

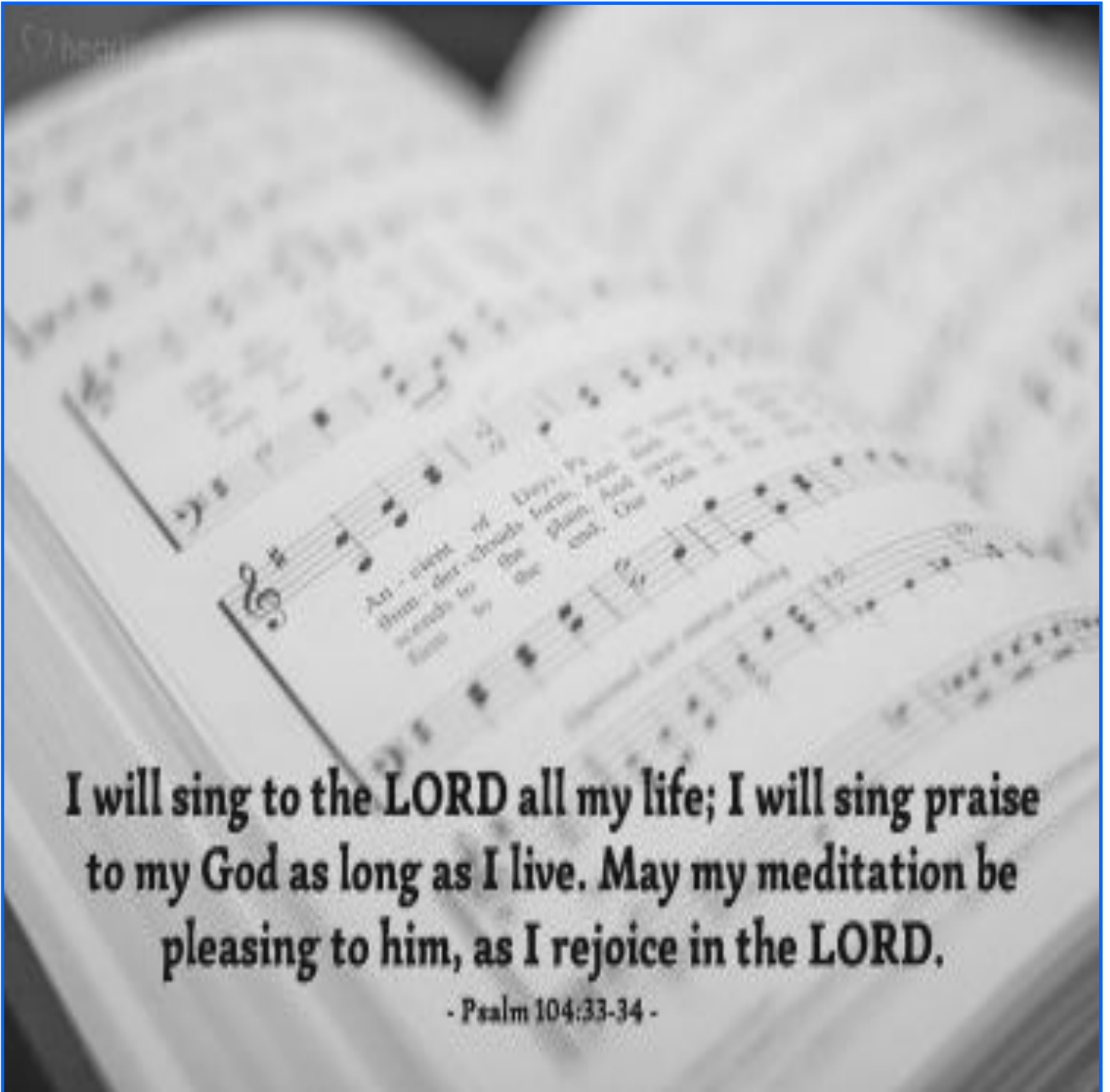
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I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

- Psalm 104:33-34 -

In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Sheila Deems, Gary & Melva Farris, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Bob Bell, Mark Berry, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Joe & Pat Connell (Mike Wade's sister & brother-in-law), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Blaine Hescht, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Diana Huxley (Cindy Huxley's sister), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Roger Oliver (friend of Clayton Huber), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Michele Scherer, Gina Seller's (Co-worker of Susan Anderson), Candice Shaffer (Sandy Keller's niece), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Jay Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family)

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Chris Davis, daughter-in-law of Bill & Carolyn Davis, in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ♥ Joe Wilson- is home.
- ♥ Sharon Armstrong- in the hospital with breathing problems.
- ♥ Linda Moncrief- has been in the hospital in Roanoke, VA.

Requesting Prayer

Glenn Snider came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation.

Announcements

YOUTH EVENT- May 7 & 8 at the Wood county 4-H on Butcher Bend Rd. Hosted by the Sunrise church of Christ. Lonnie Jones will be speaking on Perseverance, Coming out of Trouble Times. Attendance is limited to 150 people. Registration online is required through <https://sunrisecocoyouth.wixsite.com/mysite>

CONNECT CONFERENCE- June 2-5 in Nashville, TN sign up on the counter in the foyer if you would like to attend. See Mark Tonkery for any questions.

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS

- Lubeck church of Christ, May 2-5 with Jeffrey Archey.
- Pennsboro church of Christ, May 2-7 with Wade Webster.

GRADUATING SENIORS- Turn in Pictures, school graduating from, and after graduation plans to the office for an upcoming bulletin.

DIRECTORY UPDATE- Shirley Martin has moved. Her new address is Hillview Terrace Apt. 319 12th Street Vienna, WV 26105

ADULT CLASS- The new Sunday morning class book on James is available in the front foyer. Please pick one up.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION- The high school graduation recognition will be May 23rd after evening services in the auditorium.

OVU PRESENTATION- Stan Inman will present a couple of short videos (less than 10 minutes) from Ohio Valley University tonight after evening services in the auditorium for anyone willing to stay and learn more about the school.

MOWING CREW- Team 1 is signed up to mow this week. Team 1 is Ken Barnes, Doug Hershman, Ryan Highman and Brian Knotts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Mark your calendar for VBS July 10, 2021.
- Meeting tonight after evening services in the auditorium by door 5.
- 3 outside canopies for July 10 are needed. If you can bring one to use please see Mark T.
- VBS teachers please have your order forms for your VBS supplies turned in to Mark by May 2.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Give them the church!

A few years ago in Oklahoma, a young woman went to an adult Bible class on a Wednesday night. She was having a rough time. She had lost her husband and now had the full responsibility for her three children. She felt so alone, and she was afraid that she would not be able to give her three children what they most needed as they grew up. This is what she said: “If it were just me, I’d be okay. Sure, I am hurting, and I am lonely, and I will have to do without somethings, but I can handle it just fine. It is my kids that I am worried about. So many of their friends have new clothes to wear to school this year – and not just new clothes, but expensive designer clothes. There is no way I will ever be able to afford things like that, and it hurts me to see my kids feel like they are out of place. And later, when it comes to college, I do not know what in the world I will do. We’re just barely making it now.”

With that, her voice trailed off, and she began to cry. Just then, an older woman went over and put her arm around her and tried to comfort her. She said, “You know, I can really relate to what you are feeling, because twenty years ago, I was in the same predicament. I had lost my husband, I had four young children, and I was not even making \$500 a month. But let me tell you something. We made it, the five of us, and I am proud of who and where my kids are today. I’d put them up against anybody’s kids.” And then she said this: “I have one piece of advice to give you. It is the best advice I know. You may not be able to give your kids designer clothes or sports cars or trips, but there is one thing you can give them that is better than all of that: You can give them the church! Make sure that you and your kids go to church, every Sunday, every Wednesday, and see to it that they are involved with youth Bible studies, and devotionals. That might not seem like much to you right now, but I cannot tell you what a difference it will make in the long run. They’ll received something there that many kids don’t have, and that money can’t buy, and it’s something upon which they can build their lives for the rest of their lives. Give them the church. It is the best gift you can give them! It is the best thing you can do for them! (Author unknown).

The church is one of God’s greatest gifts to the world. Let’s each make sure we give the church to our children. We can do this by coming to every Bible study, and worship service that the church offers. As well as saying something good about Christ’s church every day. We may not be able to give our children everything, but we can give them the church. When we do give the church to our children it will make an eternal difference!

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Heb. 10:24-25).



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

God's Plan for Revival

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:12-16

I. What is revival?

- a. Psalm 85:6 _____.
- b. Habakkuk 3:2 _____.

II. How can we have revival?

A. God's _____ (2 Chr. 7:14) -

1. John 1:12 _____.
2. John 3:5 _____.
3. Acts 2:38 _____.
4. 1 Peter 1:22,23 _____.
5. 1 John 3:1,2 _____.
6. Romans 16:16 _____.

a. To have revival we must be God's people!

b. Have you obeyed the Gospel?

B. Godly _____ (2 Chr. 7:14)-

1. Luke 18:9-14 - The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, which one are you?
 - a. Humble _____.
2. 1 Peter 5:5-16 _____.
3. Proverbs 6:16,17 _____.
4. Matthew 7:7-11 _____.
5. 1 John 5:14, 15 _____.

a. We are not prepared for revival until humbly pray to the Lord.

C. God's _____ for living -

1. God's plan for revival involves a change of lifestyle. God will not bless us if we keep ignoring His call to grow spiritually!
 - a. Hosea 4:6 _____.
 - b. 1 John 1:7 - 10 _____.
 - c. Acts 8:22 _____.
 - d. Luke 13:3,5 _____.
 - e. Acts 17:30-31 _____.

Finally.

How are your knees?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Commit to Enthusiasm Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:23-24

Doug's Discussion

Ask the Right Way

Did you know that both the criminals asked to be saved? Just like Isaiah predicted, Jesus was “numbered with the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12). When our Savior was crucified there was a criminal on both his right and left. I suspect most of you know about the request of one of these criminals. He asked Jesus to remember him, believing by faith that Jesus is entering His kingdom. Jesus responds by saying that another night would not come before they were together in paradise. That’s one criminal. But what about the other guy? Maybe you didn’t know that he asked to be saved as well. Sort of. “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!’” (Luke 23:39). There was a “save me” included in that, but Jesus doesn’t respond. I suspect it was only a short while before that man was wishing he had the attitude of his fellow criminal.

I can think of a few problems with the first criminal’s request for salvation. First, it clearly didn’t come from faith. Yes, Jesus was on the cross – and while there some had a hard time imagining He could possibly be the Messiah. But if that criminal had listened better when Isaiah was read at synagogue perhaps he would have had more faith. (And perhaps he wouldn’t have been a criminal in the first place). Instead he “hurled insults” at Jesus and that seems like a bad idea to me. Secondly, this criminal’s salvation request came without repentance. The second criminal acknowledged “we are getting what our deeds deserve” (Luke 23:41). But not this guy – he wants saved without repentance. I’m sure there are a lot of people who would take that deal today if that’s what Jesus was offering. He is not. Finally, the first criminal was really only asking for worldly salvation. His goal was only to get off the cross. His idea of a savior was too small. The real Savior saves from death in a much grander, and much more permanent, way.

Clearly not every salvation request is created equal. Some call out to God the Father and say: “save me.” But sometimes God’s reply is: “This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can” (Jeremiah 3:5). Others just want saved on their terms. God, I want heaven . . . but I don’t really love church. I’ll go when I feel like it.” Others ask for salvation but then change their mind when God teaches or requests something difficult. But not all! Some make really good requests to be saved. They turn their eyes to Jesus, recognize their great need, and ask “Lord, remember me. Show me the way, I want to follow You. Take me into the waters of baptism and bring me up a new person, dedicated to you.” Those who request salvation in this way will one day be with the Savior in Paradise.



A Note from the Elders:

The past year has been a struggle for all of us. We are aware that the number of people receiving vaccinations are increasing, more of our members are comfortable and able to return to services. Because of the COVID protocols in place, this makes seating somewhat of a challenge. We have contacted the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department regarding any updates for churches and we were informed that we are to continue following the guidelines that have been set forth by the CDC. This continues to be a topic discussed every time we meet. It is our hope and prayer that we can return to our normal routine as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please see one of the Elders.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you so much for all of the cards and gifts for our 75th anniversary. Also, a special thank you for the anniversary parade, it was a great surprise and put the icing on the cake. Gilbert and Lucille Hardman
- ♥ From the family of Chris Scott. Thank you for your prayers and support for Chris. It has been a long battle, particularly the past eight months. Our thanks to Teresa Wade for spending part of her Saturday at the church building so family and friends could drop off food for our dinner after the funeral. We truly appreciate being able to use your multi-purpose room.
- ♥ Your prayers throughout the past several months for our nephew, Chris Scott, have been a tremendous support. Your visit to the funeral home, prayers, kind words and cards of comfort in his passing have touched our hearts - We thank each of you for being such a wonderful church family! Please continue to think of his parents, wife and three children in your prayers. Love, Ron & Peggy Riddle
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that helped with the baby shower and for the gifts that were received. It was all greatly appreciated. Gwen Lucas



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Serving In Worship May 9, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - David Epler

Close - Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM - Doug Wells

Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Levi Wells

PM - Donovan Walton

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Paul Inman



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

April 25, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....206

Facebook AM Service Views.....206

Sunday Bible Class.....148

Sunday PM Service.....139

Facebook PM Service Views.....171

Wednesday PM Service.....135

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....165

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

Did you know that research shows us that laughter is good for you? Researchers tell us that when we laugh it helps improve our health and gives our muscles a good workout. Experts even say laughter aids in our digestion. Another study showed that people who watched a comedy were less sensitive to pain than those who listened to an academic lecture. We all probably would agree with that.

So, a good laugh is good medicine. Well, the Bible has been telling us this all long. Proverbs 17:22 reads, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." So, in this day where there seems to be little gladness maybe we can focus on things that can help us have a joyful heart and may we have a good sense of humor. After all the Bible tells us it will do our heart good.

LOVE AND CARE NEWS

Love and Care Assisted Living is looking for an Activities Director/Administrative Assistant. If you have a genuine love for working with the elderly, are energetic, creative, and fun, this is perfect for you! The hours are Monday through Friday, 10am-3pm, with occasional other shifts/days depending on activities/needs. If you are interested, please send a resume to Shannan Hinzman at Love and Care, PO Box 1512 Parkersburg, WV 26102 or via email loveandcare.activities@gmail.com by May 5th, 2021. No phone calls please. The job description is posted on the bulletin board.

In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP

May 9
"A Good Conscience"

Daily Bible Reading

May 3: 2 Chronicles 7-9

May 4: 2 Chronicles 10-12

May 5: 2 Chronicles 13-15

May 6: 2 Chronicles 16-18

May 7: 2 Chronicles 19-21

May 8: 2 Chronicles 22-24

May 9: 2 Chronicles 25-28

"We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful."