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Weekly Bulletin

36TH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

92 Years of Service

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A Thought From Mark...

Consider the story of one young man. He was often sick as a baby. He was always small, puny some would say. As a youth he was always frail and delicate. He was not able to play sports with the other boys his age. Eventually he entered the ministry. But his health was so fragile, he was unable to serve his growing congregation.

Amazingly, he did not dwell on his troubles. In fact, his spirit soared. His only real complaint was the poor quality of the hymns of his day. He felt they did not convey hope and joy. Someone challenged him to write better ones. He did. He wrote over 600 hymns, most of them hymns of praise.

When his health collapsed completely in 1748, he left one of the most remarkable collections of hymns the world has ever known. His name was Isaac Watts. One of his most famous hymns, "Joy to the World!" is often sung this time of year. Isaac Watts discovered joy in his life because he knew that God would never desert him. He was able to live his life with all sorts of health problems feeling close to God and Jesus. He had joy deep in his heart.

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SAVE THE DATES

- Area-Wide Worship Service - *January 8th*
- 36th St Love & Care Service - *January 8th & 12th*
- YAH Planning Breakfast @Shoney's - *January 19th*
- Winter Training Series @ Dewey Ave - *January 5th - 26th*

Living Within The Will Of God!

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4:18: "They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart." Those are very stern words! None of us want to be thought of as being ignorant especially regarding important matters. To the child of God there is nothing more important than God's will, right? We want to know His will...be following His will...and be rewarded for persevering in His will! So, why would any of us find one's self "...alienated from the life of God." Paul's answer? Due to the hardness of our hearts! My question is rather simple as I explore the reason some miss the mark. Here it is: Missing the life God wants us to live deprives us of what?

The first thing coming to mind is we are deprived of a PURPOSE in life! Solomon declared our whole responsibility is to "fear God and keep His commandments." (Eccl. 12:13f). When this advice is followed we have a reason to live the life of God! This purpose drives us to glorify God in all we do. It reminds us of the need to lead others to Christ which can be summed up in being the "light and salt" of the world!

Secondly, we understand the life of God is a calling to PURITY! Some described this purity as being "without foreign substance." Such purity is unmixed and unadulterated...pure! If someone offers you a drink of "pure water," what do you expect? Purity, right? If one desires to live such a life, he will search out God's will in the "...perfect law of liberty." (James 1:25)

Finally, the life of God rewards us with a lasting PEACE! We are at peace with God due to being "...justified by faith and through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Romans 5:1). The key to receiving this peace is best described by Paul when he wrote: "...let the peace of God rule in your heart...since as members of one body you have been called to peace." (Col. 3:15)

Are you LIVING or EXISTING? Remember, real life is not found on the open market, but is received of God! What is your relationship to God? How are you and God getting along? Good, I hope!

Love you all,
Bill

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Reading the Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.

That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His Son. Take time to read a portion of God's word each day. – *Submitted*

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

Prayer Requests

Hospital

◊ **Ron Nonamaker - Cleveland Clinic** remains in the heart failure care unit. He was scheduled to have surgery to implant a mechanical heart pump Friday. Continue to keep Ron, Sharon and the Nonamaker family in your prayers.

Send Cards to:

Ron & Sharon Nonamaker
Cleveland Clinic
Heart Failure ICU
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106

Complete Addresses for Long Term Care/Shut-Ins:

Betty Bibbee
Eagle Pointe - Room 127
1600 27th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Edna Cain
Willows Center - Room 115
723 Summers Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Glenda Hendrickson
The Heritage - Room 1
1809 N. Pleasants Highway
St. Marys, WV 26170

Lois Miller
Ravenswood Care Center
Room 12
1113 Washington Street
Ravenswood, WV 26164

Jerry Page
Eagle Pointe - Room 334
1600 27th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Peggy Smith
Eagle Pointe - Room 127
1600 27th Street
Parkersburg, WV

Walter Wigal
Willows Center - Room 206
723 Summers Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Myra Zinn
Cedar Grove Personal Care
Room W60
110 Nicolette Road
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Ruth Brookover
724 57th Street
Vienna, WV 26105

Ben Colantoni
4305 Sandalwood Place
Vienna, WV 26105

Gladys Frohling
1505 21st Street
Vienna, WV 26105

Jim Hart
4905 6th Avenue
Vienna, WV 26105

Ron & Jo Kress
1203 27th Street
Vienna, WV 26105

Laura Menear
708 18th Street
Vienna, WV, 26105

Becca Simons
501 Glendale Road
Vienna, WV 26105

Robin Wilson
1214 11th Street
Vienna, WV 2610

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

December 25, 2016

"Fixing Our Eyes"

Just as the wise men sought for the king of the Jews, so we should fix our eyes of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. Nothing is better than finding the Lord Jesus Christ!

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 7:30am *Cookie Exchange @ Menears (after AM service)* *Traveling Youth Group @ Rose-mar 6:30pm*		***NO LADIES BIBLE CLASS***	**Bible Study** (1 PM - Bill Butterfield 7 PM - Bill Butterfield)			
Sun — Dec 25	**Mon — Dec 26**	**Tues — Dec 27**	**Wed — Dec 28**	**Thurs— Dec 29**	**Fri — Dec 30**	**Sat— Dec 31**
CHRISTMAS DAY		***NO LADIES BIBLE CLASS***	**Bible Study** (1 PM - Dennis Menear 7 PM - Dennis Menear)			

☺ Thank you for the beautiful cards I received for my birthday. In Christian love, Jan Hale.

- From the Elders of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ: *"We appreciate the opportunity to have hosted the Area-Wide Service for the past 20 years. However, based on the attendance at the Area-Wide Worship Service over the last several years, we feel that most of the congregations hosting the service can do so at their home location. We look forward to continuing to participate in the Area-Wide Service, but we will no longer be the host for the annual service."*
- This year's Area-Wide Service will be held on Sunday, January 8th at the Alumni Gym on the campus of OVU hosted by Lynn Street.
- Winter Training Series at Dewey Avenue Church of Christ in St. Marys, WV - Thursdays 7:00-8:00 PM January 5 - January 26 (Presenters: Rick Tincher, Terry Jones, Steve Haguewood, and Ed Melot).
- ***Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat*** - *"Come Up to the Mountain" February 15-19, 2017 - Holiday Inn Conf. Center - Pigeon Forge, TN.*
- Mark will begin a new sermon series on January 1: *"Turning Points in HIS Story"* Lesson 1: Beginning in the Beginning (Genesis 1).
- Mark will also begin a new Wednesday Evening class on January 4th: "ACTS: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THAT FIRST CHURCH".
- The Adult Bible Classes (Auditorium & early MP Room on Wednesday) will finish studying 2 Kings and will tentatively begin studying the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday, January 18.

Birthdays This Week

Monday (12/19)
Sonny Williamson
Jim Taylor

Tuesday (12/20)
Braylon Pride
Carlee Gray

Wednesday (12/21)
Chuck Jones

Anniversaries This Week

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Monday (12/19)
Bradley & Jennifer Thorpe

Wednesday (12/21)
Dwain & Diane Hartley (47)

Thursday (12/22)
Mike & Cathy O'Dell

Saturday (12/24)
Gary & Brenda Carothers (48)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DELLA POLING'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

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.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 18, 2016 - after AM services
at the Menear's (2805 12th Avenue Vienna, WV)
Bring 2 Dozen cookies for exchange and for donation to Della's outreach to the homeless

TODAY'S SERMONS - December 18, 2016

A.M.— "The Issue of Rest" . . . . . Mark Mason
(Text: Matthew 11:25-30) *(Reading: John 1:14-18)*

P.M. — "Giving with Joy" . . . . . Mark Mason
(Text: 1 Chronicles 29:1-22) *(Reading: Luke 6:37-38)*

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

	Week of 12-11-2016
Sunday AM Bible Class	98
Sunday AM Worship	191
Sunday PM Service	76
Offering	$5,682.45
Wed. 1 PM Class	xx
Wed. 7 PM Class	xx

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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36th Street Youth Group

YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
36th Street Church of Christ

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 Reserve
(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	Ron & Jo Kress
Ben Colantoni	Laura Menear
Gladys Frohling	Becca Simons
Jim Hart	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), *Donald Kelley* (Jim's brother), *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 12/25/2016

Announcements:
Dennis Menear, Terry Garner

Visitor Table:
Brenda Collins

Ushers:
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 12/25 AM	SUN 12/25 PM	WED 12/28
Drive Van	N/A	N/A	N/A
Song Leader	Jay Houser	Jeff Shuman	John Eckhart
Prayer	Kelly Gibbs	Rod Seeley	Ron Grizzard
Table Speaker	Dennis Menear	Jay Houser	
Table Assist	Jeff Depuy	Zack Jones	
Read Scripture	Scott Wigal	Matthew Butterfield	
Closing Prayer	Jim Shuman	Gary Carothers	