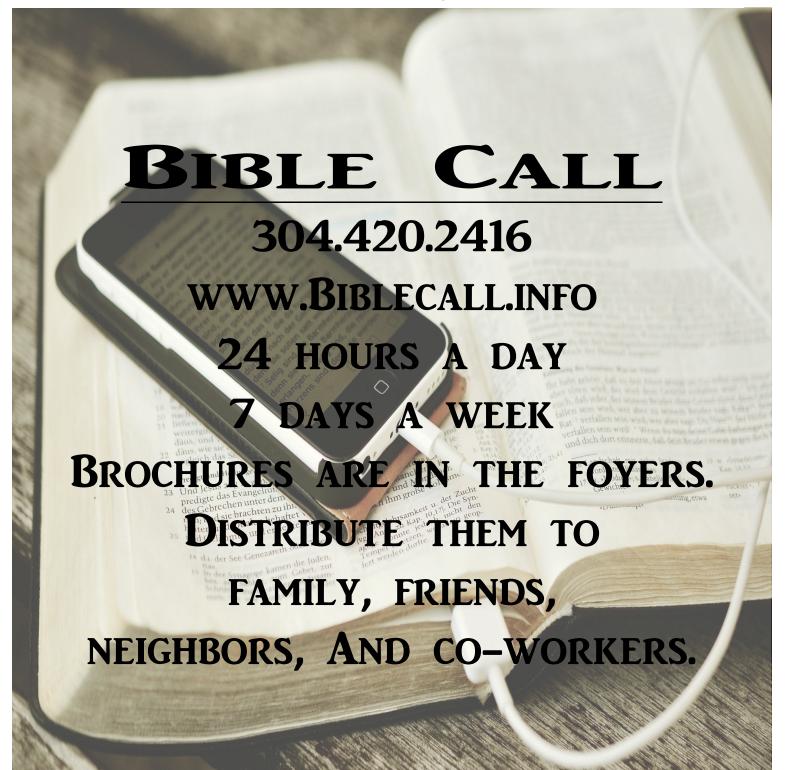
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Bible Call 304-420-2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hescht, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Nesselroad, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Cotton Sayre, Eloise Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Jim Stoops, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Joyce Wright

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), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), Roy Clark, Megan Bailey Daugherty, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's brother in law), Charles (Bill) Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), Allison Kirkland (friend of Gwen Johnson), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Helen May (Verna Huber's mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), Michael Parsons (friend of Billie Coe), Kathy Plant, Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother), Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), Bev Rine, John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Sara White (Randy White's Daughter), Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

<u>Updates to the prayer list this week:</u>

- Justin- Cindy Huxley's nephew continues to make progress.
- Patty Workman- is in Belpre Landing room 302.
- Jim and Sallie Hinzman- are having health issues.
- Millie Gault
- Sara White- Randy Whites Daughter and Terry Hofmann's niece. Having health issues.
- Cotton Sayre
- Summer Leigh Rich- Born July 28, 2022. she is currently in the NICU.
- Kim Fought, Jo Goldsmiths brother.
- Marshall Rich- had surgery last week.
- Mike Lucas was taken to the hospital last week.



Announcements

<u>VISITORS</u>- We are happy you can be with us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The August book of the month is Habakkuk. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

BIBLE BOWL- The Camden Avenue Bible Bowl is October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

<u>BABY SHOWER</u>- For the new daughter of Daniel and Tabetha Rich, Summer Leigh Rich. August 28 from 2:00pm-5:00pm in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart. See Kay Stanley with any questions.

<u>TEACHERS NEEDED</u>- Beginning in September teachers are needed for the Sunday and Wednesday 2 year old class and for the Wednesday 4 & 5 year old class. If you are able to help see Doug Wells.

MEN'S MEETING- Today at 4:30pm in the multipurpose room.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH- Care group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship meal on September 11 after morning worship and Bible class.



Upcoming Local Events

There is more information available on the bulletin board

MID-OHIO VALLEY AREA WIDE SING - September 25 from 3:00-4:00pm at Hopewell church of Christ.

<u>WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP</u>- 36th Street church of Christ, October 7-9.

GOSPEL MEETING- Harrisville church of Christ, October 9-14 with Ed Melott.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP - October 23-27, 2022 over 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Preach the Word!

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Transformed To Beauty By Jesus

A mother once took her young son to a Paderewski Piano concert in an effort to encourage his progress on the piano. After they were seated she spotted a friend in the audience and walked over to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually made his way through a door that was marked "No Admittance." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered her child

missing. At that time the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway piano on stage.

To her horror, the mother saw the little boy sitting at the keyboard innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." At that moment the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon, his right hand reached around to the other side of the boy and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed an outrageous situation in to a wonderful experience, and the audience was mesmerized.



This is what Jesus does for our lives. We plunk around on the keys of life trying to make beautiful music, but it is Jesus who transforms what we have to offer into something beautiful. During each situation, no matter how outrageous, desperate or disappointing, Jesus whispers to us, "Don't quit. You are not alone. Continue on because together we will mesmerize the world, with our beauty and power.

Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: Doug Wells

The Day of the Lord

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 1:14-15

1: If you heard from a credible source that you only had a few minutes before the day of the Lord, what would your first reaction be?
2: Why do you think people respond with apathy when they heard about the judgment of God?
3: Do you think God will do anything, good or bad, if you live a holy life? If you don't?
4: Did a "day of the Lord" come upon Jerusalem? Why or why not?
5: Will everyone who is looking forward to the day of the Lord be happy when it arrives? Why or why not?
6: If you're not ready for that day, what should you do? (Zephaniah 2:1-3)
7: How is the coming judgment like the hailstorm that once fell upon Egypt?
8: The One who comes to judge rejoices over you with?
9: Where is our shelter from the day of the Lord? Are you in this shelter?

PM Sermon: Doug Wells
The Ministry of Encouragement
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 3:13

Doug's Discussion

Seeing Makes Things Simple

For one man the question of Jesus was pretty simple. Was Jesus the coming Messiah? There was quite the debate going on. Some believed He could be, others raged against the idea that this "Sabbath-breaker" could possibly be from God. But all the complexities of the issue faded away for one man who was born blind. What does he care about the politics of Jerusalem? His only concern was to get enough money from begging to be able to eat. But then everything changed when he met Jesus for himself. Mud was placed on his eyes, and Jesus said "Go . . . wash in the Pool of Siloam" (John 9:7). What did he have to lose? He went to wash the mud off, and when he opened his eyes he saw for the first time.

I have to imagine that someone who just got their first glimpse of colors, of people, of the vast sky would be incredibly grateful to the One who imparted that gift. An impossible gift. There was no denying it, even though the Pharisees tried. He was definitely born blind, and now he could definitely see. The once blind man was pulled before hostile accusers who told him that they knew Jesus was sinful. "He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25). Yes, quite simple. And when given a moment to think about it the blind man goes on to say "We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing" (9:31-33). Well, that got him kicked out. But he saw things clearer than the people who could see all their lives.

I have been blind. I have stumbled in the darkness, living foolishly and selfishly. But then, somewhere along the way, I met Jesus. Of course, being blind, I never would have found Him on my own. He clearly loved me enough to come and find me. There wasn't any mud involved but Jesus opened my eyes as well. And so, the question of Jesus became very simple for me. A great debate rages today. Was Jesus just a man? A good teacher? Or is He, in fact, the Son of God? I know this: I was blind and now I can see. If Jesus was anything less than divine that never would have or could have happened. Quite simple indeed.

September Bírthday's & Anniversaries

1- Calvin & Jean Martin*

4- Paul & Barbara Saunders*

5- Dorothy Stevens

8- Kody & Chelsea Inman

9- Delmas Carr

9- Alice Cochran

10- Zoe Hall

14- Brenden Smith

14- Steve & Holly Sprout*

16- Patty Sayre

17- Jenny Reynolds

18- Braidon Knotts

18- Kyle Knotts

21- Connie Hickman

22- Nancy Inman

23- Jo Goldsmith

24- Sandy Keller

24- Harvey & Mary Caplinger*

25- Levi Wells

26- Alisha Hershman

26- Chloe McCloskey

27- Sean Plant

28- Carl Curtiss

28- Natalie Inman

28- Allen & Billie Coe*

29- Cheryl Logston

30- Naomi Carr



Scriptures Summed Up in One Verse

Jesus said, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). We're all familiar with this command. In fact, we now it as the "Golden Rule." Yet how much do we really practice it?

If I were hospitalized, I would appreciate visitors. Doesn't that mean I should visit those who are hospitalized?

If I were in prison, I would appreciate having people who visited me and worked to have me released. Doesn't that mean I should do the same for those who are imprisoned?

If I were an elderly person, confined to the nursing home, I know I would appreciate visitors. The people who are there certainly do. Doesn't that mean I should visit them?

If I were hungry, I would appreciate those who gave me food. Doesn't that mean I should do the same for those who are hungry?

If I were a stranger in a new town or a new congregation, I would want others to be friendly, to make me feel welcome, to invite me over and to help me become a part of the long-standing fellowship. Doesn't that mean I should do the same for those who are newcomers to the town or congregation?

In fact, Jesus seems to say these things will be a significant part of the basis for determining the saved and lost on the last day (Matthew 25:31-46). Perhaps we need to rethink our priorities and reconsider what is really involved in living the Christian life.

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Serving In Worship August 28, 2022

<u>ELDER IN CHARGE</u> - Todd Kirk <u>DEACON IN CHARGE</u> - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman Close - Dave Nulter 6:00 PM - Keith Smith Close - Josh Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ken Barnes PM - Kevin Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders PM- Cody Hoover



Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship	9:30
Bible Class15 minutes aft	er worship
PM Worship	6:00

<u>Wednesday</u>

Bible Study......7:00pm

Facts and Figures

August 14, 2022

Sunday AM Service	244
Sunday Bible Class	
Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Service	
Contribution	\$

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms	4
Restored or Requested Prayers	1
Placed Membership	3



Mowing Group for August 25-27 Team 1

Kevin Inman Kyle Inman Kody Inman Korey Inman

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

Let me share an interesting way to get out of conflict. You could look the other person in the eye and ask "What works best for you?" Okay, I get this isn't the most popular option - and that you might rather walk on hot coals than concede anything to someone who is irritating you. But it worked for Abraham.

Abraham once looked at his nephew Lot and said - let's not fight over who gets the best land. You pick. I'll take what's left. Lot picks what looks like the best spot and leaves - conflict avoided.

But maybe you object. Why does the other person get the best spot? I should get it! But here's the point - God can give you more. You choose love over ambition and that's the road to being blessed. Listen to what God tells Abraham after this happened: "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever." Do you see? It doesn't matter what we give away! God is a much better giver than we are.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP August 28 "Your Destiny"



Daily Bible Reading

August 22: Romans 13 & Psalms 62-66

August 23: Romans 14 & Psalms 67-69

August 24: Romans 15:1-21 & Psalms 70-72

August 25: Romans 15:22-33 & Psalms 73-74

August 26: Romans 16 & Psalms 75-77

August 27: 1 Cor 1 & Psalms 78-79

August 28: 1 Cor 2 & Psalms 80-84

"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."