

February 12, 2023

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Student Kleijer. 6:30 p.m. Student Kleijer. No classes.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes following the morning service.

Friday, February 17, Singalong at 7:00 p.m. There will be a topic and time of singing with a time of fellowship afterwards. Please bring a drink or snack to pass.

With a change to Friday evenings every other month, we hope we see many more faces for our time together singing as a congregation.

House Visitations: (1st 6:30 p.m., 2nd 8:00 p.m.)

Feb 13 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Van Beek

Feb 20 1st Mr. & Mrs. Jaycob Zdenek, 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson

Please contact Mr. Rozeboom as soon as possible if changes are needed.

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Living Bread 2nd NAGMission

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

The Holy Spirit Helpeth Our Infirmities

There are many Christians who find it difficult, if not impossible to give expression to the heart's utterances, in what is termed free prayer. They are, at times, perplexed to know whether they are acquainted with the reality and power of true prayer. And thus many a saint of God, whose wants are not the less real, whose desires are not the less spiritual, and whose breathings are not the less fervent and divinely acceptable, may through this his infirmity, be much cast down and discouraged.

But who is free from some clinging infirmity, interfering with the sanctity and power of this hallowed engagement? Who is not mournfully sensible, that of all his spiritual privileges, this, his highest, most sacred, and solemn, is the most encompassed with,

and marred and fettered by, the deep corruptions of his fallen and depraved nature? That after all his rigid observance of the duty, his many devotional engagements, public and private, there should yet be so little felt nearness to God, so little confidential communion – in a word, so little real prayer. Oh, how much prayerless prayer do we have to mourn over!

But there is encouragement. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.” The word here rendered “helpeth,” properly means to take part with. It implies, not merely sympathy with, but a personal participation in our infirmity. The Spirit helps our infirmities by sharing them with us.

Now take the general infirmities of the believer – infirmities which, unaided by another and superior power, must crush and overwhelm – and trace the help thus afforded by the Spirit. We are taught to adore the love of the Father, from whence each rill of mercy has its rise. We delight to dwell upon the love of the Son, through whose channel all redemption blessing flows.

And shall we overlook the love of the Holy Ghost? Shall we forget His affection, His grace, His succourings? Forbid it, Thou eternal and blessed Spirit! Thy essential Deity, Thy personal subsistence, Thy tender love, Thy Divine power, Thy efficacious grace, Thy sovereign mercy, Thy infinite patience, Thy exquisite sympathy, all demand our deepest love, and awake our loftiest praise. How is this sympathy of the Spirit expressed? Seeing the soul bound with an infirmity, all His compassion is awakened. He takes hold of the burden. Constrained by a love which not thought can conceive, moved by a tenderness no tongue can describe, He advances, and places the power of His Godhead beneath the pressure, and thus He helpeth our infirmity.

~Octavius Winslow

Look Unto Me and Be Ye Found

As the serpent raised by Moses
Healed the burning serpent's bite;
Jesus thus Himself discloses
To the wounded sinner's sight.
Hear His gracious invitation,
“I have life and peace to give,
I have wrought out full salvation;
Sinner, look to Me, and live.

Pore upon your sins no longer,
Well I know their mighty guilt;
But My love than death is stronger,
I My blood have freely spilt.

Though your heart has long been hardened,
Look on Me—it soft shall grow;
Past transgressions shall be pardoned,
And I'll wash you white as snow.”

“I have seen what you were doing,
Though you little thought of Me;
You were madly bent on ruin,
But I said, ‘It shall not be.’
You had been forever wretched,
Had not I espoused your part;
Now behold My arms outstretched
To receive you to My heart.”

“Well may shame, and joy, and wonder,
All your inward passions move;
I could crush thee with My thunder,
But I speak to thee in love.
See, your sins are all forgiven,
I have paid the countless sum;
Now my death has opened heaven,
Thither you shall shortly come.”

Dearest Savior, we adore Thee
For thy precious life and death;
Melt each stubborn heart before Thee,
Give us all the eye of faith.
From the law's condemning sentence,
To Thy mercy we appeal;
Thou alone can give repentance,
Thou alone our souls can heal.
~John Newton

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*I will praise thee, O LORD, among the
people: and I will sing praises unto thee
among the nations.*

Psalms 108:3

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