

Week of 7/17/2023

Words of Encouragement

"There is no question that obedience to God's commands prompted by fear or merit-seeking is not true obedience. The only obedience acceptable to God is constrained and impelled by love, because "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). God's law as revealed in His Word prescribes our duty, but love provides the correct motive for obedience. We obey God's law, not to be loved, but because we are loved in Christ."

— Jerry Bridges

"The proximate result of obedience to God is inward conformity to the Divine image." - Charles Hodge

Pray for the Unreached

Karaite People of Poland

Population: 1,700 | Primary religion: Ethnic Religions | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.00%

Pray that Polish churches would reach out to the Karaites and for Messianic Jewish witness. Pray that the Polish church would repent of its role in the Holocaust. Pray for spiritual openness among the Karaites. Pray that Christian witness would be seen as an act of love, not an act of anti-Semitism. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the Karaite community into firm faith in Jesus Christ as messiah.

Calendar

- Friday: 9:00 AM Prayer Time at the church
- Friday: 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Jeff Mason as he has surgery on Wednesday to remove his prostate cancer. Please pray for a speedy recovery, and comfort and peace for all.
- Kitty Dillon Please pray for my nephew, Jason. He had a stroke. Praise God he survived, but rehab will be long. He is a believer.
- Russell & Kathy Lee Please pray for our daughter Amy, she recently lost her home due to flooding. Pray for God's guidance, temporary housing, insurance issues, and peace for Amy.
- Please continue to pray for Kathy Lee as she had surgery on her hand on the 26th to remove a bone in her hand that was causing a lot of pain.
- Doris Kohler Please pray for her brother, Robert. He has a mass in his heart plus some blockage. He has to make a decision whether to have surgery or not.
- Crystal Holland My uncle Roger passed away. Please pray for God's peace that passes understanding to comfort my Aunt Lilly. She also asked for prayer specifically for God to restore her brain function. She has been under extreme stress this past year and feels as though she has lost some of her mental capacity.
- Charles Salter Please pray for his cousin, Lori Shipman. She has COPD and also please pray for her salvation.
- Chet Peterson Please pray for my mom, Rosemary, as she tries to find a new job.
- Megan Lanahan Please continue praying for my daughter (Alessandra) as she is recovering from gallbladder surgery in Boone, N.C.
- Please pray for Craig Owen, Nickie Sacco's brother-in-law.
- Please pray for Tyler Snipes as he recovers from surgery and for God's provision during this season.
- Roger Smith, was just diagnosed with cancer in his spine. He is starting treatment soon. Please pray for healing, if it is God's will.
- Russell Lee Update: Our daughter (Amy's)
 heart surgery was successful. Please
 continue to pray for her as she is dealing
 with frequent high heart rates and afib.

Scripture Reading

Please read **Luke 7** in preparation for this week's sermon.