

**February 21, 2021**

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## **Will You Wrestle With God?**

At some point in our lives, we all spend time struggling with God. We struggle with aspects of our lives that haven't turned out they way we wanted them to, we struggle during times we feel He hasn't come through for us, we struggle with pain and blame it on Him. When we're angry with someone, our normal reaction is to leave—to turn our backs and walk away. Especially when it comes to



anger with God, we are often quick to turn away and say "forget it!" But, like Jacob in Genesis 32, the best thing we can do in the face of our anger is to dig our heels in and wrestle with God, fully expecting Him to show up to the fight. It is important to understand, however, that wrestling with God is not the same as fighting against Him. Fighting against God is ignoring Him, disobeying Him, avoiding Him, and cutting ties with Him. We're often taught that any doubt or questions we have concerning matters of faith mean that we must be lacking faith. But the reality is that it actually takes much faith to wrestle with our questions and our doubts. We don't need to be happy with God in order to come close to Him. Like with Jacob, God opens His hands wide and invites us to wrestle with Him. Allow yourself to receive the invitation. When we're willing to step into the ring and engage with God during difficult times, seasons of hurt, doubt, disappointment, and anger, that's when our hearts begin to change. Grab hold of God and don't let go. Ask Him for blessing. Ask Him to show up and reveal Himself to you, and be willing to stay in that ring until He does!

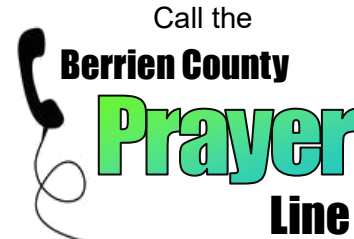
## **Prayer Requests:**

**Health:** Ed & Helene Stadelmayer, Erika Herbstreit, Jim Cassidy, George Klingspon, Inge Henschel, Julian & Martha Karl, David Brozek, Derek Prather, and Witold Jungblut.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**Beginning Feb. 24/21**  
Pastor Andy will start a Bible study on Wednesday nights @ 7:00 pm again for those who would like to come!  
P.S. Masks necessary!

## **Pray with us!**



every **Thursday** from  
**12:00 noon to 12:30pm**  
for a time of community prayer.

Call: **701-801-6523**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February 1	Sarah Hannich
February 8	Steven Mueller
February 21	Sonja Henschel
February 28	Noah Hannich

## **Memory Verse: Genesis 32:26**



**Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."**

**But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."**