

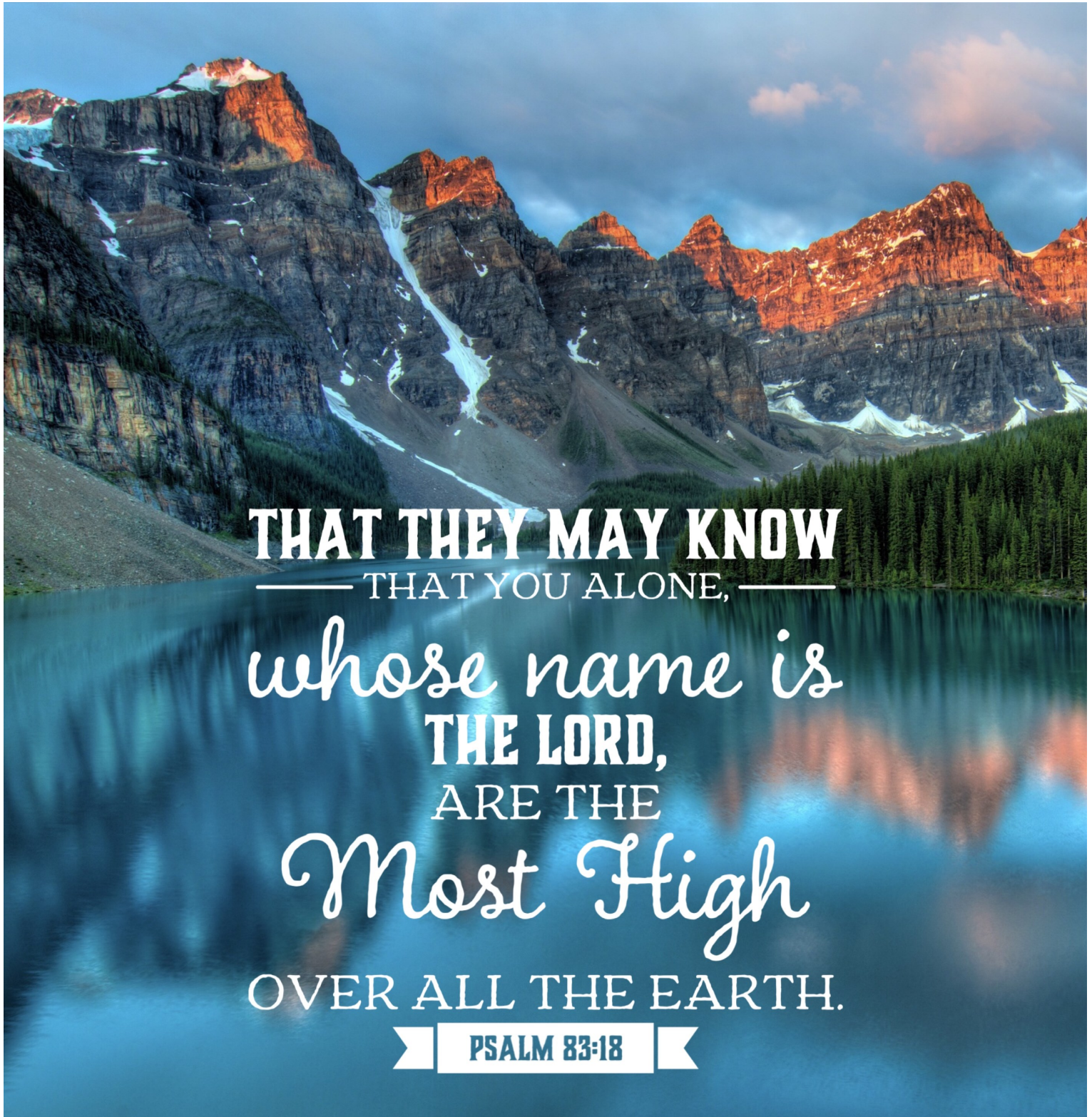
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THAT THEY MAY KNOW
— THAT YOU ALONE, —

whose name is
THE LORD,
ARE THE
Most High

OVER ALL THE EARTH.

PSALM 83:18

In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Don Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chen-nie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Glen & Karen Morrell, John Rockhold III, Michele Scherer, 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.

Please let the office know of any changes or updates to the prayers list.



Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Lois Nulter
- Don Nesselroad
- Elena Gray
- Ila Clark- Scott Johnsons aunt. In Wheeling hospital.
- Tresten Williams Child of a co-worker of Doug Hershman is in a Morgantown hospital after a 4-wheeler accident.
- Serenity Jones- relative of Cindy Huxley
- Bill & Hope Deem- both in the hospital with Covid. Bill is having trouble maintaining oxygen levels and Hope has Double pneumonia.
- Shirley Martin- having health problems.

Announcements

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

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, Sam Bartug from the Norval Park church of Christ in Zanesville, Ohio will be speaking on Renew your Peace. Mark Tonkery will be speaking at Norval Park on their Summer Series.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- August 29 at North End church of Christ.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- October 3-6 with David Price from Morehead City, NC.

BIBLE BOWL- October 9 over Joshua.

WEST VIRGINIA POWER GAME- Friday, September 17. The cost for game tickets is \$6.00 and cost for gas will be about \$8.00. See Kyle Inman with any questions.

CHURCH CAMP OUT- September 10 at North Bend State Park. Sign up on the counter in the front foyer. Questions see Mark Tonkery

LOCAL MEETINGS

- **LADIES TEA** - Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ, September 18.
- **FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY-** Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ, September 19
- **DAY OF EDIFICATION-** Chapel Hill church of Christ in Gallipolis Ohio, September 25
- **MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT-** Sponsored by Richland Road church of Christ at Round Lake Lakeville, Ohio, September 24-25. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- **CELEBRATION OF LIFE-** For Dr. Charles Aebi at Barlow Vincent church of Christ, September 4.
- **LECTURESHIP-** at West Virginia School of Preaching, October 24-28.

CLOTHING ROOM NEWS- The Clothing Giveaway is on the schedule for November. We are only requesting adult and kids coats, winter hats, gloves and blankets at this time. We especially need kids coats; sizes 4 to 14. (Please no clothes at this time). You can leave them in the red box in the corner of the front foyer. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

TEACHER NEEDED- 4-5 year old Wednesday evening class beginning in September. If you can help see Doug Wells.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Seventh Day Adventist Book

Many of you have asked me about a book that you received in the mail recently, entitled “The Great Controversy,” subtitle: “Will Two Former Rivals Unite?” On the cover, is the picture of the U.S. capital reflected in the water and the American flag over the top. The book does not tell who sent it but with a little research I found that the book is put out by the Seventh Day Adventist religious group.

The book itself was written in the late 19th century by Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. White is said to be an Adventist “prophet”, and the book explains the denomination’s interpretation of Christianity.

According to the **Charlotte Area News** (<https://www.wfae.org/local-news/2014-01-31/that-book-you-got-in-the-mail>) Donors from across the U.S. contribute to the mass mailings of the copies of the book to various cities. This book is one of the tools the Seventh Day Adventists are using to recruit new members.

The Seventh Day denomination is a religious group that believes in meeting on the seventh day or the Sabbath day or our Saturday instead of on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). They also have other beliefs that are not found in the New Testament such as when a person dies, they believe their spirit is in an unconscious state and the wicked will be annihilated, yet the Bible tells us that we all will face judgment (Heb. 9:27). They also believe that Ellen G. White’s writings are inspired like the Bible. Jude 3 tells us that faith was once delivered for all and in 2 Peter 1:3, Peter wrote that in the first century “all things pertaining to life and godliness,” was already given. This was about 1,800 years before Ellen G. White was born. Ellen G. White also made false prophecies during her lifetime, and Deut. 18:22 teaches if a prophet says something and it does not come true, they are a false prophet.

1 John 4:1, reminds us, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

For more information on the Seventh Day Adventist, you may go to www.bible.ca and type Seventh Day Adventist to learn more about their beliefs. Also starting Sept. 1 in the auditorium adult class, I will begin a series of lessons on different religious groups and compare them to the Bible. Hope you can be with us on Wednesday evenings as well as all of our times of meeting.

In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery



Reminder: Do not forget to be reading through the Bible in 2021. If you have already completed the reading of the whole Bible or the New Testament this year, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer by the secretary’s office, if you want to share that you completed the reading.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
The battle with sin
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:1-4

- I. _____ of sin. (Is. 59:1-8)
- A. Isa 59:1-8—Israel's refusal to give up _____.
- B. Sin is described in several ways:
1. The body parts used in sin:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 2. Different words used for sin:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 3. Sin affects all areas of life.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

- II. _____ of sin. (Is. 59:9-15)
- A. Sin is _____.
- B. They are _____ to deal with sin.
- C. _____

- III. _____ on sin (Is. 59:15-21)
- A. God becomes like a _____ against sin.
1. Paul uses this image to describe _____ and the _____ against sin (Eph. 6:10-18).
 2. _____
- B. God's _____ plan against sin. (Is. 59:18-21)
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____

Isaiah's point is our need of a _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
The Power of Hope
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:11-12

Doug's Discussion

A New Life

I think that change is a funny word. You can get all kinds of interesting reactions from people by saying the word “change.” I think it’s better than “boo!” Try it sometime... walk up behind someone and say “I’d like to change . . .” and see what happens. As a general rule people hate change! We don’t think we need it. And that’s going to cause us problems with a God who wants to change a lot. Listen: “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Bible says we are being transformed into the likeness of God. God is, little-by-little, changing us so that we look like His Son. Is something in your life not Christ-like? Then God wants you to change.

God wants to change the way we speak, our attitude toward sin, the way we dress, the things we do, the way we treat our spouse and our kids and our friends, our church attendance, and everything else. In fact, being a genuine Christian involves so much change that people might not recognize us anymore. There should be an obvious contrast between before Jesus and after Jesus. The Bible calls it an old life and a new life. “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4). A whole new life. The old life is dead and gone. THAT is what God is accomplishing in you through Christ.

If your new life looks like your old life then maybe your new life isn’t what God has in mind. Are you willing to change? I think that if we give our life up to God then God will do something wonderful. “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it” (John 5:21). You can have your life. OR you can give up your life and have the life God gives. Which do you think is better? I suggest letting God change whatever He wants.



Please Note: From our Elders

“By now, you have heard of the earthquake in Haiti. Many hundreds have lost their lives and homes have been destroyed. Tropical storm Grace will add to the suffering. Camden Avenue supports missions in Haiti that include several schools of preaching. To help our Christian brethren in Haiti, members of the Camden Avenue church of Christ are encouraged to donate funds to be used to relieve some of the suffering. Checks can be made out to the Camden Avenue church of Christ, with “Haiti Relief” noted on the memo line. Funds can be submitted to one of the elders or the church office.”

Bible Call Report - July 2021

We had OVER 22 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in JULY with 211 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were:

555 - Should the Lord's Supper Be Observed Every Sunday?(8), 609 -Unity Or A Return To the Original Church (7), 606- Qualifications of Elders and Deacons (5), 102- What Is the Church of Christ? (5), 605 - Church Organization (5), (4)- 610 -Which Is the Right Church, 554 - The Lord's Supper, 559 - The Proper Form of Prayer, 611 How Is the Church Identified?, 615- The Government of the New Testament Church, 616 What Does the Bible Say About Clergy and Laity?, 617 You Can Be a Christian Without Joining Any Denomination.

21 times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Let the Elders know your commitment to this work.

Also, are you willing to fund mailing these into mission areas? This can be another way we can help find contacts for our missionaries to follow up. The Spencer congregation mailed three routes in that area . Also WE mailed four routes in Parkersburg . If we do not do more to reach the lost, we will be losing ground to satan. What are you doing to enlarge the borders of the Kingdom?

Any questions or aware of needs call David Epler 616-554-0990 house 304-834-1935.

Thank You

♥ A BIG thank you to all my Christian friends who have been praying for me. God heard your prayers and has extended my life beyond the time the doctor said. Many thanks for the beautiful get-well cards, birthday cards, phone calls, food brought in, and a thank you to the lovely young ladies who come and dust our house. God's blessings to you all. In Christian Love, Lois Nulter (and Dave)

Serving In Worship August 29, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - David Epler

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Mike Wade

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Cody Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM- Klay Cochran

PM - Bill Mills

COMMUNION

AM - Jon Hesch

PM - Patrick Rine

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

A story is told of a man visiting a zoo in a foreign country. He was amazed when he saw a lamb sharing a cage with a big fierce looking bear. The visitor told a zoo worker about how incredible he found this arrangement. The worker smiled and said: "That is peaceful coexistence." as the man shook his head in a confused way the worker then added, "of course, we have to put in a fresh lamb every morning."

Let's face it - true peaceful coexistence between a lamb and a bear seems unlikely. The lamb probably wants peace but he's not going to get it. Equally impossible is peace between good and evil. The Bible asks, "For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" Peaceful coexistence between right and wrong, freedom and slavery, or God and the devil just isn't going to happen. All you can do is hold to what is right and live by Romans 12:18. "As far as it depends on YOU, live at peace with all men."



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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

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Facts and Figures

August 15, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....220

Facebook AM Service Views.....231

Sunday Bible Class.....156

Sunday PM Service.....148

Facebook PM Service Views.....100

Wednesday PM Service.....153

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....135

Contribution.....\$6373.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

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

August 29
"I Believe in Morality"

Daily Bible Reading

August 23: Isaiah 61 -63

August 24: Isaiah 64 - 66

August 25: Jeremiah 1 - 3

August 26: Jeremiah 4 - 6

August 27: Jeremiah 7 - 9

August 28: Jeremiah 10 - 12

August 29: Jeremiah 13 - 15

"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."