

A Thought From Mark...

"Are you a man, or a mouse?" is the way they used to say it, back in the day. Will you act with courage, or shrink back like a coward? In the *Wizard of Oz*, the cowardly lion needed an infusion of courage. He went to a wizard to get it.

We are often concerned with fending off fear and acting in the face of it. It is a struggle all sane people have, even if they do not admit it. How do the cowardly become courageous?

Consider the apostles of Jesus...

All of them, save John, apparently, were cowards at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus. They all ran away and were later found huddled and shaking in their boots behind locked doors. A locked door may remove a threat, but it does nothing to alleviate fear. Peter went so far as to deny he even knew Jesus three times in order to evade trouble during the Lord's trials.

They were cowards. That is not harsh, just the facts. I do not claim we would have done any better than them given the same set of facts. But how do the cowardly become courageous?

Look at Acts chapter 4. By Acts 4, it has been done – these men have found their courage. They are boldly and publicly proclaiming the good news of Jesus, despite the threats. Peter and John do so before their worst enemies – the Sanhedrin! When asked how they dared to continue to preach Christ in Jerusalem, they answer clearly and boldly and apparently without fear. How? How do the cowardly become courageous?

A couple of hints. Acts 4:8 – "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them..." There is no room for fear in a person filled with the Holy Spirit. Recall what the Scripture says – "Perfect love casts out fear."

Then Acts 4:13 – after hearing what Peter said, the enemies realized something. These men had been with Jesus. They looked like Jesus, they acted like Jesus, they responded like Jesus. And of course, the name of Jesus was constantly on their lips, and they were consistently testifying to the truth of Jesus. No room for fear in that equation!

Filled with the Holy Spirit. Devoted to Jesus Christ. It's how cowards become courageous! You don't need a medal stamped "Courage!" You don't need some macho pep-talk. You don't even need a weapon. All you need is the Spirit within and a relationship with Jesus that shows to everyone without.

Pursuing Peace

In a Bible class discussion a few days ago it was mentioned that since the day Cain killed Abel, it seems there has been no point in history when there has not been conflict. Maybe not all out war, but certainly always the threat of war somewhere in the world. The question was asked, since this seems to be the nature of mankind, is there really any reason to pray for peace? Any question that makes us think is a good question! I'll give you my thoughts, and I'd love to hear yours.

It is never wrong to want what God wants, and it is never wrong to pray for God's will to be accomplished. God wants people He created in His image to live in unity and love - in peace. The more people who want what God wants, the more likely it is to happen. The fact that there will always be people who don't want what God wants should not keep us from working for it ourselves.

You and I will probably never say, or write, or do anything that will cause the leaders of the world to sit down and agree on the ultimate peace treaty. But that is not really our purpose. Our purpose is to pursue and promote peace where we are; in the relationships we are in right now. Even if no one else tries, if you decide you are going to work on resolving the conflicts you are experiencing, **your** world will be a more peaceful place. And if others see your results and are motivated to do the same, things can only get better, one mended relationship at a time!

Resolving a conflict does not mean compromising your beliefs. It does not mean agreeing with every opinion the other person holds. But it probably will mean humbling yourself and being willing to have a respectful discussion with the other person, trying to understand where they are coming from and how they feel about the situation.

Charlie Morris will have many practical suggestions when he begins our series in January on Pursuing Peace. Let us pray that this series will be the beginning of a movement in our community and in our congregation in which conflicts are resolved and God is glorified. In other words, let us pray for peace!

Dennis

Mark Mason



Prayer List

- * <u>Judy Beckett</u> 6 more weeks of therapy. Still having a lot of pain.
- * <u>Paula Garner</u> is still suffering from back spasms and her itchy skin condition.
- * <u>Fred Nulter</u> is at Health South in room 211. He is undergoing therapy so he will be strong enough to have a pacemaker and defibrillator put in.
- * <u>Cathy Deem</u> is having heart and blood pressure complications.
- * <u>Judy Dunn</u> diagnosed with cancer. Judy is the sister of Mark and John Lamp, Karen Hoover, and Pat Hill.
- * <u>Carrie (Moss) McLean</u> Mike and Ginny's youngest daughter will have a growth removed which could be cancerous.
- * <u>Sonny Williamson</u> has had lots of tests. Nodules were found on both lungs and tests show a type of bacteria. They can't remove the bacteria until they are sure there is no cancer. He had biopsy last Monday to find out the problem.
- * <u>Sonia Starcher</u> was hospitalized last week with a heart rhythm episode. She is home now and will be undergoing tests to determine the cause.
- * <u>Emilee Newberry</u> will be undergoing tests this month.
- * <u>Darlene Coleman (Zenna Hall's Sister)</u> has been hospitalized in California for the last month. She cannot swallow due to scar tissue in her esophagus from years of acid reflux.
- * <u>Jodi Boone</u> is at Camden Clark with pancreatitis.

The Ladies are assembling a Sunshine Basket for Paula Garner. The basket is in the foyer for you to put your items.

Bill Butterfield is collecting money to purchase a vehicle for Geoffrey. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please give your cash or a check marked "for Geoffrey's car" to Bill, Dan, Dennis, or one of the elders.

Mark Butterfield is collecting money again this year to get gifts for the kids that live in Rolling Hills. He will be collecting money now until the 26th of November.

Della Polling is collecting gifts and donations for children ages 3-13 for families in the area who can't afford Christmas presents.



- Eli Clark (Get Well/Thinking of You)
- Andrew Nemar, Judy Curkendall's great nephew (Get Well)
- Betty Porter (Get Well)
- Dwain Hartley
- Judy Beckett
- Fred Nulter
- Glenda Hendrickson
- Judy Dunn
- Carrie McClain (Daughter of Mike and Ginny Moss)
- Lee Baker (Don Bibbee's Son-in-Law)
- Nathan Lewis (8-year-old son of the Smiths) (Get Well)
- Darlene Coleman (Zenna Hall's Sister) (Get Well)

These can be left in the blue wire basket on the wall by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of mailing.

There will be extra cards at the desk to use if you would like.

- Alice Hale



Dear Christian friends,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me a birthday card they were all very special.

- In Christian Love,
 - Fran Talbert

© Dear Christian friends,

Thank you for all the cards while I've been recovering.

Judy Beckett

Observe Christian friends,

Thanks for all the birthday cards you sent for both of us.

Bob and Pat Hill

Sun — Nov 12	Mon — Nov 13	Tues — Nov 14	Wed – Nov 15	Thurs— Nov 16	Fri — Nov 17	Sat— Nov 18
BELIEVE TEACHER(S): Mary Beth Full			<u>BELIEVE TEACHER(S):</u> Mary Beth Full			
		Ladies Class 10:00 - 11:00 AM				
Sun — Nov 19	Mon — Nov 20	Tues — Nov 21	Wed — Nov 22	Thurs— Nov 23	Fri — Nov 24	Sat— Nov 25
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		No Ladies Class				
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What's Happening On The Street...

Monday, Nov. 13	6:00 PM	Ladies Dinner	Cheddars	This Week THU (11/16) Elaina Rebholz Todd Jones
Thursday, Nov. 16	11:30 AM	Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon	MP Room	FRI (11/17) Sydnee Dimick Matthew 28:19-20
Saturday, Nov. 25 9:00 AM		Men's Breakfast	Golden Corral	"Go therefore and make disciples of a nations, baptizing

AREA-WIDE Fellowship & Fun Opportunities

November 14th - David Bowden Spoken Gospel at OVU

November 17th-19th - The Mission Belpre Youth Rally at Belpre Church of Christ

November 28th - 6th Annual Culture Night at OVU

Pursuing Peace



Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon/ Antiques Roadshow Thursday at 11:30 AM

> Multipurpose Room (Sign-up Sheet in Foyer)



Birthdays

them in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the

teaching them to observe all that I

have commanded you. And behold, I

always, to the end

Holy Spirit,

am with you

of the age."

TODAY'S SERMONS - November 12, 2017

A.M.— "Another Look At A Familiar Text"...... Mark Mason (Text: Matthew 28:16-20) (Reading: John 9:24-33)

P.M.— "The Sixth Step" Dennis Menear (Reading: Revelation 3: 11-13) (*Text: Hebrews 10:19-25*)

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Week of 10-29-2017 **Sunday AM Bible Class** Sunday AM Worship Sunday PM Service Offering Wednesday Bible Class

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PRAYERS FOR:

ELDERS **Terry Garner** Tim Kirl Jack Long Mike Moss **Iim Shuman**

DEACONS

Tim Baillargeon Randy Craig John Eckhart John Garner Chuck Jones Jerry Lemley **Dennis Menear** Troy Miller Dan Mincks Jim Taylor

MINISTERS

Mark Mason **Dennis Menear Bill Butterfield**

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Join Us for Worship/

Study:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM

Sunday Morning

Worship 10:30 AM **Sunday Evening**

Wórship

6:00 PM Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Our Long Term Care Residents:

Betty Bibbee (Eagle Point Rm127) Edna Cain (The Willows Rm115) **Glenda Hendrickson** (The Heritage -St. Marys Rm 1) Lois Miller (Ravenswood Care Ctr Rm12) Jerry Page (Eagle Point Rm334) Peggy Smith (Marietta Care & Rehab Rm408) Myra Zinn (Cedar Ğrove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Chris Depuy & wife Melanie U.S. Air Force (son of Jeff & Julie Depuy)

Brad Gibbs & wife Amber U.S. Navy Reserve (grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs)

Chad Williamson U.S. Marines (grandson of Pat Williamson)

Anthony Worst U.S. Marines (nephew of Michelle Hershman)

Steven White U.S. Navy (fiance of Ashley Chichester)

Our Law Enforcement/First Responders:

Patrolman Walker Wright (Parkersburg Police Departmen Patrolman Tim Kashorek (Parkersburg Police Department) Deputy Evan Michael (Sheriff of Wood County)

Our Homebound Members:

Ruth Brookover Ben Colantoni Gladys Frohling Jim Hart

Ron & Jo Kress Laura Menear **Becca Simons**

Those with Cancer:

Marilyn Kellar, Delena Joy (Judy Beckett's friend), Ron Robey (Judy Beckett's brother), Donna George (Eva Leonhart's neighbor), Dorothy Saunders (friend of Martha & Dave Berger), Faye Williams (Glenda Hendrickson's niece), Brenda Nulter (Fred Nulter's sister-in-law), Mary Thompson (friend of Shirley Gilchrist). Emily Friar (10 yr. old niece of Jim & Rita Taylor), Troy Rae and Brandon Lynch (Mary Lamp's nephews), Josh Beckett (Judy's great nephew), Mike Taylor (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), Donald Kelley (Jim's brother), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama), James Nonamaker (Ron & Bud's brother), Benny Weese (Reba McDaniel's brother), Jim Paff (neighbor of Judy beckett), Dana Wince (neighbor of Joyce Dotson & Shirley Gilchrist).

Ongoing Health Issues:

Dale Dotson, Chuck Doyle, Ron Nonamaker, Bill Butterfield, Fred Nulter, Bob Schott, Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Lois Miller, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Judy Beckett, Becca Simons (Mary's granddaughter), Joyce Dotson, Dave Shreve (Jack & Carolyn Long's son-inlaw), Carter Nichols (Curkendall's Grandson), Wayne & Sherry McCray (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), Marybelle Ice (Mother of Martha Berger), Tracy Sullivan & Tina Nichols (Lois Miller's daughters), Travis Parsons (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Wayne Hall (Karen Case's brother), Ed Porter (cousin of Judy Curkendall), Kimberly Kellar Kirk (niece of Judy Curkendall), Marilyn Hayhurst (Paula Garner's sister).

Privileged to Serve - Week of 11/19/2017

NOVEMBER

Announcements: **Dennis Menear, Michael Moss**

> Visitor Table: Sarah Shuman

<u>Ushers:</u> Kelly Gibbs*, Jeff Poling, Troy Miller

Communion Table (Front): Rick Kellar, Gary Curkendall, Richard Kellar, Jim Hall

Communion (Rear): Max Rebholz, Mark Carpenter, Gary Grimm, Ron Grizzsard, Mike Kerby, Scott Wigal

	SUN 11/19 AM	SUN 11/19 PM	WED 11/22		
Song Leader	Mike Hale	Charles Morris	Special Service		
Prayer	Daniel Mincks	Bill Butterfield	Special Service		
Table Speaker	James Kelley	Jack Long			
Table Assist	James Taylor	Chuck Jones			
Read Scripture	Larry Clark	Scott Wigal			
Closing Prayer	James Shuman	Gary Carothers			