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Weekly Bulletin

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A Thought From Mark...

In *Together in Christ*, Erskine Wright shares this story: "Fiorello LaGuardia was mayor of New York City during the Depression, and he was quite a character. He would ride the city fire trucks, take entire orphanages to baseball games and whenever the city newspapers went on strike, he would get on the radio and read the Sunday "funnies" to the children.

At any rate, one bitter cold winter's night in 1935, Mayor LaGuardia turned up in a night court that served the poorest ward in the city, dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench himself. After he heard a few cases, a tattered old woman was brought before him, accused of stealing a loaf of bread.

She told LaGuardia that her daughter's husband had deserted her, her daughter was sick and her grandchildren were starving. But the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, insisted on pressing charges. "My store is in a very bad neighborhood, your honor," he said. "She's got to be punished in order to teach other people a lesson."

The mayor sighed. He turned to the old woman and said, "I've got to punish you," he said. "The law makes no exception - ten dollars or ten days in jail."

But even as he spoke, LaGuardia was reaching into his pocket and pulling out a ten dollar bill. "Here is the woman's fine," he said, "and furthermore, I'm going to fine everyone in this court room fifty cents for living in a city where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The following day, the New York Times reported that \$47.50 was turned over to the bewildered old woman. It was given by the red-faced store owner, some seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations and city policemen - and they all gave their mayor a standing ovation as they handed over their money.

That's how it will be with God's world. Just when it seems that all hope is lost, and goodness and mercy shall never win, the Great Judge will come to set things right, deciding for the hungry and the meek of the earth.

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SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Banquet - December 3
- ◆ Next Quilting Session - December 3
- ◆ YAH Christmas Luncheon/Service Project - December 15
- ◆ Merideth Going-Away Celebration - December 17

The Purpose of the Church

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." -Acts 2:47b

God has a plan and purpose for His church. The church is the living body of Christ, and our purpose as a church should be the continuation of Christ's purpose, which He stated to Zaccheus, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:10) God's specific plan for you may be completely different from His plan for the person who sits in the pew in front of you. But, because we are all members of the same body, our individual lives working together should be accomplishing God's purpose for the church.

We must devote ourselves to God's Word, and to fellowship and worship with the Lord's church. As we develop a closer relationship with God through study and prayer, we will be in awe of His mighty power, and His Spirit will be able to work through us to accomplish His will. As we develop a closer relationship with our fellow Christians, we will be strengthened by love and encouragement, and we will be able to accomplish more because we are working together. When the church functions as God intended, the unsaved people around it will know that something special is going on. We will be taking the gospel to them, and they will be coming to us to find out what is causing all the love and changed lives.

Daily additions to our congregation!! Could it be possible? With God all things are possible, but if we don't believe it, we won't be working for it. Let's restore the New Testament church to our community, renew our commitment to Christ, and allow God to revive our spirituality so that He will be glorified and His will be done!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." - Ephesians 3:21

Dennis

**TEACHER APPRECIATION
BANQUET**

TEACHERS
change the
world one
CHILD
at a time

Saturday

December 3, 2016

5:00 PM - Multipurpose
Room

Speaker: **Dr. Harold Shank**
(Sign-up sheet is on the foyer
bulletin board)



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

MOV Traveling Youth Group
Newport CofC (Newport, OH)
Sunday, November 27 - 6:30 PM

OVU Missions Niche Group
Globally Focused Night of Worship
OVU Chapel
Sunday, December 4 - 6:00 PM



SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 4:00 PM

NOTES: We will ask everyone to sit in the main two sections of the auditorium. All of the youth are invited to sit up on the front few pews.

The songs and the devotional will have more of a youth focus, but this will be an afternoon that will be fun and beneficial for people of all ages!

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Whether Yes or No or More or Less – Give Thanks to God

There is much that each person can do for himself and much that one can get only from others. And when he gets something from others he should certainly acknowledge it and be grateful.

In Luke 17:10-19 Jesus told a story in which nine out of ten did not even say thanks for a great gift of healing – from leprosy. All ten had the same problem, all asked for and received mercy and help, all were healed and cleansed. All received the same charge. All should have made the same acknowledgment of gratitude. Nine failed.

Humans do not seem to be “naturally” grateful. Not to parents. Not to each other. Not even to God.

For what should a Christian thank God? For every good thing, for every YES answer to a prayer. Can one be thankful for burdens and troubles, hardships? Perhaps not for the thing itself, but certainly for the lessons learned, and more than that, for the strength God supplies so one can keep the faith even in difficult times. If nothing else, trouble can open one's eyes to his need for God.

Here are a few things you may not have thought of, for which you owe God thanks.

- If you have more health than illness, thank God. Millions of people will not survive this week.
 - Hundreds of millions have endured battle, imprisonment, and the pangs of starvation this year. Thank God if you are not one of them.
 - If you can meet in the name of God for worship without fear of harassment, persecution, loss of possessions or loss of life, you are more blessed than three billion others in the world. Thank God.
 - If you have enough food, a safe shelter, a little money in the bank, and do not have to worry about whether you will have those things tomorrow, you are better off than 92% of the people in the world.
 - No matter what your age, if your parents are still alive and married to each other, you are in a very select minority.
 - If you hold up your head and smile and are truly thankful, whether you have little or much, you are a true blessing. Almost everybody can, but most do not.
- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Dongola church of Christ, Dongola, IL.

Prayer Requests

(Check the Overhead and Listen to Verbal Announcements for Updates on the Hospital and Sick List for this week).

At Your House
By Wendell Winkler

Will priorities be established in your children when...

- You are early for their ballgame, but late for worship?
- You check on their homework regularly, but never check on their Bible class lessons?
- You won't let them miss school even though they don't want to go, but let them miss church worship services?
- You won't let them stay up late on school nights, but let them stay up late on Saturday night.
- You will serve as room mother at their school or volunteer at school, but will not help with classes, activities, programs which involve spiritual matters?
- You attend open house at their school, but do not visit their class room of Bible school, or even know where their class meets?
- You support, attend, or even participate in their sports activities (baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, etc.) but regularly miss activities involving the church?
- You never (almost never) miss meeting with the civic or social club of which you are a member, but frequently miss worship services?
- You go to work even though you do not feel like it, but stay home on Sunday in the same condition?

- via *The Contender*, the weekly bulletin published by the Walnut Grove Church of Christ in Benton, KY.



“In Search of The Lord's Way”

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

December 4, 2016

“Lifted Up”

Jesus said, “And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). The Lord Jesus bore the cross to save us from sin and to show His love. He knew the love of the cross would call for us to love Him and come to Him.

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
Sun — Dec 4	Mon — Dec 5	Tues — Dec 6	Wed — Dec 7	Thurs— Dec 8	Fri — Dec 9	Sat— Dec 10
Early Men's Class - 10 AM YOUTH EMPHASIS SERVICE - 4 PM	Elders, Deacons, & Ministers Meeting 7:00 PM	LADIES BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM	Bible Study (1 PM & 7 PM)			

- ☺ **Thanks to all who submitted names for prospective deacons. The Selection Committee is currently preparing recommendations for the congregation to consider.**
- ❖ The **Stepping Stones** are again selling nuts this holiday season. There is a list of varieties and prices on the foyer bulletin board. Contact Ginny Moss at mossvp@suddenlink.net to place your order.
 - ❖ The Next meeting of the elders, deacons, and ministers is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 PM.
 - ❖ 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.
 - ❖ **Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat - "Come Up to the Mountain" February 15-19, 2017 - Holiday Inn Conf. Center - Pigeon Forge, TN.**

**Birthdays
This Week**

Tuesday (11/29)
Kelly Gibbs
David Sams
Kim James

Thursday (12/1)
Betty Bibbee (88)
Jerry Page (89)

**Anniversaries
This Week**

NONE

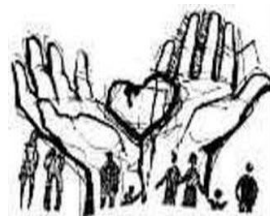
DELLA POLING'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

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.



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.

Thoughts for Today

- ♦ Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many: not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. - *Charles Dickens*
- ♦ Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it. - *William Penn*

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

(week of 11-20-2016)

Sunday AM Bible Class

Sunday AM Worship

Sunday PM Service

Offering

Wed. 1 PM Class

Wed. 7 PM Class

(Numbers will be included in next week's bulletin)

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

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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)
Jean VanSickle
(Worthington Manor Rm W28B)
Walter Wigal
(The Willows Rm206)
Myra Zinn
(Cedar Grove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Ryan 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)

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

Ongoing Health Issues:

Bill Butterfield, Mary Beth Full, Jean VanSickle, 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).

Privileged to Serve - Week of 12/4/2016

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 12/04 AM	SUN 12/04 PM	WED 12/07
Drive Van	N/A	N/A	Tracy Mason
Song Leader	Charles Morris	Youth Service	Kelly Gibbs
Prayer	Jeff Depuy	Youth Service	Paul McDaniel
Table Speaker	Jay Houser	John Garner	
Table Assist	Mike Hale	Ethan Kirl	
Read Scripture	Rick Kellar	Youth Service	
Closing Prayer	Terry Garner	Troy Miller	

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