

A Thought From Mark...

Today I quote some foundational words from the Apostle Paul - Romans 1:14-16 -

I am **under obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am **not ashamed** of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Notice if you will the highlighted words. These are greatly relevant to our mission as disciples of Jesus in this world. *Under obligation – eager – not ashamed*. These words describe the attitude of Paul toward the gospel of Jesus and the call to share it with a lost and dying world.

Do these words describe my attitude toward the gospel mission? Do they describe yours? Ours?

Some suggest that the prevalent attitudes in the church today might almost be opposite from these. That is, when it comes to the good news and our charge from the Lord to share it, we do not feel personally obligated to do so, we are not eager at all to do so, and we sometimes feel ashamed of the message we have to share.

Each one has to decide where their attitudes lie – with Paul or with the spirit of the age? Where they lie will reveal the state of the church in our time to a great degree.

Consider these words of Paul. Take them in. Prav about them. Remember that the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. Sometimes it cuts, and sometimes we need that wound.

- Mark Mason

SAVE THE DATES

- Special Thanksgiving Program November 23 Teacher Appreciation Banquet December 3
- Next Quilting Session December 3
- YAH Christmas Luncheon/Service Project December 15
- Merideth Going-Away Celebration December 17

Give me a "BUCKET OF BLAND" --

I love ice cream! There, I feel better since having confessed, but with this love comes difficulty. You see, I have visited many Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores throughout the eastern United States. Each time I have done so, I always stand amazed at the number of varieties they sell. Such names as: Rocky Road, Black Cherry Walnut, Fudge Ripple...Bubblegum. It is a major event to stand there and decide! I cannot imagine someone going into their store and ordering *vanilla*...just plain *vanilla*! One can buy vanilla at any grocery store! This is a connoisseurs' ice cream parlor, so get on with it and enjoy the exciting and exotic flavors!

This reminds me of the way a lot of people decide about life! They step up to the counter of life and order...a double dip of mediocre or a sundae covered with "blah"! Life was meant to be exciting, zestful, and adventurous!

I read in the Bible about heroes...real heroes! Joshua and Caleb took hold of life and spied out the promised land while others deflated by fears wanted the children of God to give up consideration of victory. David wrote, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" These words did not resonate from a "vanilla" man! The New Testament echoes words of happiness, joy and love! "Be joyful always." (1 Thessalonians 5:16) "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16) Despite all of this we see many who are "over the hill at 33!" The twinkle in their eyes is gone! The wonder for life is lost! Spontaneity has disappeared! The spirit of adventure has died! When this happens one is left with "vanilla"!

My challenge for myself and you is to break the habit of predictability! Pump new life into an old marriage! Give your life a big dose of fresh air! Sing every word of every hymn with gusto! Listen expectantly to every word of the sermon! Take a freshly baked pie to a neighbor for no reason at all! Discover a more exciting way to solve problems!

In short, get off the diet of "vanilla" and get into the super flavors of life! If you want to see this type of excitement in life, take a child to Baskin-Robbins and watch his eyes light up as he stares at all those wonderful flavors! He may not know what the words say, but he will be overwhelmed by the beautiful colors of the ice cream! It sure beats bland unexcited "vanilla"! Oh, have an extra dip on me!

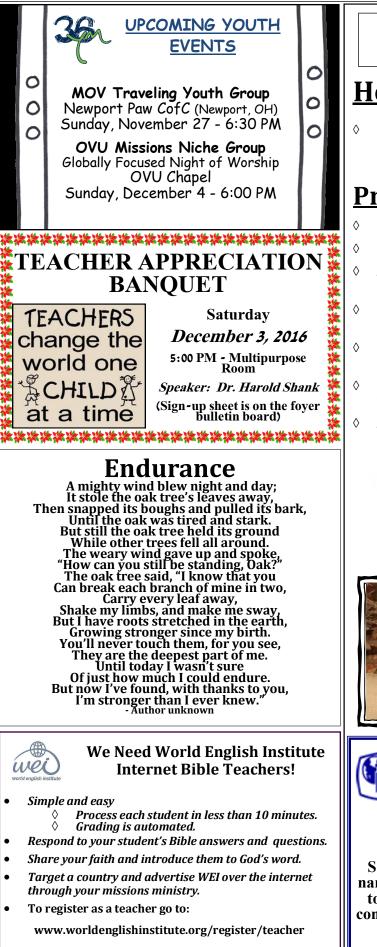
Love you all, Bill



Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 23, 2016 7:00 PM (all classes meet in Auditorium)

"THEN ALL THE PEOPLE SAID, 'AMEN'" 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

> **Special Message from Mark:** "Save Us, O God!"





<u>Hospital</u>

Ron Nonamaker - Camden Clark Room 322 admitted with low Blood Pressure and other issues.

<u>Prayer List</u>

- **Robin Wilson** home from the hospital.
- Marilyn Kellar receiving chemo treatments.
- Arlene Snyder (Paula Garner's mother) recovering from hip surgery
- **Nelda Zickafoose (Blaine Duncan's mother)** recovering from hip surgery
- James Nonamaker (Ron & Bud Nonamaker's brother) receiving chemo treatments
- Rob Luthringer (Phyllis Williamson's son) transferred to a rehab facility in Charleston.
- **Alan Newberry (Angie's brother-in-law)** recovering from hip surgery.



Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving. Psalm 95:2

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

November 27, 2016 "Conversion"

Sadly, many Christians are simply Christians in name only. Being baptized into Christ is necessary to please God, but God expects His people to be converted in heart and spirit as well. Are you truly converted to Christ?

| Sun— Nov 20 | Mon — Nov 21 | Tues — Nov 22 | Wed — Nov 23 | Thurs — Nov 24 | Fri —Nov 25 | Sat — Nov 26 |
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| Early Men's Class 7:30 AM | | NO LADIES BIBLE CLASS | (No 1:00 PM Class) Special Thanksgiving Service - 7 PM | Happy Thank solving | | |
| Sun — Nov 27 | Mon — Nov 28 | Tues — Nov 29 | Wed — Nov 30 | Thurs— Dec 1 | Fri — Dec 2 | Sat— Dec 3 |
| | Love & Care Sing 7:00 PM | LADIES BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM | Bible Study (1 PM & 7 PM) CHINA NOW PRESENTATION | | | Quilting Session 9 AM - MPR Teacher Appreciation Banquet 5 PM - MPR |

- © Thanks for all the cards, calls, and well-wishes during my recent hospital stay and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Ron Grizzard
- Thanks to everyone participating in the 3-6-5 Pray Every Day initiative. We started in April so we are more than halfway through our year of prayer! Part of your November checklist is to send a card, signed by members of the congregation, to the person for whom you have been praying. Those cards are available on the Visitor Desk.
- Thank you to all who planned and participated in the Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon and especially for all who donated items for the Family Crisis Center!
- The Stepping Stones are again selling nuts this holiday season. There is a list of varieties and prices on the fover bulletin board. Contact Ginny Moss at mossvp@suddenlink.net to place your order.
- On Sunday evening, December the 4th, the Mission Niche Group from Ohio Valley University will be hosting a Globally Focused night of worship. The event will begin at 6:00 PM in the OVU chapel and run approximately one hour. Everyone is invited to join us in this first missions forum hosted by the students of the niche group.
- The next Quilting Group Session is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room. Have questions about this activity - ask Debi Milhoan.
- The Merideth family will be relocating to Texas at the end of December. Paul has accepted a full-time preaching position there. They will surely be missed. There is a going away celebration for the Merideths on 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.
- Mark Butterfield is again collecting money to purchase Christmas gifts for the kids at Rolling Hills (Powell Apartments). Please give your donation to Mark by no later than December 4th.
- * Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat "Come Up to the Mountain" February 15-19, 2017 - Holiday Inn Conf. Center - Pigeon Forge, TN.



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 - <u>and please if at all possible discuss and coordinate your donations</u> with Della, so we can ensure we are meeting actual and real needs.



Combined Young at Heart / Della Poling Outreach Project *COLLECTING 100 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS (Boys and Girls - ages 2 to Tween) By Friday, December 16 ------ (Place in Room 2)*

Books, small toys, coloring books/crayons, markers, board games, dolls, small stuffed animals, etc.

TODAY'S SERMONS

A.M.— "Thanks Be To God"..... Mark Mason (Text: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15) (Reading: Luke 20:9-18)

P.M. — "What God's School Is Like" Mark Mason (Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22) (Reading: Micah 6:6-8)

ELDERS

Terry Garner Tim Kirl **Jack Long** Mike Moss **Jim Shuman**

DEACONS

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

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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) **Jean VanSickle** (Worthington Manor Rm W28B) Walter Wigal

(The Willows Rm206) Myra Zinn (Cedar Ğrove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Rvan Bemish U.S. Army (son of Dan & Debbie Sherman)

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)

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION (week of 11-13-2016)

Sunday AM Bible Class Sunday AM Worship Sunday PM Service Offering Wed. 1 PM Class Wed. 7 PM Class

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PRAYERS FOR:

Our Homebound Members:

Ruth Brookover Ben Colantoni **Gladys Frohling** Jim Hart

Ron & Io 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), Donald Kelley (Jim's brother), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama), John Beckett (Judy's brother-inlaw), James Nonamaker (Ron & Bud's brother).

Ongoing Health Issues:

Bill Butterfield, Mary Beth Full, Jean VanSickle, Bob Schott, Helen Sweenev, 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).

Privileged to Serve - Week of 11/27/2016

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

| Announcements: | | | | | | |
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| Dennis | Menear, | Mike Moss | | | | |
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Visitor Table: Alice Hale

Ushers: Kelly Gibbs*, Jeff Poling, Spencer Seeley, Troy Miller

Communion Table (Front): Rod Seeley, Rick Kellar, Gary Carothers, Eddie Gray

<u>Communion (Rear):</u> Matthew Butterfield, Mike O'Dell, Sonny Williamson, Dave Berger, Hiram Rebholz, Bob Schott

| | | SUN 11/27 AM | SUN 11/27 PM | WED 11/30 | | | |
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| | Drive Van | N/A | N/A | John Garner | | | |
| | Song Leader | Jay Houser | Jared Shipley | Dwain Hartley | | | |
| - | Prayer | Charles Morris | Ted Cramer | Gary Carothers | | | |
| | Table Speaker | Kelly Gibbs | Jerry Lemley | | | | |
| | Table Assist | Dwain Hartley | Chuck Jones | | | | |
| | Read Scripture | Paul McDaniel | Matthew Butterfield | | | | |
| | Closing Prayer | Jim Shuman | Jay Houser | | | | |