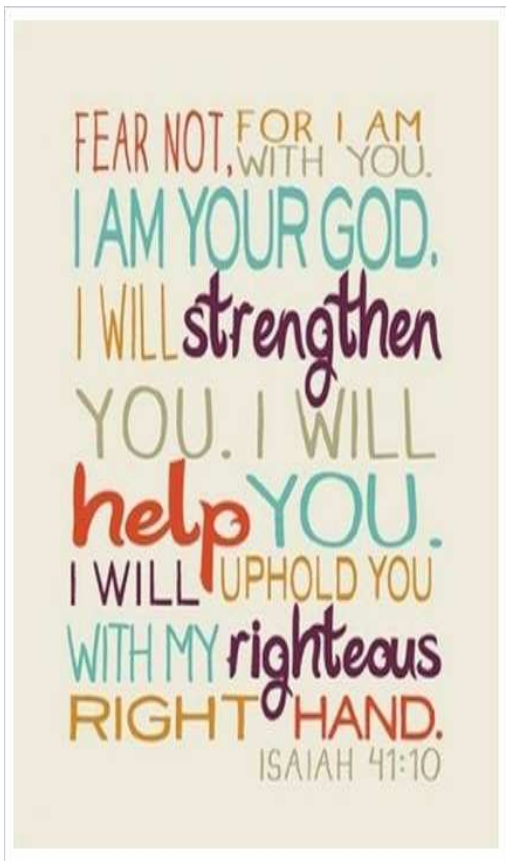


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God's in Control



Don't ever get disheartened
...no matter what life brings,
Our God alone is in control
...and watching over things.
He has a look-out on your life
...from sunset till sunrise,
And nothing ever happens
...that will take Him by surprise.
He knows each teardrop you will shed
...He knows just how to dry it,
He only wants what's best for you
...have faith, and don't deny it.
Our God controls the Universe
...each second of its span,
And He controls the destiny
...of each child in His plan.
Our God will not abandon you
...His love has no loophole,
His eye is always watching you
...He's in complete control.

Selected

Elders:

Pat Barclay
 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
 Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Josh Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
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**Remember our church family in your prayers:**

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, Lee Edwards, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patricia Blackman (Family friend to Mary Daniel), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), John Huxley (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), Donna Ludwig, Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

You may call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.

Camden Clark Hospital

Ed Porter (TC 12)

**Thank You Notes**

- ♥ Thank you for the many anniversary cards. They were all greatly enjoyed. **Dennis and Sandy Keller**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards I enjoyed each and every one of them. **Geraldine Pahl**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Addie Miller**

Church News & Announcements

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be today at 5:00 with Bible Busters 5:30.

LAWN CARE MEETING THIS EVENING

Dwain Shears would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone willing to help on the lawn crew.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Today is the deadline to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Christian Woman magazine. It is \$15.98 per subscription. Please make checks payable to Robin Anthony.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room - 5:45 dinner, 6:15 devotional, and 6:30 work assignments. Everyone is encouraged to join us! There is something for everyone. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for attendance and food items.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday, February 19 at noon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 23 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

ANNUAL BASEBALL TRIP

Come watch Parkersburg's own Nick Swisher on the annual baseball trip Friday, August 9 at the Cleveland vs. Los Angeles game. See Rick Stanley for details.

KRISTY THOMAS

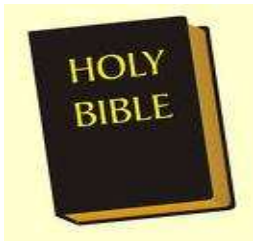
Kristy Thomas and her sons, Brandon and Alex Lawson recently placed membership with us. I apologize for the misspelling of her name. The correct spelling is **Kristy** Thomas.

STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 2 at the Pike Street Lanes from 1:00-4:00. \$3.25 per game, shoes are included at no charge. For more information, see Teresa Wade.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a come and go 90th birthday celebration for Virginia McCutcheon Wednesday, March 6 from 2:00-4:00 at the Cedar Grove Personal Care facility. (This will also be a 71st birthday celebration for Gary Herridge.) 😊



DANA'S DIRECTION

“IF GOD SAYS IT—IT’S TRUE”

In this “Politically Correct” world in which we live, there is a growing resistance to take a stand—any stand! The concept of true or false, yes or no, right or wrong are lost in a world of relativism that preaches truth is subjective—it means whatever you want to believe it means.

What concerns me most is the influence this is having on the preaching of God’s word. Sincere people often ask hard questions: “Is someone really lost if he has never been baptized?” “Will people be lost because they worship in ways different from what the New Testament teaches?” “What about the Christian who becomes unfaithful?”

These questions are not hard because we cannot determine what the Bible says—they are hard because they lead to conclusions that people don’t want to hear. Unfortunately, I hear many Christians (preachers included) who “back away from the truth” in order to “spare someone’s feelings.”

“Are these people living in sin?” It’s not for us to judge. “Is my mother (son, daughter, husband, etc.) who was not a Christian, or became unfaithful lost?” “Don’t worry—our God is a merciful God.” We sometimes leave the impression that there are no certainties in the Christian faith. We know what God says, but we’re not sure what He will do!

How contrary is this attitude to the very nature of God. God is truth. It is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:17-18) This is the very basis of our faith—and our hope. “God is not a man, that He should lie. Has He said, and will He not do it? Has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19) God’s word is true. “Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful.” (Psalm 119:138) “And the scripture cannot be broken.” (John 10:35)

The truth of God’s word is unchanging. Our willingness to stand on it often is not. The problem is that many are “ashamed of the gospel.” (Romans 1:16) We are afraid that we will offend someone or be viewed as intolerant. And so the message—the truth (the only thing which can save us or set us free) is compromised—watered down, to make it more acceptable to men.

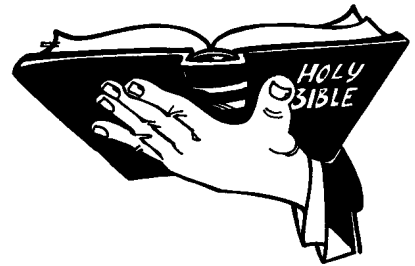
But the truth remains the truth. It may fall out of favor with men. “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and will turn away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (II Tim. 4:3-4)

We may imitate the “feel-good, positive mental outlook, I’m O.K., you’re O.K.” message popular in churches today—but the truth remains the truth. “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” (II Tim. 2:13) “For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar.” (Romans 3:3-4)

Jesus told Pilate that the reason He came into the world was to “bear witness to the truth.” He also said that “those who are of the truth hear My voice.” (John 18:37) We are warned in scripture that those who do not have a love for the truth will end up believing the lie and be lost (II Thes. 2:10) The only hope that we really have to offer a world that is lost in sin is the truth which has been revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. “Buy the truth, sell it not!” (Prov. 23:23).

To live is Christ – to Die is Gain

(Philippians 1:19-24)



“For I am _____ between the two, having a desire to _____ and be with _____, which is far better. Nevertheless to _____ in the flesh is more _____ for you.” (Philippians 1:24)

#1) Paul had a _____ for living.

“For me to _____ is _____.” (Phil. 1:21) “I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but _____ lives in me; and the _____ which I now live in the flesh I live by _____ in the Son of _____ who loved me and gave _____ for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Crucified with Christ. “Knowing this, that our _____ man was crucified with Him, that the body of _____ might be done away with, that we should no longer be the _____ of sin. For he who has _____ has been _____ from sin. Now, if we _____ with Christ, we believe that we shall also _____ with him.” (Romans 6:6-8)

If given a choice – Paul would choose _____. “If I live on in the flesh, this will mean _____ from my _____.” (Philippians 1:22) “Nevertheless to _____ in the flesh is more _____ to you.” (Philippians 1:24)

#2) Paul had _____ in dying. He had a full _____ of the reward he would receive when life was over. “I am now ready to be _____, the time of my _____ is at hand. I have _____ the good fight. I have _____ the race, I have _____ the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the _____ of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, _____ give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to _____ who have loved His appearing.” (II Tim. 4:6-8)

For the Christian – death is going _____. “Having a desire to _____ and be with _____ which is far better.” (Phil. 1:23) “In My _____ house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a place for you..... and if I go, I will _____ again and _____ you unto Myself, that where I am there _____ may be also.” (John 14:1-3)

To live is _____ - to die is _____. What will your decision be? It is a matter of _____ and _____.



Next month we will be off to Louisville for the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention. Over the next several weeks you will hear more about all that is going on with the work our youth are doing.

There will be some opportunities to help our children prepare and practice for the convention. I would greatly appreciate any support you can offer them...as you always do!

We would like to recognize more of the hard work each one is doing in preparing for the convention. What is more important is the work being done to become the Christian leaders of the future.

Todd Kirk, Deacon

Holly Haught

Bible Bowl Test
Songs of Praise

Brenden Smith

Art Says It—Poster
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Song Leading—Winner Circle

Carly Taberner

Art Says It—Painting
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
Year Round Bible Reading
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise
Group Banner

Ashley Nygard

Know the Books
Good Samaritan
PEARLS Test
Parade of Winners

Drew Hershman

Art Says It—Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Mass Media—Video Presentation
PEARLS Test
Group Scrapbook
Song Leading—Winner Circle
Year Round Song Leading
Speech
Group Banner

Emily Williamson

Art Says It—Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It—Photography
Bulletin Board—Informative/Decorative
Bulletin Board—Teaching
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
GIFTS II
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise
Year Round Songs of Praise
Speech

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the upcoming LLL convention, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

The convention will be March 28-31 in Louisville, KY.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Area Wide Devotionals

The area wide devos. are Mondays 7:00-8:30. All youth and parents are invited. Bring your Bible.

- February 18** - Area wide youth (*Sunrise*) **Leaving at 6:30**
February 25 - Area wide youth (*Barlow Vincent*) **Leaving at 6:30**
March 4 - Area wide youth (*Camden Avenue*)
March 11— Area wide youth (*Dewey Avenue*) **Leaving at 6:00**

Please sign the sheet(s) on the counter and indicate if you need a ride or if you are meeting us there.

Youth Activities

February 17 - K-5th grade devo. in the MP Room this evening after services. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

February 22 - 24 - Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN (Homemade cookies are needed for the CYC trip. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.)



Details are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Youth calendars are available on the counter.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In 1958, a New York city father decided to call his newborn baby son “Winner”. How could he fail with a name like that! Three years later, the couple had another baby boy, their seventh and last child. For reasons that no one can quite pin down, the father decided to name this boy “Loser”. It seems the father wasn’t happy about having another child. First a “winner”, now a “Loser”.

But interestingly, “Loser” did in fact succeed. He graduated from prep school on a scholarship, graduated from Lafayette College, and joined the New York Police Department where he became known as “Lou”. As for his brother, the most noteworthy achievement of “Winner” was the sheer length of his criminal record! Over 30 arrests!

So what’s in a name? Names can reveal one’s character and even shape it.

Wearing the name “Christian” indicates that we have been forgiven of our sins and it also gives us a goal for which to strive: Being like Christ! Don’t forfeit your name “Christian”!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, February 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash
PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Delmas Carr
Close - Jim Hughes
6:00 PM - Scott Johnson
Close - Jimmy Galloway

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston
PM - Russ Alton

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Mills
PM - Bob Smith
Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Mike Wade
 2 - Donovan Walton
 4 - Teresa Wade

PM

1. Emma Hershman & Tammy Kerns
2. Dave & Carla Wadlington
3. Stan & Debi Inman
4. Doug & Shannan Hinzman
5. Len & Susan Haid
6. Tim & Nancy Proffitt

Facts and Figures

February 10, 2013

AM Service.....305
Bible Study.....221
PM Service.....227
Wednesday.....224

Contribution\$5884.16

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....0
Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU

A special thanks to all who gave and helped with the Blood Drive.

We were below our goal set by the Red Cross, but we still had a good turnout with several visitors coming to donate.

Again, a special thanks to Linda Camp, Joann Goldsmith, Annette Kirk, Betty Lamb, and Carrie Nygard for their help.

Also, thanks to Alisha and Kim Hershman and the middle school girls for baking cookies for the blood drive.

Thanks,

Marion Goldsmith

Daily Bible Reading

February 17 - Mat 27:57-66, Le 11-12

February 18 - Mat 28, Le 13

February 19 - Mk 1:1-28, Le 14-15

February 20 - Mk 1:29-45, Le 16-17

February 21 - Mk 2, Le 18-19

February 22 - Mk 3:1-19, Le 20-22

February 23 - Mk 3:20-35, Le 23

February 24 - Mk 4:1-25, Le 24-25



The area wide service that was held here and hosted by the Barlow-Vincent congregation, is now available on CD's. They are on the counter in the foyer at no charge.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at
7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

February 24
LOVING OTHERS

Friday Night Sing



The Friday sing will be held at the Hopewell congregation at 7:00.