

**Jason Stine**, Linda Stine's son, is dealing with health issues involving his heart.

**Steve Shaw**, Pam Schnell's and Jim Mellott's cousin, is in serious condition after suffering a massive heart attack.

**Jeff Elder's father** is in ICU at Mercy Hospital dealing with heart issues.

**Cheryl**, Bruce Brink's future mother in law, is dealing with hip pain and limited mobility.

**Hope Rice's mother** had a house fire before Christmas. Hope is asking for prayers that the people she use to worship with will reach out to help her mom.

**Jewel Klausner**, Jason Carter's mother in law in TN, is requesting prayers for guidance to make good decisions regarding her elderly mother with dementia.

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)*

**Feb. 14** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 19** Men's Business Meeting

**Feb. 20** Presidents' Day

**Mar. 05** *Potluck.* Groups 1,2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

**Mar. 11** Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,436.53

Attendance Last Sunday 37

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***

Several members of the LaSalle congregation have been financially supporting the mission work in Zambia for many years. A check in the amount of \$900 was mailed last week to assist in the care of infants and orphans at the Namwianga Mission. If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering plate marked for Zambia. More information may be found at [www.zambiamission.org](http://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."*

## **Widows & Widowers**

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

***"My Bible to me is a treasure house,  
Where I can always find  
Whatever I need from day to day  
For heart and soul and mind." —Anonymous***

