

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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by Doug Kashorek

God Returned the Evil

Vigilante justice is woven into the fabric of our country. As settlers pushed West, there was a need for it, perhaps, as lawmen were few. The western genre is built around this as a lone gunslinger often rides into town just long enough to right a wrong. Superhero movies have taken over this theme in recent decades.

A hero setting himself up as his own law goes against submitting to authority, which Americans have historically struggled with. Most of us applaud when we hear of a father protecting his family against a home invader or when a trooper pulls over a car driving dangerously on the highway. In both, their authority to act is guaranteed by the government but is given by God.

This is why Christians submit themselves to the governing authorities as they (whether you agree with them or not) are put into place by God (Romans 13). Rather, waging war with heavenly weapons (2 Corinthians 10:3-5), we are to *"never avenge [our]selves, but leave it to the wrath of God"* Romans 12:17-21. As sovereign, only God has the authority to dispense justice.

David, the man after God's heart, understood this. Given a second opportunity to smite the enemy seeking his life, he said, "As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. The LORD forbid that I should put out my hand against the LORD's anointed" 1 Samuel 26:10-11.

Sometimes we have no choice to act but to trust that God will dispense justice. After Abimelech had killed his seventy half-brothers, a woman in a besieged city threw an upper millstone down and crushed his skull. Judges 9:56 credits this wrath to God as it says, *"Thus God returned the evil of Abimelech"*

We live in a dangerous era in our country now when many don't believe in God's existence nor His authority and have lost faith in government, seeing police as enforcers of their own whims instead. Christians, however, must continue to submit and leave room for God's wrath.

<u>MINISTER</u> Doug Kashorek (M-Th. 8am-2pm) Office Hours

ELDERS

Terry Garner Tim Kirl Jim Shuman

DEACONS

Randy Craig John Eckhart John Garner Chuck Jones Jerry Lemley Dan Mincks Jim Taylor

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Evening 6:00 PM <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Class 1:00 PM Bible Class 7:00 PM

FACEBOOK

36th Street Church of Christ (Public Page)

36th Street Church of Christ (private Group)

our prayer list

Gary and Judy Curkendall Jody Boone Jack Beckett, Jr **Tommy Morrison Debbie Ramsey Ileene Lemley Margaret Kashorek Elsie Smith** Aaron Wigal (Scott and Linda's son) Kim Teel (George and Sue Teel's daughter) **Donna Brandyberry** (Sabrina Simms mother) **Carl Arnold's family** (Cinda Triplett's father)

Our Long Term Care Residents:

(full addresses on foyer bulletin board) Betty Armstrong– The Pines at Glenwood Apt 124 Edna Cain The Willows room 115 Lola Hitzel Rockland Ridge room 301 Eva Leonhart Worthington Care Center room 33A **Peggy Smith -** Altercare of Summit Acres Unit home B room 15A

Homebound: Laura Menear, Betty Logan, Helen Sweeney, Phyllis Williamson, and Fred and Martha Nulter



We start back to only evening Bible classes this Wednesday night

A Church Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 30th following our morning services with Jim Black from Eastern European Missions (EEM)



Birthday and Anniversary

- 4/2— Debi Milhoan birthday
- 4/5—Becca Hall birthday
- 4/6—Larry Clark birthday
- 4/7—Genny Gibbs birthday
- 4/8—Lola Hitzel birthday

Lola Hitzel will celebrate her 90th Birthday this Saturday, April 8. Please shower her with cards:

Rockland Ridge Room 301 2511 Washington Blvd Belpre, Oh 45714



If you are doing spring cleaning and need a place to take items, please remember the Lubeck Thrift Shop. This is the former OVU Stepping Stones shop, and are right beside the Lubeck Church of Christ. They now are operating and donating the funds to benefit Love and Care. Open Tues-Sat 10-3

TEACHERS' MEETING

There will be a follow-up, informational teachers' meeting in the MPR on Sunday, April 16 following morning services. The curriculum we decided on will be "The Life of Jesus", and it will be taught over the next 12 months. Please be sure to attend to choose your month and pick up your teachers packet.

Would you like to send a card?

You may place cards in the basket by the Deacon's desk & we will mail them out. Extra cards are also there for your use.





<u>April 2-6 (Sun-Thurs</u>)—Proctor (WV) Church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Jason Ridgeway. Theme is *Revitalizing Our Zeal for God By...*. 7PM Weeknights

April 3(Mon)—Leadership meeting in MPR at 7PM

April 8(Sat) — Breakfast at IHOP at 9AM

<u>April 15(Sat</u>) — Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Day hosted by Lubeck Church of Christ with speaker Marsha Robison. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with light breakfast. Program ends at noon with lunch following.

<u>April 16(Sun)</u>—Brief teacher's meeting right after morning services in MPR to pick up packets

<u>April 16(Sun)</u> Yearly Area Wide Church Service at Camden Avenue at 3PM. Speaker Doug Wells— *Together We Stand*

<u>April 16-19 (Sun-Wed)</u>— Gospel meeting at North End Church of Christ with Phil Sanders. 7PM weeknights.

April 20(Thurs) - Red Cross Blood Drive here in MPR. 12-7PM

April 30(Sun) — Church potluck following morning services with Jim Black (EEM) speaking

Youth Events

<u>Youth Rally sponsored by Sunrise Church of Christ</u>—April 14 and 15 at the Wood County 4H Camp. Limited to the first 150 people to pre-register by April 2(today). See flyer for more details.



A. Apollos

B. Barnabas

C. Sosthenes

D. Timothy

Tell the correct answer to Debi Milhoan for a prize (and wish her a happy birthday today!)

Hey moms, dads, grandparents and KIDS! There is a new activity packet for school-age or younger children in the foyer on the first Sunday of every month.

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	Privileged to Serve		
Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:30 AM		4/9/2023	4/16/2023
TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE	Song Leader	C Doyle	J Houser
Opening Song Song Leader: John Eckhart	Welcome/Prayer	J Garner	T Kirl
	Table Speaker	T Butterfield	J Houser
	Read Scripture	R Hoover	T Cramer
Welcome & Opening Prayer Jim Kelley	Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
	Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner
Song After Prayer	Evening Services		
Song Before Communion	Song Leader	M Hale	K Gibbs
Table Speaker: Joe Carrico	Welcome/Prayer	M Snyder	J Shuman
	Read Scripture	R Kellar	F Newberry
Scripture Reading: Gary Grimm Judges 9:56-57	Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
	Communion	J Lemley	R Craig
Speaker: Doug Kashorek	Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner
"God Returned the Evil"		<u>Ushers</u>	
Invitation Song	Head Usher	J Taylor	J Lemley
•	Usher 1	J Poling	S Wigal
Announcements & Closing Prayer: Terry Garner	Usher 2	R Hoover	M Hale
-	Attendance & Co	ontribution Weel	k of 3/26/2023
	Sunday AM Bible Study: 68		
6:00 PM Service	Sunday AM Worship: 117		
Song Leader: Matthew Snyder	Sunday PM Worship: 57		
Welcome Prayer: Dan Mincks	Wednesday Bible Study: 73		
Scripture Reading: Randy Craig Psalm 26:1-3	Contribution: \$4,028.66		
	Weekly Goal: \$4,250.00		
Speaker: Doug Kashorek "I Walk in Your Faithfulness"	Direct deposit contributions can be made here: https://tithe.ly/give?c=1322070		
	PRAYERS for Our Military:		

Chris & Melanie DePuy, U.S. Air Force

(son of Jeff & Julie Depuy)

Brad & Amber Gibbs, U.S. Navy

(grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PM Communion Mike Hale

Announcements / Closing Prayer:

Terry Garner