

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars....

1st Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service

3rd Sunday – potluck – no evening service

4th Sunday Night - Youth Group

3rd Friday- 3:00 pm - Elder’s Meeting

August 19 - Sunday Evangelism Day

August 19 Honor Marriage

August 25 - Give-Away Day 9:00am-12:00pm

September 22 – Goshen CoC Ladies Day

*****Prayer List*****

Linda – Wanda’s daughter-in-law - cancer

Charles Scott – health – re-check in 6 months

Tom Keifer – Marvin’s brother – pancreatic cancer

Karen – friend of Joyce Aker – disease damaging bones

Dick Trine – Tom’s step-father – cancer

Shirley Flaughter – healing

Joyce Fosdick – colon problems

Loretta’s Aunt Goldy – lung cancer- no treatment-hospice

Sharon Keifer – liver cancer – treatment slowing

Diane – Ruth’s daughter –lymphoma

Thad – Beth’s son-in-law – foot infections - healing

Dorothy Janusz – mother - and family problems

Prayer Box Requests

Know Your Bible TV . 10:30 pm Mon-Thurs.on channel 19

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Steps of Salvation

Hearing Rom 10:14, 17 Believing Acts 16:31

Repentance Acts 2:38 Confessing Acts 8:36-37

Being baptized Acts 2:38 Faithful unto death Mt 7:21

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Family Thing!

A family thing. People meaning something to each other. People ready to embrace and be embraced. People ready to act any time of day or night when the need arises. I believe God intended the family relationship to be special, but what I have really been describing is the special relationship within the spiritual family of believers more than physical blood relations. However, the spiritual relationship is also a blood relationship because it is the blood of Christ that has bought us (**1 Peter 1:18-19**) and brought about the common ground for such a family relationship. Do we recognize the significance of the JESUS CONNECTION.

On an occasion when Jesus was told that his mother and brother wanted to speak to Him, we read...**Matthew 12:49-50**) “And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! (50) For WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.’

This FAMILY CONNECTION begins with a JESUS CONNECTION! As we consider our relationship with the Heavenly Father and with our elder brother Jesus, we should recognize the SPECIAL FAMILY we have and the bond that ought to be between us. Through our CONNECTION with JESUS we have been given the right to become children of God (**John 1:12-13**) and thus members of this family. And the family relationship this JESUS CONNECTION creates is one that defies geographic separation, social level and ethnicity.

Writing to the church at Galatia, Paul encouraged...
“(26) for IN CHRIST JESUS you are ALL SONS OF GOD, through faith. (27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is NEITHER JEW nor GREEK, there is neither SLAVE nor FREE, there is neither MALE nor FEMALE, for you are ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. (29) And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” (**Galatians 3:26-29**)

Family! God’s Family! All one in Christ and descendants of Abraham according to the promise of God. When it comes to the family of God we have a choice to make. Are we willing to obey the will of God? (**Matthew 12:50**) If Christ has been put on in baptism (**Galatians 3:27**), having been brought into that special CONNECTION with JESUS brings us into a special relationship with each other. I pray that we each are experiencing the specialness within the family of God that the JESUS CONNECTION is meant to provide. borrowed