



## Affliction

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Pastor Anthony Lange

1. Intro: Why does God allow affliction in our lives?  
(2 Cor. 1:8—11)

2. What are the potential effects of affliction in our lives?

• Affliction \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

• Affliction can \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. God allows affliction so we would abandon \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

4. God allows affliction so we would rely on \_\_\_\_\_.

5. God allows affliction so our reliance on Him and His people would result in \_\_\_\_\_.

### TAKE HOME TRUTH

*When we suffer, we must rely on \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ rather  
than ourselves.*

Conclusion:

## Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

I often say, "Sunday is the best day of the week" and I mean it. Sure I understand that every day is lived for Christ – *one man considers one day more sacred than another; and another man considers everyday alike*, Rom 15:5. Sunday is the best for me because it's on this day we come together for corporate worship and mutual fellowship. My whole week is geared towards Sunday and each Saturday night I'm eager, anxious and excited about being together. I hope you are too.

The Greek word for church means 'called out ones.' The church is a people called out of the world unto Christ. Throughout the NT the church is referred to as the Body of Christ. So as a body functions, so must the church in mutual cooperation. We're also a family, God's family, born again by the Holy Spirit into a new relationship with God as our Father with those around us as brothers and sisters. One day the church will become the Bride of Christ as we celebrate the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in glory. What a great privilege to be a part of the church – once an outsider now showered with God's mercy and grace! And it is on the first day of the week we gather together to worship and serve.

One of the church fathers, Justin Martyr, explained it this way - "On the day which is called Sunday, all who live in the cities or in the countryside gather together in one place to hear the Word read and taught, communion celebrated, and prayers offered with thanksgiving." That's what makes Sunday special.



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“LET US COME INTO  
*His* PRESENCE WITH  
*thanksgiving...*”

Psalms 95:2

Prelude  
Call to Worship

*Come Ye Thankful People Come  
All Things Bright & Beautiful*

Missions Moment

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Scripture Reading & Prayer

*Here is Love*

*Affliction*  
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*I Will Wait For You*

Benediction  
Prayer Team

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## THE LORD'S DAY November 23, 2025

Corporate worship is designed to shift the allegiance of our hearts from the kingdom of self to the kingdom of God.

### Philosophy of Worship

We commit to excellence in whatever we do, because God is worthy of our best.

### Nursery Schedule

#### Sunday School - Adult Bible Fellowship

Julie Rizzarda & Cindy Bettenhausen

#### Worship Service

Nursery: Marylee Adrion & Randi Chaney

Toddler: Gina Hart & Diane Wilson

#### Today

9:00am Coffee & Fellowship

9:30am Concert of Prayer & Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

### Thursday, November 27

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Announcements

**Welcome** Pastor Anthony, Kali and children to our service. Anthony will preach today. Pastor Fred and Susan are on vacation. Langes will join our church family come January as he joins our pastoral team. A special service is being planned for January 4 with a church potluck following. Stay tuned.

**Deck the Halls - Next Sunday** immediately after the service. We need young legs to carry decorations over from the parsonage basement, others to set up the trees and hang the wreaths. Please consider staying to help. We are usually finished within an hour.

**Elder-Deacon Meeting,** Monday, December 1 at 6:30pm downstairs.

**Christmas Ladies Tea** is only 2 weeks away. Purchase your tickets after the service. We need ladies to host a table and men to serve. Sign up lists are on the foyer table. Tea is Friday, December 5 at 6pm.

**Christmas Baskets for Shut-Ins.** Suggestions are posted on the bulletin board. Bring your items and place them on the table in the foyer. Last opportunity to share will be Sunday, December 7.

**City Rescue Mission Community Open House** will be held December 13, 10am to 2pm. The new facility is located at 415 W Kalamazoo.

**Christmas Caroling,** Sunday, December 14 at 5pm. Come and be a blessing to others at this time of year.

**Christmas Eve Service,** Wednesday, December 24 from 5-6pm.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Clara DeMass            November 28  
Donna Kimmel           November 29

### Today's Greeters

Barb Bush  
Michael & Sarah Winnie

God cannot forget us or fail to have compassion on us, His children. God will never under any circumstances fail us. By His sovereign love and grace, God has permanently fixed us on His hands. God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ~ Hebrews 13:5

## Prayer Requests

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
Colossians 4:2

### General Requests

- Camp Barakel Staff on sabbatical - Tim & Alyssa Elliott
- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes - ministry at Berean and transition to HBC

### Physical Needs

- Cherie VanValkenburgh - continued strength
- Frank Bragg (Killian Loveall's grandfather) - mental health, diabetes
- Gina Golden - kidney and heart issues
- Joan Allen - pain management
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - cancer
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - lung cancer
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Richard Hardziak (friend of Chaney's) - cancer

### Praying biblically - Colossians 3:15-17

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

### Prayer For Our Government Officials

Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson

### Missionary of the Week

Child Evangelism Fellowship

### Prayer Individual of the Week

Ron Gerard

### Shut in of the Week

Billie Collins

God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves; Christ in me, maturing me to be more like Jesus.