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Happy
Grandparents
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Weekly Bulletin

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A Thought From Mark...

In a recent article, New Testament scholar Ben Witherington offers seven reasons why a same-sex marriage cannot align with Christian values. Among the reasons he lists:

- Jesus was perfectly clear—marriage is when God brings a man and a woman together who are capable of sharing a one flesh union with the possibility of fulfilling the creation order mandate—be fruitful and multiply (see Mark 10; Matt. 19).
- Jesus was equally clear in Matthew 19 that the alternative for His disciples was celibacy in singleness, to which ‘being a eunuch for the kingdom’ refers.
- In order to meet the requirements for being a husband according to the household codes in Colossians 3 and 4 and Ephesians 5 and 6 one must: 1) be a male; and 2) have a partner who is a member of the opposite sex. Men cannot be wives, however much they may try and play such a role, and women cannot be husbands; a relationship that involves either two men or two women produces exactly zero husbands or wives.
- Same-sex sexual activity, whether between consenting adults or through some other sort of relationship, clearly is defined as a sin in the Old Testament and the New Testament, indeed a serious sin. If this is correct, then gay marriage is a non-starter.

Witherington concludes: “At the end of the day either we realize gender matters, and gender difference is essential to a real Christian marriage, or we totally change the definition of what counts as marriage, what counts as husband and wife, what counts as mother and father biblically speaking.

“It is in no way surprising that in the most individualistic and narcissistic culture on the planet, that Americans would like to be able to choose their gender, their own biology. However, you can’t do that; and because gender matters biblically speaking when it comes to Christian marriage, you also do not have biblical permission to redefine marriage, husband, wife, mother or father.”
(Patheos.com)

PERSONAL DATA SHEETS

There have been questions/concerns about the personal data being collected and whether the private nature of the data will be protected.

The data will reside in a “members only” section of the website and will only be available to members via password. **None of the information will be visible to the public.**

As a reminder, please return the data sheets you have been given by an elder or deacon ASAP. Thanks

Missionary in Verviers, Belgium



Jean-Marie and Suzanne Frérot, who are native to Belgium, have worked with the Church of Christ in Verviers for over fifty years. They have three children. Their first born Daniel and his wife Tammy live in Strasbourg, France. They have two children. He is also a preacher there.

The second son of Jean-Marie and Suzanne is Philippe. He lives in Henderson, TN USA with his wife Julie and their three children. They work with Freed Hardeman University in Tennessee.

The last child of Jean-Marie and Suzanne is Christine. Christine is married to Artur. They have three children. They live and work in Richmond, Virginia, USA.

In addition to his duties as preacher, Jean-Marie also held the role of chaplain at the prison in Verviers and Fraipont youth detention center. For 20 years he and his wife led and organized Christian camps (mainly Castle Remersdael). In recent years, their ministry has led many to work with African refugees. Their missionary work has led them to travel in Africa and the Caribbean.

Jean-Marie is now one of three elders of the congregation in Verviers.

He will be here on Wednesday, September 16th and will speak to the adult classes in the auditorium.

Romans 8:18-22

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.



We Will Go To Our Own "Place"

The writer Luke records that because of his transgression, the traitor Judas, "*fell, that he might go to his own place*" (Acts 1:25). There was no one to force him into it – he went to his own "*place*" of his own volition.

If we capture a worm, a beaver, or a bird and let them all go at the same time, they will each go to his own sphere or "*place*" – the earth, the water, and the upper atmosphere. We do not need to force them in order for them to go to their own "*place*."

If we hold a stone and an inflated helium balloon in our hand, letting them go at the same time, one will descend, while the other will ascend. They will only rest when they find their true "*place*."

Similarly, God will force no one to descend downward to hell, because He is "*not willing that any should perish*" (2 Peter 3:9). Thus, if we find ourselves descending downward to that "*place*," it will be because that is the natural course for such a character as we have **willingly built for ourselves** while here on earth.

Let's remember that on that golden shore, there stands a loving Lord who delights in seeing men ascend in thought and in deed to forevermore dwell with him in a "*place*" He has prepared (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 2 Corinthians 10:1-6; Colossians 3:16-17; Revelation 21:3; John 14:2).

On that great judgment day, we will ascend to our own "*place*" the Lord has prepared for us, **only if we (through our own volition) have been obedient to the will of the Father** (Matthew 7:21; Romans 2:13; James 1:22; 1 Peter 1:22; cf. Joshua 24:14-15).

–Mike Riley, Gospel Snippets



36YM Trip to
Columbus Zoo
September 26th

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**
(Sign-up Sheet on
Foyer and Youth
Bulletin Boards)

Prayer Requests

Our Sympathy to the family of

Charles Hopkins (brother of Betty Bibbee). He passed away Sept. 3rd, but his funeral was yesterday.

Hospital

Ruth Brookover, Harmar Place, is having physical therapy.

Jean VanSickle, Health South 211, is undergoing physical therapy.

Susie Heiner (friend of Doug & Debbie Dotson) is in a Pittsburgh hospital after a 17 hour surgery. She is in serious condition.

Prayer List

Eva Leonhart is recuperating at home. Please no visits.

Kress Family- Jo has an MRI in Columbus this Thursday and will return to Columbus on Friday, Oct 2nd for surgery. Ron is being treated for macular degeneration. The treatment is producing positive results.

Bob Hill is at home recovering from foot surgery.

Fred Nulter has blood clots in his knee and ankle.

Roberta Monroe (Ann Grimm's relative) resides at Harmar Place Room 109, 401 Harmar St., Marietta OH 45750. She will be celebrating her 93rd birthday this month and Ann has requested cards be sent to her.

Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adrema) had surgery Wednesday.

ENCOUNTER

High school juniors, seniors and their families are invited to **ENCOUNTER** on the campus of Ohio Valley University on Friday, Sept. 25. Those registered will meet OVU students. Professors and Academic Advisors, enjoy a campus walk, attend OVU chapel, meet with helpful people in Financial Aid and engage with the OVU community all day long. **ENCOUNTER** activities and lunch are free of charge for all family members.

Registration required! Online registration and more at ovu.edu/encounter.



"In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

September 20 – "POOR IN SPIRIT"

The Lord Jesus said, "**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 5:3).

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit" and why is it important? In this lesson we'll recall just how much we need the Lord!

Sun.—Sept. 13	Mon.—Sept. 14	Tues.—Sept. 15	Wed.—Sept. 16	Thurs.—Sept. 17	Fri.—Sept. 18	Sat.—Sept. 19
7:30 AM—Early Morning Men's Class begins <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	Elders' & Deacons' Meeting 7 PM	Ladies Bible Class 10 AM—Mary Beth Full	Bible Class (7 PM—Jean-Marie Frerot)	<i>Bread Basket #3</i> Young At Heart Amish Country Trip	<i>Friday Night Sing @ Pike, WV 26105</i>	
Sun.—Sept. 20	Mon.—Sept. 21	Tues.—Sept. 22	Wed.—Sept. 23	Thurs.—Sept. 24	Fri.—Sept. 25	Sat.—Sept. 26
Love & Care 2:30 PM <i>Stepping Stones Tea (2-4 PM)</i>		Ladies Bible Class 10 AM—Mary Beth Full	Bible Class (7 PM—Paul Merideth)	<i>Bread Basket #5</i> Love & Care 7 PM	<i>Friday Night Sing @ Lower Paw Paw</i>	Columbus Zoo Trip

☺ *Jo thanks the congregation for the cards and phone calls she has received. I thank the congregation for get well and birthday cards. We both appreciated the prayers on our behalf. Ron and Jo Kress*

➔ **Due to Labor Day (Sept. 7), the September Elders' and Deacons' meeting is scheduled TOMORROW @ 7 PM.**

➔ The ladies Bible class begins a study of the Fruit of the Spirit TODAY.

➔ Corrected zipcode: Vollean Baker, Elmcroft of Martinsburg (Senior Living) #325, 200 Gloucester Dr, Martinsburg WV 25401-2983.

➔ **We have the privilege to conduct worship at Love and Care next Sunday, Sept. 20th at 2:30 PM and midweek Bible study Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 PM.**

➔ OVU Stepping Stones will have a Tea on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2-4 at the home of Joyce Wharton (Williamstown). Her address is on the flyer in the foyer. For more information see Ginny Moss.

➔ If you are willing to aid a shut-in with their daily care, please contact Sarah Shuman. This person needs a strong person who is able to lift the shut-in, etc. (The shut-in needs round the clock care so several workers are needed).

➔ Benton and Ginnie Cochran have had her dad's booklet entitled "**Fifteen Hundred Bible Questions and Answers**" by Fred E. Dennis reprinted. Copies may be obtained by contacting them at 7763 Harris Highway, Washington, WV 26181, or by email at bencochran@cascable.net. No selling price, just a small donation toward the printing would be appreciated or if we mail them, you will need to pay the postage.

Birthdays

TODAY- Shirley Eckhart
Amber Hill

Mon.— Bruce Goodno

Tues.— Michael Morris
Sandy Gray

Wed.— Eva Baillargeon

Fri.— Amanda Deem

Sat.— Missy Jones

Today
Gary & Judy Curkendall (55)

Thursday
Jim & Anna Hart (59)

Friday
Ron & Sharon Nonamaker (51)

Mission:	Donations go to:	Date needed:
Non-perishables, personal care, clothing	Della Poling—Room 2	Ongoing

Area-Wide Activities/Events

See flyers on the bulletin boards.

Sept. 13-16	Gospel Meeting @ Harrisville with John Wright of Wheeling- theme: "Having a Passion for Church Growth"
Sept. 13-17	Gospel Meeting @ Bridge Street, New Martinsville WV with Greg Morris
Sept. 19	Ladies Inspiration Day @ Rio Grande OH with Lucy Mitchell
Sept. 19	Larry Arnold's 60th Anniversary Preaching (RSVP: r.dunkle@sbcgobal.net or 1.740.342.2327)
Sept. 20	Stepping Stones Tea @ the home of Joyce Wharton (See Ginny Moss for more information.)
Sept. 20-23	Gospel Meeting @ North End with Keith Ball
Sept. 20-23	Gospel Meeting @ Harmar Hill with Terry Varner
Sept. 26	Monroe/Noble County Stepping Stones Golf Scramble at Horseshoe Bend Golf Course
Sept. 26	Ladies Day @ Sistersville "Hope for Our Troubled Land" - Speaker: Imogene Aebi
Oct. 18-21	Marriage Matters with Jerry & Lynn Jones (A Practical and Spiritual Guide for Marriage Seminar)



FRIDAY NIGHT SING

September 18th

Pike church of Christ

Camden Avenue's bus leaves at 6 PM.



September 17—Amish Country Trip

October 17—Weiner Roast at Carothers

(sign-up sheets are on the foyer bulletin board)

...but perfect love casts out fear

1 John 4:18b

ELDERS		TODAY'S SERMONS			
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	A.M.— “Groaning In Hope” Mark Mason (Text: Romans 8:18-26) (Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16)			
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814	P.M.— “Bullet-Proof Vest” Mark Mason (Text: Ephesians 6:14) (Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17)			
Jack Long	304-295-6909	Our Nursing Home Residents			
Mike Moss	304-699-4230	Betty Bibbee	Eagle Point	123	
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	Charles Conaway	Woodbridge Assisted	3	
DEACONS		Lois Miller	Ravenswood Care Ctr.	12	
Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Jerry Page	Eagle Point	334	
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab	408	
John Garner	304-295-0320	Walter Wigal	The Willows	206	
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grove	W 60	
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509	Our Members Who are Homebound			
Dennis Menear	304-295-4228	Ruth Brookover	Gladys Frohling	Jim Hart	
Troy Miller	304-295-6729	Ron Kress	Laura Menear	Debbie Sherman	
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Lois Swesey	Robin Wilson	Randy Wooten	
MINISTERS		Prayers for Those with Cancer: <i>Lois Swesey, Sonia Starcher, Sandy Goodno, Delena Joy</i> (Judy Beckett's friend), <i>Ron Robey</i> (Judy Beckett's brother), <i>Donna George</i> (Eva Leonhart's neighbor), <i>Dorothy Saunders</i> (friend of Martha & Dave Berger), <i>Faye Williams</i> (Glenda Hendrickson's niece), <i>Sharon Pugh</i> (wife of Charles Pugh), <i>Edwin Williams</i> (Glenda Hendrickson's nephew), <i>Brenda Nulter</i> (Fred Nulter's sister-in-law), <i>Mary Thompson</i> (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), <i>Hope Parente</i> (friend of Ronnie & Danielle Nonamaker), <i>Emily Friar</i> (10 yr. old niece of Jim & Rita Taylor), <i>Troy Rae</i> and <i>Brandon Lynch</i> (Mary Lamp's nephews), <i>Josh Beckett</i> (Judy's great nephew), <i>Sandy Childs</i> (Sabrina Simms' aunt), <i>Larry Sams</i> (<i>Robin Sams' dad</i>), <i>Linda Beihl</i> (Luella Pickrell's niece), <i>Deloris Newberry</i> (John Eckhart's sister), <i>Cassie McGinnis</i> (daughter of the late Howard Dowler), <i>Rosalee Poling</i> (sister of Laura Menear), <i>Mike Taylor</i> (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), <i>Lisa Moore & Lori Flies</i> (daughters of Mac McDonald), <i>Donald Kelley</i> (Jim's brother)			
INTERNS		Ongoing Health Problems: <i>Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron & Jo Kress, Jim Kelley, Ken Lamp, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, Joe Newberry, Betty Miller, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Lois Miller, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Robin Wilson</i> (Mary Simon's daughter), <i>Becca Simons</i> (Mary's granddaughter), <i>Joyce Dotson, Carter Nichols</i> (Curkendall's Grandson), <i>Wayne & Sherry McCray</i> (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), <i>Marybelle Ice</i> (Mother of Martha Berger), <i>Tracy Sullivan & Tina Nichols</i> (Lois Miller's daughters), <i>Joseph Capobianco</i> (Nephew of Carol Cavalier), <i>Travis Parsons</i> (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), <i>Wayne Hall</i> (Karen Case's brother), <i>Ed Porter</i> (brother of Bill & cousin of Judy Curkendall), <i>Hadassa Williams, Peggy Morris</i> (friend of Ruth Fox), <i>entire Ty Elliott family</i> (Ruth Fox' son), <i>Karen Rippeto</i> (Keith's mom)			
Website: www.36thstreetchurch.com		Privileged to Serve Next Week (09/20/15—09/23/15)			
Email us at: Secretary36st@suddenlinkmail.com		Announcements — Stephen Walker, Tim Kirl			
Join our Facebook groups: 36th Street Church of Christ 36 th Street Youth Group		Visitor's Table —Carolyn Long			
Join Us for Worship: Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. During Standard Time (Nov.-Feb.), we also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.		Ushers —Chuck Jones*, Jay Houser, Mike O'Dell, Zack Jones			
		Table (Front) - Aren Lappin, Gary Grimm, Fred Newberry, Jim Hall			
		Alternates —Duane Smith, Jim Taylor, Gary Carothers			
		Table (Rear) —Steve Allen, Paul Butterfield, Mike Kerby, Chuck Doyle, Ethan Kirl, Paul McDaniel			
			Sun. a.m.	Sun. p.m.	Wed. eve.
		Song Leader	J. Eckhart	J. Shuman	Jack Long
		Prayer	J. Lemley	Keith Jones	P. McDaniel
		Table Speaker	M. Rowand	Tim Kirl	
		Table Assist.	Luke Wolfe	C. Jones	
		Scripture	J. Taylor	S. Wigal	
		Closing Prayer	Jim Shuman	F. Newberry	
		Pray for our Military			
		Ryan Bemish (son of Debbie & Dan Sherman) <i>Army</i>			
		Chris DePuy & wife Melanie (Jeff & Julie's son) <i>Air Force</i>			
		Brad Gibbs & wife Amber (Grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs) <i>Navy</i>			
		Joshua Rebholz (Son of Max & Grandson of Hiram & Nina Rebholz and Fred & Martha Nulter) <i>Marines</i>			
		Chad Williamson & wife Julie (Pat Williamson's grandson) <i>Marines</i>			
		Anthony Worst (Nephew of Michelle Hershman) <i>Marines</i>			