

The Answer Sitting Next to You

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.” (Proverbs 15:22)

The Lord's church is made up of confessed sinners. When you have a group of loving people who have faced up to their problems, that is a very safe group to hang out with. In this spiritual family there is a wealth of life experience and wisdom that is often untapped.

The scriptures tell us we need wise counsel for our lives to go well. None of us can know everything. In the church are young people who can give you insight into what is new, and older people who know how to keep on going. We can learn from one another's successes, and avoid mistakes they might warn us about. Google is okay for checking out facts, but the subtleties of life require the wise listening ear of an experienced Christian who has your best interests at heart.

If you have a problem, the Lord's answer may be waiting for you, even sitting right next to you, in a fellow member of the Lord's church.

Mark

Have You Hit a Dead End?

"Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word** in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to**. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision...." (Acts 16:6-9)

Don't miss the lesson hidden in this seeming side detail in Acts. It looks like Paul's important teaching journey was

randomly stumbling along. If Paul had a cell phone connection to God, why didn't he just call or text the Lord about their next destination? Notice that even back then, God's people struggled to know his plan. It involved trying one option, being blocked, then trying another option. But they never quit.

God had a reason. It may have been timing. It may have been preparing Paul's team spiritually. It may have prevented a catastrophe. We don't know. But they got back on track only after hitting some frustrating dead ends.

We are going to have the same experiences. Pray, work, try God-glorifying options and see where it leads. Walking with God is a journey. His goals are different than ours, but his outcomes are far superior. Trust the outworking of his will.

Mark

Today's Fellowship Meal: is downstairs, right after worship. **Team #2** will be in charge of setting-up and cleaning-up... and will provide desserts.

A NEW Young Adults Class Meets at 9:30am

Sunday mornings downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

"January Month of Prayer & Fasting" Calendar is Posted! Just put your anonymous check-mark on the day you will fast & pray for the church. **We have 1 Saturday, the 27th, that needs to be covered.**

Youth Group: will meet on Friday, **Jan. 26th** at 7pm at **730 Belmont Ave.,** here in Collingswood, for Movies and Popcorn. See Sharlotte or Dan Swinehart for details.

"New Visions" Homeless Breakfast is this Tuesday, **Jan. 23^d** at 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ. We always need volunteers. See Brenda Collier with any questions.

Members, Get Our Church Directory on Your Phone:

Download **Instant Church Directory** from your app store. We need to have your updated email address in order for you to log in. See Scott Schoener or Becky Finn for questions or assistance.

Cathedral Kitchen Homeless Meal: is coming up January 30th. See Vivian Carter if you can help.

Baby Shower for Sarah Gafgen-Smith Feb. 25th after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Pam Goen or Donna Mansdoerfer.

We Need SNOW Shovelers: Chris Ceraso runs the Snow-blower but we need SHOVELERS. Please sign-up on the bulletin-board.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Welcome & Scripture: Rick Boyle (Psalm 70:1-5)

Opening Prayer: Tony Ceraso

Lord's Supper: Jay Morris, Tate, Tim Davis, Logan McEntire

Scripture Before Message: Dave Cook (1 Cor. 10:6-13)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Rick Boyle

Greeters: Scott & Chris S., John Corbett., Lizzy C.

Nursery Brenda & Nawana Next Week: Sandra M. & Layla

Blue: Cleaning Team Jan. 24-27

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Minister

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Worship 118

Bible Class 56

Wednesday 40

Contribution \$1,914

Budget Goal \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 32

Great job! Our readers are growing!

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

