

It's Going to be Okay

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One of my favorite characters from the Old Testament is Joseph. What a wonderful study of overcoming adversity his life provides! Even through all of the difficulties that life brought to him, he kept God first. Even with temptation in his face, and power to spare, he focused on doing what was right.

In this article, I would like for us to think about one of his very last acts on earth, which is found in Genesis 50. Joseph's brothers were ruthless. Some of them wished him dead, and, as a tradeoff, they sold him into slavery and reported him dead to their father, Israel. You likely know the way that this story turns out; Joseph's brothers end up needing his help once he is in a position of authority in Egypt. Joseph graciously took care of his family, but when Israel died, his brothers thought that he would seek vengeance for their previous wrongdoings. They sent word to Joseph that Israel had requested that he forgive his brothers for their transgressions against him.

Whether Israel actually wanted Joseph to receive this message or not (the Bible gives no indication that Israel actually made this request), Joseph had no intention of getting revenge for how his brothers had treated him. In a beautiful display of faith and love, Joseph responded to his brothers in a way that they surely didn't expect. In Genesis 50:20, Joseph speaks these words to them; "...as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." He went on to comfort them and promised to provide for them and their families.

Things don't always happen to us the way we would wish in life. There will be times when we will have a run of bad luck. There will be times when our decisions bring difficulties in our life. There will be times when others will just flat-out do us wrong and possibly damage our reputations. There is a valuable lesson for us to learn from the life of Joseph. Even when life is hard, we must remain faithful to God.

These thoughts likely cause you to think about the words of Paul in Romans 8:28. This verse doesn't teach that everything will always be good and enjoyable for us in our lifetimes. But, it does teach that God will work out even the most challenging times of our lives for good according to His will as long as we keep ourselves in submission to Him. Have you had bad luck lately? Be patient. Have your decisions brought about trouble for you? Continue your efforts to make good choices, change those that need change, and be patient. Has someone done you wrong? Be willing to forgive, continue doing God's will, and be patient. God will work it out for good. Everything is going to be okay!

"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." – Romans 8:28



Attention Men

There will be a Men's Business Meeting after services **next Sunday** Oct. 29th.

NEWSLETTER

Oct. 22, 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 to 10:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At
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Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Phone (716) 283-1214

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 continue to pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Let's pray concerning the situation in the Middle East.

Frank Marsden continues to improve in his recovery from a series of strokes. Please see posted info.

Butts Sumner had back surgery last week and hopes to be discharged home to recover this weekend.

Jessica Alcorn will start another round of chemo treatments on Thursday.

Diane Mellott is dealing with a recurrence of breast cancer and is undergoing additional testing.

Rodney Jones has been home recovering from a medical procedure last week.

Ray McArthur is recovering from Covid.

Jean Cameron is dealing with medical issues.

Louella Hopkins Word was received Thursday she threw her back out and will be home recovering for a couple of weeks. She also stated last Sunday her sugar levels are now fine.

Darlene Reed It was good to see her with us last Sunday.

Michael Rice Let's pray for him for peace and stability.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and also for the family to deal with situations involving her.

Tracy (Wilma Patterson's daughter) had heart surgery earlier this year but recently had to go back for more heart surgery. She is now home recovering. Let's pray she continues to do well.

Lisa Wheeler, Richard Wheeler's sister, is home recovering.

Dan Callari (from Amherst congregation). His cancer is back and he isn't doing too well.

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

Amy (30 yr old daughter of Joe & Sherry (friends of Louella Hopkins)) is addicted to heroin. Louella is asking for prayers for them and also herself as she tries to help them in this situation.

Isabella Rich (9 years old, Louella Hopkin's great niece) had heart surgery recently. Word was received Wednesday that they planned to close her chest Thursday. The infection has cleared up. She will be in the hospital for about another month to heal and for therapy.

Steven Barb Storz (Amherst) met him at a store and asked if he would like to attend church services. He said yes.



Bruce Brink and Stephanie Vinton will be united in marriage on November 4th. In honor of their marriage, and to share our love and best wishes, we have a card for everyone to sign and will also be collecting toward a gift card to give them. See Audrey to sign the card and contribute toward the gift card.

Order of Worship

Songleader: David Schnell

Song

Call to Worship

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Sermon

Song of Invitation

Song for Communion

Communion

Announcements

Song

Closing Prayer



Next Sunday Oct. 29, 2023

Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.



Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Oct. 22 Today. *Potluck*

Oct. 29 Next Sunday Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.

Oct. 29 Next Sunday. Men's Business Meeting (Rescheduled from Oct. 15, 2023)

Nov. 04 Set clocks back one hour before going to bed.

Nov. 07 Election Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,790.00

Attendance Last Sunday 39

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

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

Groups 1, 2, & 3 are the Groups from the Phone Tree.

Group 1 Those in Ron & Jean Cameron's Group

Group 2 Those in Rodney & Carol Jones' Group.

Group 3 Those in Louella Hopkins' Group.

Thanksgiving 2023 Basket Donations

Forms are available in the back if you wish to have a basket donated to someone.

There are signup sheets on the back bulletin board to sign up to bring in items to put in the baskets.

Baskets will be delivered Sunday November 19th after morning services.

No-perishable items may be brought to the building at any time.

Perishable items should be brought to the building on Sunday November 19th.

All donation requests should be brought in by Sunday November 12th so we can have a good idea of how many baskets we will need this year.