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Weekly Bulletin

December 11, 2016

## A Thought From Mark...

How important are details, even little ones? For example, how important is punctuation? Well, consider how important!

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"Let's eat, Grandpa!" vs. "Let's eat Grandpa!" We might say punctuation saves lives, right? Details are important.

Does God care about details? A good question to consider! We gather together multiple times each week (hopefully!) to open the Word of God together and meditate upon God's will for our lives as individuals and as the church. The Bible, in one sense, is a big book, but not the biggest book in the world. For those of us who have spent the majority of our lives in the church we have had time to read and study over the entire Bible time and time again. Why do so? Why not stop after one close going-over? Or two? What can be gained by repeatedly studying through these ancient words, as precious as they are?

Part of the answer is the importance of details. Perhaps we have missed one or more. Missed it or misunderstood it or misapplied it. Maybe we have ignored a detail. And so, by constant diligent study, we strive to be more faithful in handling aright the Word of Truth.

Sometimes in our diligent efforts God blesses us with new insight into old truths that we have known. A new appreciation. A different challenge.

A day is coming when we will all be judged by the Word of God. The judge will be the Son of God. Do you think details will matter then? You be the judge (for now). It could mean the difference between life and death in eternity.

2 Timothy 2:15 – "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

- Mark Mason

# Let God do the Talking

Coming out of this election season, many of us are tired of opinion polls. Whether discussing politics or religion, we often hear the response, "That's just your opinion." When sharing our faith with the lost, it is very important that we remember faith comes from hearing the Word of God. If our faith is in our opinions, it will do us no good, and it will certainly not win any true converts to Christ.

One of the first studies I conducted was with a young couple that was engaged to be married. One of them had been divorced, and before the study even began they voiced their concerns about whether God would approve of their marriage. I began a discourse on the subject of divorce and remarriage, but somewhere in the middle I stopped myself, told them that what I thought didn't mean anything, and gave them a list of Scriptures in the New Testament that deal with the subject. The best response is always, "what does God say about it?"

We continued on with our study, both were baptized, and soon after they broke off their engagement because they believed God would not be pleased by their marriage. They didn't make their decision based on my opinion; they based it on God's Word!

We must remember that the gospel, not our intellectual ability, is the power of God for salvation. Let us allow ourselves to be the tool that God uses to guide the lost to His Word, where they will find everything they need for life and godliness.

Dennis





<u>SPECIAL YEAR END CONTRIBUTION - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016</u>

Plan now to financially support the following:

EASTERN EUROPEAN
MISSION
(Million Dollar Sunday)

CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL (Walk 4 Water)



# Thank you Paul and Amanda!

The Merideth family will be relocating to Texas later this month. Paul has accepted a full-time preaching position with the Northside Church of Christ in

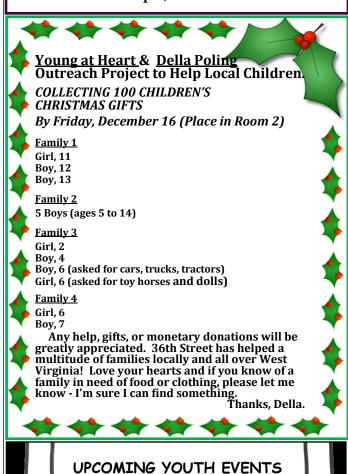
Temple, TX.

Don't forget our going away celebration for the Merideths this Saturday, December 17th from 2-4 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Plan to be here to wish Paul, Amanda, Thomas, Emma, and Simon well as they transition to this new chapter in their lives.

The Merideths also could use some help loading the truck on that Saturday morning (the 17th). They plan on leaving for Texas right after the party! Come by and help if you can.

Here is their new address:

Paul & Amanda Merideth (Emma, Thomas, & Simon) 11308 Parkdale Dr. Temple, TX 76502



MOV Traveling Youth Group Rosemar Church of Christ

Sunday, December 18 - 6:30 PM

MOV Traveling Youth Group Little Hocking Church of Christ

Sunday, January 29 - 6:30 PM



# <u>Hospital</u>

Ron Nonamaker - Cleveland Clinic remains in the heart failure care unit. Continue to keep Ron, Sharon and the Nonamaker family in your prayers.

#### 7 THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY

- **1 LIVE and WORK** to reach others each day as if you knew the world were going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! (Read 2 Peter 3:1-12).
- **2 BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC** about the church and its services as you would be if there were an overflowing crowd each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!
- **3 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**. Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one as you pray in your closet. This will help you to be grateful (Philippians 4:6). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5).
- **4 MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS.** And pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for Savior. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1).
- **5 KEEP A QUIET TIME.** Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone or a game you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (Psalms 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (Acts 13:1).
- **6 VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK.** Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.
- **7 REACH ANOTHER PERSON (RAP).** Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend. The preacher or elders will assist you if you want them to. Matt. 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3. There are 168 hours in a week. If you were to attend Bible Study, morning worship, and evening worship on Sundays and Bible study on Wednesday, and 30 minutes 6 days a week in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation, and conduct an hour long study once a month, you would be giving God less than 10 hours a week, leaving you 158.

by the late Grover Stevens



"In Search of The Lord's Way" (WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

December 18, 2016

# "Where Is God?"

When trouble and worry come our way, we wonder if God has forgotten us. When it seems that evil has overcome good, we wonder if God will help us. Where is God when it seems our world has fallen in on us?

Sun— Dec 11	Mon — Dec 12	Tues — Dec 13	Wed — Dec 14	Thurs — Dec 15	Fri —Dec 16	Sat — Dec 17
		LADIES BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM	Bible Study (1 PM - Dennis Menear 7 PM - Mike Moss)	YAH Christmas Luncheon 11:30 AM		Merideth Farewell Party 2-4 PM
Sun — Dec 18	Mon — Dec 19	Tues — Dec 20	Wed — Dec 21	Thurs— Dec 22	Fri — Dec 23	Sat— Dec 24
Early Men's Class - 7:30 AM Traveling Youth Group @ Rosemar		NO LADIES BIBLE CLASS	Bible Study (1 PM - Bill Butterfield 7 PM - Bill Butterfield)			

- © To my 36th Street family: thank you so much for the beautiful memories you shared and for all the cards and wishes I received for my birthday. Love you, Betty Ann Miller
- © Ann Grimm wants to thank everyone for the lovely cards she has received. They have been sincerely appreciated and enjoyed.
- © Members at 36th Street Always sad to lose a family member (Jean Van Sickle), especially one who welcomed visitors. Sympathies, Pam McGinness.
- © Thank you for all the cards and prayers I received at the recent passing of my brother in law, John Beckett. In Christian love, Judy Beckett.
- © "Thinking of you and wishing you all the beauty and wonder of this holiday season." In Christian love, Helen Sweeney.
- \* The December issue of the West Virginia Christian publication can be picked up at the Visitor Desk in the foyer. This issue marks twenty-three full years of publication of this great newspaper.
- \* Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat "Come Up to the Mountain" February 15-19, 2017 Holiday Inn Conf. Center Pigeon Forge, TN.
- On Sunday, December 25th, we will have only a 10:30 AM worship service. There will be no bible classes that day.

### Birthdays This Week

**Monday** (12/12) Jennifer Balser

Tuesday (12/13) Gary Grimm Michele Craig Zack Jones

**Wednesday** (12/13) *Makayla Carpenter* 

> Friday (12/16) Ed Lemley (90) Mike Kerby







Della is currently asking for donations of blankets, gloves, hats, and socks (or a contribution of \$5 to purchase these) for those locally in need of help. Most of these people are quite secluded and embarrassed and most have families - they are not those you see begging on the street and she rarely sees them under the bridge, but they eat at the Salvation Army shelter. She truly loves helping them and she thanks you for donating!



She also continues collecting items (non-perishable food, clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies) to be delivered to those in need in the poorer counties of southern West Virginia. You can bring items and place in Room 2 - and please if at all possible discuss and coordinate your donations with Della, so we can ensure we are meeting actual and real needs.





# YOUNG AT HEART HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 15 - 11:30 AM - Multipurpose Room Bring <u>Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts, & Drinks</u> - also bring a gift for a needy child for Christmas (see families & child ages on page 2)

---- Sign up sheet is on the fover bulletin board) -----

### TODAY'S SERMONS - December 11, 2016

A.M.— "Older Christians: The Future of the Church" ... Bill Butterfield

(Text: Titus 2:1-5) (Reading: John 1:6-13)

# ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Week of 12-04-2016

Sunday AM Bible Class 108
Sunday AM Worship 185
Sunday PM Service 61
Offering \$5,031.85
Wed. 1 PM Class 39
Wed. 7 PM Class 59

### **ELDERS**

Terry Garner Tim Kirl Jack Long Mike Moss Jim Shuman

### **DEACONS**

Tim Baillargeon
John Eckhart
John Garner
Chuck Jones
Jerry Lemley
Dennis Menear
Troy Miller
Dan Mincks

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL: 36th Street Church of Christ

# FI DEDC PRAYERS FOR:

#### **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)

Walter Wigal (The Willows Rm206)

Myra Zinn (Cedar Grove Rm W60)

#### **Our Military:**

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

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

Joshua Rebholz U.S. Marines (grandson of Hiram & Nina Rebholz & Fred & Martha Nulter)

Chad Williamson & wife Julie U.S. Marines (grandson of Pat Williamson)

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

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

#### **Our Homebound Members:**

Ruth Brookover
Ben Colantoni
Gladys Frohling
Jim Hart

Ron & Jo Kress
Laura Menear
Becca Simons
Robin Wilson

#### **Those with Cancer:**

Marilyn Kellar, Chuck Doyle, Jo Kress, Walter Mincks (Dan's father), 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's niece, Adreama), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama), James Nonamaker (Ron & Bud's brother).

#### **Ongoing Health Issues:**

Ron Nonamaker, Bill Butterfield, Mary Beth Full, Bob Schott, Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Ken Lamp, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, Betty Miller, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Lois Miller, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Robin Wilson (Mary Simon's daughter), Becca Simons (Mary's granddaughter), Joyce Dotson, Kathy Lancaster (Bruce & Sandy Goodno's daughter), 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 (brother of Bill & cousin of Judy Curkendall), Kimberly Kellar Kirk (niece of Judy Curkendall).

### Join Us for Worship:

Sunday Morning
Bible Study
9:30 AM
Sunday Morning
Worship
10:30 AM
Sunday Evening
Worship
4:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 PM

During Standard Time (Nov-Feb), there is also a Wednesday Afternoon Bible Class at 1:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

### Privileged to Serve - Week of 12/18/2016

Announcements:
Dennis Menear, Terry Garner

Visitor Table: Brenda Collins

<u>Ushers:</u> Joe Carrico\*, Bob Hill, Tim Collins

Communion Table (Front): Jeff Poling, Paul McDaniel, Tim Baillargeon, Jim Hall

Communion (Rear): Scott Wigal, Todd Jones, Thomas Merideth, Randy Craig, Gary Curkendall, Max Rebholz

	SUN 12/18 AM	SUN 12/18 PM	WED 12/21
Drive Van	N/A	N/A	Mark Mason
Song Leader	Jared Shipley	Jim Wright	Jack Long
Prayer	Prayer Blaine Duncan		Mike Hale
Table Speaker	Jerry Lemley	Tim Kirl	
Table Assist	Jim Taylor	Troy Miller	
Read Scripture	Larry Clark	Thomas Merideth	
Closing Prayer	Mike Moss	Paul McDaniel	