



Sunday, January 8, 2023

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MINISTER

Doug Kashorek
(M-Th. 8am-2pm)
Office Hours

ELDERS

Terry Garner
Tim Kirl
Jim Shuman

DEACONS

Randy Craig
John Eckhart
John Garner
Chuck Jones
Jerry Lemley
Dan Mincks
Jim Taylor

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 1:00 PM
Bible Class 7:00 PM

FACEBOOK

36th Street Church
of Christ

(Public Page)

36th Street Church
of Christ

(private Group)

What If ...

by Doug Kashorek

What if the great persecution that broke out against the Lord's church wasn't in the first century but the 21st? And *what if* instead of Jerusalem, members of His body that were gathered altogether in our major cities were scattered throughout the country? And *what if* instead of knowing each other for decades, we, coming from all over, were finding each other for the first time and were delighted to discover fellow Christians who had all fled to the MOV?

What would we do? Not having any other churches of Christ here and OVU never having existed, we'd be true spiritual pioneers. In the absence of church buildings and denominations and the same persecution not having reached here yet, we might look for a suitable place to meet—perhaps in an abandoned school building as it has plenty of classroom space and a large multi-purpose room in which we could worship and hold other functions.

Would we conduct our Christian walk as we are currently doing? Starting over, how long would we survive if we just showed up 1-3 times per week to hear God's Word and commented occasionally on the Facebook members' page to encourage someone? As numbers began to dwindle, would we blame the preacher for not presenting the right lessons or leaders for not implementing the right ministries to capture the hearts of the lost around us?

What works? Well, in the 1st century, incredible growth occurred because when a great persecution scattered Christians, they preached the gospel wherever they went. Not just the preacher or leaders—**all of them!**

What if the persecution we face has made us blend in with the culture to not be noticed? *What if* the culture is loud with competing doctrines and ideas and keeps us busy and distracted with other things? *What if* the gospel is only heard at compartmentalized times from a few that we've selected to preach it?

But, what if we have the incredible facility we do, with all the resources we have, with the knowledgeable brothers and sisters that God has brought together? *What if ...*

OUR PRAYER LIST



Judy and Gary Curkendall
Neal Lynch
Karen Hoover
Pat Hill
Elsie Smith (Ileene Lemley's family member)
Ed Lemley
Donna Brandyberry (Sabrina Simms mother)
Kevin (Hope) Britton's family
Liz Hardman/Patty Buck family

Our Long Term Care Residents:

Edna Cain - *The Willows*
723 Summers Street
Rm 115
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Lola Hitzel - *Rockland Ridge*
2511 Washington Blvd
Room 301
Belpre, OH 45714

Eva Leonhart - *Worthington Healthcare Center*
2675 36th Street
Room 33A
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Peggy Smith - *Altercare of Summit Acres*
Unit Home B Room 15A
44565 Sunset Rd
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

Betty Armstrong - *The Pines at Glenwood*
200 Timberline Drive
Apt. 124,
Marietta OH, 45750

Homebound: Laura Menear, Betty Logan, Helen Sweeney, Pat Williamson, Phyllis Williamson, and Fred and Martha Nulter

Would you like to send a card?

You may place cards in the basket by the Deacon's desk & we will mail them out. Extra cards are also there for your use.

Alice Hale

Celebrate

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/12—Paul Butterfield birthday

1/14—Nathaniel Ashcraft birthday

*Thank
You*

Dear church,

Thank you for the visits , phone calls and cards I received during the past month. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you Jay and carolers for your visit. Happy New Year!

Nancy Sams

Widows Walk

New Year's Challenge:

Encourage (in any way) one person who's known loss per week in 2023



January 9 (Mon) —Leadership meeting in MPR at 7PM

January 12 (Thurs) —Centennial meeting in MPR at 7PM

January 14 —Saturday breakfast at Airport

January 27-29 Ohio Winter Lectures at the Church of Christ on Fishinger Road in Columbus, Ohio. Topic is *The Shadow King—The Life of David*. Flyer on the bulletin board



Service Station

Items needed for the pantry this week:

Mac n Cheese and Canned Vegetables

You can drop items off in Room 2 or place in the service station bin in the foyer.

Youth Events

January 29(Sun) _Traveling Youth At Dewey Avenue in St. Mary's 5PM

Monday Night Merge—Starting **February 6** and running every Monday evening at 7PM through **March 13** at various local churches of Christ. Flyers on table and bulletin boards. Theme is *Take A Stand*

SAVE THE DATE— **March 10-11**—North End Church of Christ Youth Rally

March 25—Lubeck Church of Christ Youth Rally, speaker Joe Wells



Kids' Corner

Find a deacon, who is the son of one of our elders. Is it ...

- A. Tim Kashorek, son of Doug
- B. Ethan Kirl, son of Tim
- C. Jeff Shuman, son of Jim
- D. John Garner, son of Terry

Tell the correct answer to this deacon for a prize!



Hey moms, dads, grandparents and **KIDS!** There is a new activity packet for school-age or younger children in the foyer on the first Sunday of every month.

Sunday, January 8, 2023 10:30 AM

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Opening Song

Song Leader: Charles Doyle

Welcome & Opening Prayer:

Duane Smith

Song After Prayer

Song Before Communion

Table Speaker: Jim Kelley

Scripture Reading: Jeff Poling

Acts 8:1-4

Speaker: Doug Kashorek

"Went About Preaching"

Invitation Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Joe Carrico

6:00 PM Service

Song Leader: Spencer Mason

Welcome Prayer: Jim Shuman

Scripture Reading: Randy Craig

Psalm 19:7-8

Speaker: Doug Kashorek

"Reviving the Soul"

PM Communion

Fred Newberry

Announcements / Closing Prayer:

Joe Carrico

Privileged to Serve

	1/15/2023	1/22/2023
Song Leader	M Snyder	J Eckhart
Welcome/Prayer	T Kirl	J Taylor
Table Speaker	J Houser	J Shuman
Read Scripture	S Wigal	C Doyle
Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
Closing Prayer	T Garner	J Carrico

Evening Services

Song Leader	M Snyder	C Doyle
Welcome/Prayer	K Gibbs	J Garner
Read Scripture	Jeff Shuman	M Hale
Speaker	D Kashorek	J Shuman
Communion	M Hale	J Taylor
Closing Prayer	T Garner	J Carrico

Attendance & Contribution Week of 1/1/2023

Sunday AM Bible Study: 69

Sunday AM Worship: 117

Sunday PM Worship: 51

Wednesday Bible Study: 78

Contribution: \$4,551.10

Weekly Goal: \$4,250.00

The End of Year Special Contribution for Disaster Relief and Eastern European Missions was \$9400.00.

Direct deposit contributions can be made here:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1322070>

PRAYERS for Our Military:

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



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!