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A Thought From Mark…

When I study the gospels, I pay attention to details that are found in all 4 of the accounts of the life of Christ. If there is a story Jesus tells, or a saying he utters, or a miracle he performs, that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all record, I find that significant. Not that other details are not, but when all 4 underline something, I want to make sure and pay attention lest I miss something of great importance.

In the story of the cross, there is an individual mentioned in all 4 of the accounts: his name is Barabbas (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18). For such a minor character, it is surprising we find him across all the gospel accounts. We don't know much about Barabbas, really. He was a criminal, and a notorious one. He was a rebel and a robber. He was a murderer. He seemed to be hated by both the Romans and the Jews.

He was also being used in the tug-of-war between Pilate and the Jewish religious leaders over what to do with Jesus. Pilate offered to release Jesus in place of Barabbas, the Jews demanded the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus.

We all know what ended up happening: the guilty man was set free, the innocent tortured and slaughtered like a lamb.

An innocent man condemned. A guilty man set free.

And therein, I believe, is why we find the worthless name of Barabbas in each of the gospels: because the story of Barabbas is the gospel writ large.

The innocent condemned – the guilty freed.

The uncomfortable truth is that God saw fit to plaster Barabbas' name across the gospels so we would not miss the parallel. We are Barabbas. In him we see ourselves. We have all sinned. Hopefully we have all been set free. If we have, at what cost? The lifeblood of an innocent man – Jesus Christ the righteous.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Mark Mason

Gone Fishing

Do you remember the days when it was not unusual to see a sign hanging on a business establishment which said, 'Gone Fishing'? I dare say it's been some time – a time before stores stayed open until 10 p.m., and Wal-Mart came to town. Generally speaking, fishing has been crowded out by the daily pressures of trying to earn a living (unless you happen to be a professional Bass Fisherman).

Peter, Andrew, James and John were professional fishermen who hung out a 'Gone Fishing' sign when Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Leaving nets and boats behind, they had a new goal before them. Their task would involve long hours, difficult assignments, intensive labor, and many dangers, but they did not hesitate. They became fishers of men.

I'm convinced that what Jesus wanted from these men is what he wants from every Christian today – Christians reaching out with the Gospel net and bringing precious souls into the kingdom of God. I quote from a sermon entitled "In this Sea," preached by John Donne in 1619, *"…are we made fishers of men: of Men in general: not of rich men, to profit by them, nor of poore men, to pierce them the more sharply, because affliction hath opened a way into them; Nor of learned men, to be over-glad of their approbation of our labours, Nor of ignorant men, to affect them with an astonishment, or an admiration of our gifts; But we are fishers of men, of all men, of that which makes them men, their souls. And for this fishing in this Sea, the Gospel is our net. Eloquence is not our net; Traditions of men are not our nets; only the Gospel is."*

Who is willing to hang out a 'Gone Fishing" sign? You don't have to have a Ranger bass boat pulled by a matching Chevy truck. You don't have to carry loads of sonar equipment, fancy rods or assorted lures. Just take the Gospel.

Come on. Let's go fishing!

JOHN GIPSON

(This article appeared in the August 31, 2000 issue (Vol. 32, #35) of Keynoter, the bulletin of the Sixth and Izard church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. I believe it speaks very well to the necessity of a right attitude in our sharing of the Gospel. -Dennis)

Prayer Requests

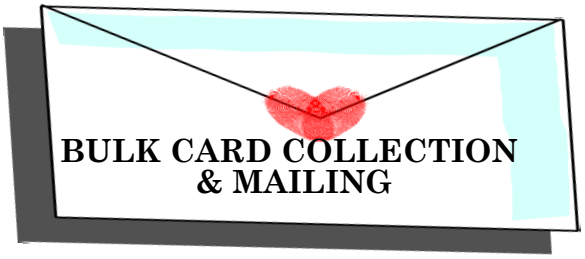
Prayer List

* **Judy Beckett - has 2 more weeks of therapy and is still having a lot of pain.**
* **Lois Morris - had a good check-up and is doing better every day. She will still need 4-6 weeks of recovery.**
* **James Kelley - is home.**
* **Ruth Brookover - back at Harmar Place.**
* **Paula Garner - having arthritic back pain.**
* **Judy Dunn - diagnosed with cancer. Began her chemo last week.**
* **Sonny Williamson - has some lung cancer, having another PET scan to determine course of action.**
* **Steve Riggs - now at Marietta Memorial. They are hoping to move him to Ruby.**
* **Glenda Hendrickson - room 413 at Carehaven in Belmont. She was taken Monday.**
* **Wilbur Roy (Sydnee Dimick's Grandfather) - in Palm Spring, CA has double pneumonia.**

Early Morning Men's Class will break for the holidays and will resume on Sunday, January 14th.

Pursuing Peace classes will be held on Sunday evenings starting the first Sunday in January. Think about people you know that need peace in their life. Every name that has been suggested will receive a letter this week. Please keep your suggestions coming. You can turn in those names to Charlie, Dennis, Mark, or Elizabeth.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



- **Eli Clark (Get Well/Thinking of You)**
- **Lois Morris (Get Well)**
- **Glenna Lemley Radcliff**
- **Fred Nulter**
- **Glenda Hendrickson (1802 1/2 Staunton Avenue Apt #3 Parkersburg, WV 26101)**
- **Judy Dunn**
- **Steve Riggs (Garners Neighbor)**
- **Marie Cooper**
- **Michelle Hershman (Sympathy)**
- **Lee Baker (Don Bibbee's Son-in-Law)**

These can be left in the blue wire basket on the wall by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of mailing.

There will be extra cards at the desk to use if you would like.

- Alice Hale

Cookie Exchange for the Homeless

At Janna Menear's house today after morning services. Bring 3 dozen cookies. Lunch will be provided. If you can't come to lunch, you can leave your cookies in the kitchen after services this morning.

Della Polling is collecting gifts and donations for children ages 3-13 for families in the area who can't afford Christmas presents. She is collecting up until the 15th of December. We will be having a wrapping party on the 16th of December. It will start at 1:00 PM and snacks will be provided. Please come help us wrap up the gifts to give to the kids in this area.

Sun — Dec 10	Mon — Dec 11	Tues — Dec 12	Wed — Dec 13	Thurs— Dec 14	Fri — Dec 15	Sat— Dec 16
BELIEVE TEACHER(S): *Teri Copen*		Ladies Class 10:00-11:00 AM	**BELIEVE TEACHER(S):** *Teri Copen* 1:00 Class *Bill Butterfield*			
Sun — Dec 17	**Mon — Dec 18**	**Tues — Dec 19**	**Wed — Dec 20**	**Thurs— Dec 21**	**Fri — Dec 22**	**Sat— Dec 23**
BELIEVE TEACHER(S): *Dennis & Janna Menear*		Ladies Class 10:00 - 11:00 AM	**BELIEVE TEACHER(S):** Dennis & Janna Menear 1:00 Class Dennis Menear			

What's Happening On The Street...

Today, Dec. 10	After AM Services	Cookie Exchange for the Homeless	Janna Menear's Home
Thursday, Dec. 14	11:30 AM	YAH Italian Feast	MP Room
Thursday, Dec. 14	6:00 PM	Ladies Dinner	DaVinci's
Saturday, Dec. 16	1:00 PM	Della's Wrapping Party	MP Room

☺ ***To the 36th Street Congregation,***

I cannot thank you enough for the most informative book you gave me, "Cancer, Now What?". About any question you could have is in this book. I am really enjoying it. I am so blessed to have Christian brothers and sisters like you who are praying for me at this time and being so kind.

Blessings to all of you, Judy Dunn P.S. Jim thanks you too.

Stepping Stones still has some pecans left. There is an edited order sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. They are out of some nuts, but they have lots of pecans left. If you are interested please turn your order forms into Ginny Moss.

Young at Heart Italian Feast!! This Thursday!

Please bring your favorite Italian dish (spaghetti, lasagna, etc.) salad, dessert or drinks.
There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week

SUN (12/10)
Lois Morris
Cathy O'Dell

TUE (12/12)
Jennifer Balser
Daniel Mincks

WED (12/13)
Michele Craig
Gary Grimm
Zachary Jones

THU (12/14)
MaKayla Carpenter

FRI (12/15)
Fred Newberry

SAT (12/16)
Mike Kerby
Edwin Lemley

Anniversaries This Week

SAT (12/16)
Ron & Jo Kress

TODAY'S SERMONS - December 10, 2017

A.M.— "Three Things You Must Have" . . . . . Mark Mason
(Text: 1 John 3:1-24) (Reading: John 10:11-13)

P.M.— "Watch Yourselves" . . . . . Mark Mason
(Text: 2 John 1-13) (Reading: 2 John 1-4)

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Week of 12-03-2017

Sunday AM Bible Class	**97**
Sunday AM Worship	**158**
Sunday PM Service	**89**
Offering	**$5,350.86**
Wednesday Bible Class	**87**

ELDERS
Terry Garner
Tim Kirl
Jack Long
Mike Moss
Jim Shuman

DEACONS
Tim Baillargeon
Randy Craig
John Eckhart
John Garner
Chuck Jones
Jerry Lemley
Dennis Menear
Troy Miller
Dan Mincks
Jim Taylor

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PRAYERS FOR:

Our Long Term Care Residents:

Betty Bibbee
(Eagle Point Rm127)
Edna Cain
(The Willows Rm115)
Glenda Hendrickson
(Carehaven in Belmont)
Jerry Page
(Eagle Point Rm334)
Peggy Smith
(Marietta Care & Rehab Rm408)
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)

Chad Williamson
U.S. Marines
(grandson of Pat Williamson)

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

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

Our Law Enforcement/First Responders:

Patrolman Walker Wright
(Parkersburg Police Department)
Patrolman Tim Kashorek
(Parkersburg Police Department)
Deputy Evan Michael
(Sheriff of Wood County)

Our Homebound Members:

Ruth Brookover
Ben Colantoni
Gladys Frohling
Ron & Jo Kress
Laura Menear
Becca Simons
Jim Hart

Those with Cancer:

Marilyn Kellar, *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), *Benny Weese* (Reba McDaniel's brother), *Jim Paff* (neighbor of Judy beckett), *Dana Wince* (neighbor of Joyce Dotson & Shirley Gilchrist).

Ongoing Health Issues:

Dale Dotson, Chuck Doyle, Ron Nonamaker, Bill Butterfield, Fred Nulter, Bob Schott, Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Judy Beckett, Becca Simons (Mary's granddaughter), ***Joyce Dotson***, *Dave Shreve* (Jack & Carolyn Long's son-in-law), *Carter Nichols (Curkendall's Grandson), Wayne & Sherry McCray* (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), *Marybelle Ice* (Mother of Martha Berger), *Travis Parsons* (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), *Wayne Hall* (Karen Case's brother), *Ed Porter* (cousin of Judy Curkendall), *Kimberly Kellar Kirk* (niece of Judy Curkendall), *Marilyn Hayhurst* (Paula Garner's sister).

Join Us for Worship/ Study:

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM

Privileged to Serve - Week of 12/17/2017

DECEMBER

Announcements:
Dennis Menear, Terry Garner

Visitor Table:
Mary Beth Full

Ushers:
Joseph Carrico*, Robert Hill, Blaine Duncan

Communion Table (Front):
Fred Newberry, Paul McDaniel, Ted Cramer, Mike O'Dell

Communion (Rear):
Robert Hill, Blaine Duncan, Dwain Hartley, Timothy Baillargeon, Gary Carothers, Randall Craig

	SUN 12/17 AM	SUN 12/17 PM	WED 12/20
Song Leader	Zachary Jones	Jared Shipley	Mike Hale
Prayer	Jeffrey Depuy	Dennis Menear	Fred Newberry
Table Speaker	Gerald Lemley	James Taylor	
Table Assist	Duane Smith	Troy Miller	
Read Scripture	Paul McDaniel	Troy Miller	
Closing Prayer	Timothy Kirl	Daniel Mincks	