

I Have to Do What?

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When Naaman, commander of the king of Syria's army and a leper, had an opportunity to be healed, he jumped at the chance. Kind of. Upon hearing that a prophet in Israel could help him, he set off immediately toward Israel (2 Kings 5:1-6). However, when he brought his request to the king of Israel, the king considered it impossible and questioned his motives (2 Kings 5:7). However, the prophet Elisha heard about this and called for Naaman to come to his house, which Naaman promptly did (2 Kings 5:8-9). But rather than asking him inside or even meeting him at the door, Elisha sent a servant to tell Naaman to wash in the Jordan seven times. Naaman became angry and offered all sorts of excuses why this was unacceptable (2 Kings 5:10-12), but then one of his servants asked him, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?" (2 Kings 5:13). So Naaman changed his mind and obeyed Elisha's words, and he was cleansed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:14).

We have a lot in common with Naaman. We know what we want from God, but we also have our own ideas about how He ought to provide it. We know we want salvation, but too often we want Him to provide it some other way than through obeying the gospel message and being immersed in water to receive forgiveness (Acts 2:38). We want to worship God, but we want to offer Him worship that pleases us rather than worship that pleases Him (Mt. 15:9; Jn. 4:24). We say we want to live for Jesus but then start offering every excuse in the book when living for Jesus requires that we repent of our sins and begin living selflessly for God (Lk. 9:23). Sadly, we often would rather become angry than be pleasing to God (Gal. 1:10). We find out what God says and respond with, "I have to do what?" Instead, we must never lose sight of what it means that God has made such wondrous things available at all. We should simply obey and give God thanks that we can, and that it is meaningful to Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

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

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Our Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

Please check the website for bulletins,
House to House Heart to Heart magazine,
and other things.



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.

Let's keep the following in our prayers...

Roger Mapes, Marge Reed, Jessica Alcorn, Bill Kinney, and Frank Marsden.

Denise Garlitz recently received a good report from the doctor. Recovery is going well.

Candy Butcher had quadruple by-pass surgery June 2nd. The doctor is optimistic she will make a full recovery. Friday she was transferred to Schoellkopf Health Center for rehab.

Louella Hopkins She received good news from the kidney doctor recently. Her numbers went from 31 to 47 which is a good thing. She thanks everyone for the prayers on her behalf.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life, and also Hope's mom. Hope announced recently that her mom is here for now and her mom thanks everyone for the prayers.

Carlos & Shawna Martinez Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life.

Rick Fees fell while in Florida. Since returning here it's been discovered he has a torn rotator cuff. He met with a surgeon this past week concerning a course of action.

Conner Orton (Erin's Orton's son) Let's pray for him as he works to have a good relationship with his father.

Wilma Patterson is scheduled for hernia surgery June 13th.

Lamont, Louella Hopkins' brother, had surgery May 26th involving a tumor on his kidney. The surgery went fine and he is cancer free.

Johnny Martinez, brother of Carlos Martinez, suffered a stroke May 4th. He is showing signs of improvement. Let's keep him and his loved ones in our prayers.

Dan Callari, from Amherst congregation, is dealing with some health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Peter, husband of Denise Garlitz' niece, has colon cancer and is awaiting surgery.

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. It was announced May 28th she is in need of a root canal.

Lisa, Richard Wheeler's sister, is in a rehab facility in Newfane.

Patricia Cassick, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, is waiting on biopsy results.

Mary (John Nowak's sister) It was announced May 21st that she has cancer. It was announced May 28th there is better news than was originally thought.

April (a young woman in Texas that had a phone conversation with one of our sisters here). Let's pray she finds a congregation of the Lord's church in her search for the truth.

Linda, Marge and Nancy's sister in GA, has multiple health issues and recently fell and broke her shoulder. She saw her doctor May 25th and was admitted to the hospital.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Roger Mapes sends greetings to all.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Jun 11 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Jun 14 Flag Day

Jun 18 Father's Day

Jun 19 Juneteenth Day

Jul 04 Independence Day

Jul 09 *Potluck*

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,790.00

Attendance Last Sunday 47

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Widows & Widowers

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

Peace Through Uncertain Times

by Will Birdsong Fishers church of Christ Fishers, IN

It is human nature to worry and be anxious over things we can't control. Times can be uncertain and uneasy, but what can we do to find peace through it all? Let's explore a few scriptures we can use to find our peace in the face of tough times.

Romans 8:28 NKJV reads "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." This scripture reminds me that if we stay focused on loving and serving the Lord in all that we do, we can overcome any adversity.

Let's also explore James 1:2-4 NKJV, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Our father in heaven will always provide for us. It is easy to be concerned about our worldly wants and needs, but if you think about it deeply, hasn't our heavenly Father always taken care of your needs? He certainly has for me! And It would be safe to say he has for you as well.

In closing, Colossians 2:6-7 NKJV "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." When we strive to be firmly "rooted" in Christ, that means we love and trust in him down to our core. And with that foundation, we can overcome any obstacles!