

I DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:13 - 21

We have come, friends, to the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. The Lord is our Host and the Head of the house. The Lord welcomes one and all. Openly and eagerly let us share our lives with God and one another. Let us reach out with hearts and hands in Christian love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair offering.
September 11 - Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001)
- **September 13** - 3 PM - Corn Roast & PVBI Concert at Rockwood. See Mrs. Owens for details.
- **September 19** - 7:30 PM - Zone Rally at Rockwood
- **September 22** - First Day of Autumn
7-9 PM - Sunday School Seminar with Brian and Cheri Spangler speaking.
See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- **September 27** - Noon - Church Picnic

Be a true friend!

Friend Day is coming up in October. Whom will you bring? Let's start to:

1. Pray
2. Prepare
3. Put effort into the friendship
4. Invite

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Fostoria, Ohio**. The pastor is Joseph Hurst.
- Physical Needs -
 - Let's be faithful to pray for **Judy Fay** (recovery from heart attack and surgery), **Howard Mickle** (and Bonita), **Rosemary Snyder, Cathy Posson, Brian Wardlaw** (car crash), **Tim Murphy** (motorcycle accident), **Greg Bidwell, Pam Adams** (recovery from neck surgery), **Brian Edwards, Roger Ellers, Don Shirk, Noel Scott, Violet Hollingsworth, David Rison, Ernest Cook, Mark Vosburgh, Robert Ford, Don Elmore, Lillian Jamison, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, and Kathy Moltzen**.
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church include **Catherine, Ralph Parry, Kathleen, Leo, Bruce, Judy, Sharon, Genevieve, and Amy**.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Our **young people** returning to college, especially Lyndsay France, Keith Posson, Seth and Isaac Owens. Pray for God's power for their lives.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills, Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston** and **Donnie Gray** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Charles Laraway** (Afghanistan), **Eric Wells** (flight school), and **Brian Sickler**.
 - The upcoming elections; our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

| | <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> |
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| OT | Song of Solomon 5:1- 8:14 | Isaiah 1:1-2:22 | Isaiah 3:1-5:30 | Isaiah 6:1-7:25 |
| NT | II Corinthians 9:1-15 | II Corinthians 10:1-18 | II Corinthians 11:1-15 | II Corinthians 11:16-33 |
| PSA | Psalms 51:1-19 | Psalms 52:1-9 | Psalms 53:1-6 | Psalms 54:1-7 |
| PROV | Proverbs 7 | Proverbs 8 | Proverbs 9 | Proverbs 10 |
| | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> | |
| | Isaiah 8:1-9:21 | Isaiah 10:1-11:16 | Isaiah 12:1-14:32 | |
| | II Corinthians 12:1-10 | II Corinthians 12;11-21 | II Corinthians 13:1-13 | |
| | Psalms 55:1-23 | Psalms 56:1-13 | Psalms 57:1-11 | |
| | Proverbs 11 | Proverbs 12 | Proverbs 13 | |

Five purposes of prayer

1. Praise and adoration: responding to the glory and grandeur of God.
2. Thanksgiving: acknowledging the Giver of all good gifts.
3. Confession: admitting our failures and asking for pardon.
4. Petition: asking God to take care of us.
5. Intercession: asking God to help others.

-Dale A. Matthews

Lord, where shall I find thee?
High and hidden is thy place;
And where shall I not find thee?
The world is full of thy glory.

-Jehudah Halevi

There is no conflict between trusting God and accepting our responsibility.... Our trust must be in the sovereign will of God, as he works in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives for our good and his glory.

Knowledge of [God's] sovereignty is meant to be an encouragement to pray, not an excuse to lapse into a sort of pious fatalism. Prayer assumes the sovereignty of God. If God is not sovereign, we have no assurance that he is able to answer our prayers. God's sovereignty, along with his wisdom and love, is the foundation of our trust in him; prayer is the expression of that trust. God's sovereignty does not negate our responsibility to pray, but rather makes it possible to pray with confidence.

--Jerry Bridges