

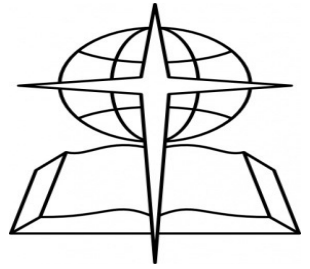
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Weekly Bulletin

91 Years of Service

December 13, 2015

A Thought From Mark...

A man who was unemployed for several months got a job with Public Works. His job was to paint lines down the center of a rural road. The supervisor told him he was on probation and that he would have to stay at or above the set average of 2 miles per day to remain hired. The man agreed to the conditions and started the next day.

The supervisor checked the very first day and found that the man had completed 4 miles. "Great," he thought, "this man will work out." The next day he found that the man only did 2 miles but the supervisor thought, "Well, he is still at the average and I don't want him to get discouraged." The third day however the man only did 1 mile and the boss thought, "I need to talk to him."

The boss pulled his new employee aside and said, "Son, you were doing great, the first day you did 4 miles and the second day 2 miles, but yesterday you only did 1 mile. Why? Is there a problem? An injury, equipment failure, anything at all keeping you from meeting the 2 mile minimum?" The man replied, "Well, I keep getting farther and farther from the bucket."

Hmmm...yes indeed. Getting farther from the bucket. He might not have been the brightest employee ever, but he was honest.

Are we so honest? God is our source of energy and enthusiasm and ability to complete the task set before us. How easy it is to set Him aside and go in our own strength and try to do what we have been called to do! And how dumb! We laugh at the man in the story above – not smart enough to take his paint bucket along with him, but aren't we tempted to do the same thing?

*"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help..."*

– Psalm 46:1

*"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."*

– Philippians 4:13

- Mark Mason

Congregation Questionnaire Regarding Sunday PM Services

The elders have been approached by some members of the congregation regarding a possible change of time for worship on Sunday evenings. It was thought that an earlier time would be better for some members who do not like to drive after dark and for families with younger children.

Accordingly, a questionnaire has been prepared and will be distributed to those present at today's services. The elders will provide an explanation and input is being sought from each member of the congregation.

If you will not be in attendance at either of the services, and if you desire to provide your input, please let one of the elders know ASAP and they will provide you a questionnaire.

The elders express their thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Thank You Michael!

Michael Rowand left home after graduating from high school in Simpsonville, South Carolina in 2012 to attend Ohio Valley University. Soon after his arrival in Vienna he began to serve 36th Street as an Intern, working with the elders and ministers here to promote youth activities, serve as a liaison with college students attending services here, participating in mission and evangelism work, and teaching/preaching as needed.

Throughout his tenure with this church, his efforts greatly endeared him to many of our members, both young and old. His enthusiasm and zeal has made a positive impact on this congregation.

Having graduated from OVU earlier this year with a BA degree in Biblical Studies, Michael will be leaving us to return to South Carolina to begin work as the pulpit minister for the Golden Strip church in Greenville, SC.

Michael will be missed, but we are confident the experience gained serving this church will make him an asset to his new congregation - and we wish him the very best as he begins this new chapter of his life.





FAMILY TIME MEMORY VERSE

MEMORY VERSE LAST WEEK

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." – (Proverbs 3:5-6)

MEMORY VERSE THIS WEEK

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." – (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Our Need Of Endurance

By Ron Boatwright

God's word tells us "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36). We must faithfully endure the rest of our lives in doing the will of God if we expect to go to Heaven. Jesus says, "He who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). We cannot afford to give up our eternal reward of Heaven.

Jesus is only the "rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). We must "Hold fast what you have, that no one take your crown" (Revelation 3:11), and be "even more diligent to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). We should "not cast away your confidence, which has great reward" (Hebrews 10:35). "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1). We are to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Our salvation is a very serious matter. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed" (Hebrews 10:39 ESV).

How do we endure to the end? We must lay "aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). To do this we are to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Jesus has promised, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:11).

Prayer Requests

Hospital

Edna Cain (Sarah Shuman's mother), The Willows-Room 216 – suffered 5 fractures in a fall Saturday evening. (both legs immobilized)

Rachel Logan (granddaughter of Betty Logan) is out of ICU, but still in the hospital in Charleston and now receiving dialysis.

Prayer List

Eric Pride was recently diagnosed with Bells Palsy, causing some facial paralysis.

Bob Schott has some health issues and is scheduled to have a heart catheterization on Monday, Dec 14th at Camden Clark Mem Hospital.

Jim Hart continues to have health issues. Keep him and Anna in your prayers.

Chuck Doyle is undergoing treatments again and not feeling well. Cards can be sent to him at 3601 11th Ave., Vienna WV 26105.

Shirley Dotson had skin cancer surgery Monday and is doing well.

Helen Sweeney continues to have brief hospital stays due to complications from previous surgeries/treatments. Please keep her and her sister, who has memory problems, in your prayers.

Shirley Eckhart is recovering from knee surgery and getting physical therapy.

Betty Porter is recuperating at home from heart problems. Her address is 2523 David Lee Drive, Parkersburg WV 26101.

Rob Shuman (brother of Jim and nephew of Bob & Glenna Schott) is undergoing tests for health problems.

Becca Simons met with a specialist at Cleveland Clinic recently. She is scheduled to go back January 8th for tests. Your continued prayers are requested.

Roberta Monroe (acquaintance of Ann Grimm) 93-yr old resident of Harmar Place. Ann requests prayers/cards be sent. Address on foyer bulletin board.



"In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

Dec. 20 – "WHY JESUS CAME"

No one knows exactly when Jesus came into the world, but in this program we're going to learn from Jesus' own words and Scriptures why He came. The more we know about Jesus, the more thankful we are for His presence.

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| Sun.—Dec. 13 | Mon.— Dec. 14 | Tues.— Dec. 15 | Wed.— Dec. 16 | Thurs.— Dec. 17 | Fri.— Dec. 18 | Sat.— Dec. 19 |
| <i>Young At Heart Hosted Church-wide Luncheon</i> | | Ladies Bible Class 10 AM— Mary Beth Full | Bible Class (1 & 7 PM— Dennis Menear) | Bread Basket #2 | | |
| Sun.—Dec. 20 | Mon.— Dec. 21 | Tues.— Dec. 22 | Wed.— Dec. 23 | Thurs.— Dec. 24 | Fri.— Dec. 25 | Sat.— Dec. 26 |
| <i>Love & Care 2:30 PM</i> | | NO Ladies Bible Class | Bible Class (1 & 7 PM— Bill Butterfield) | NO Bread Basket | Christmas Day | |

- ☺ To the ladies class who always sends the handmade cards to Love and Care: Thank you! We appreciate you thinking of all our ladies here and they love getting them! It's such a nice thing to do. In Christian Love, Love & Care
- ➔ The elders have decided that the **Special End of the Year Contribution** will go to two causes: Eastern European Mission and Disaster Relief Effort. There is an insert in today's bulletin with a brief description of these along with a web address for each where you can get additional information if you wish.
- ➔ We will be showing a video this morning we recently received from **Geoffrey Mwaura Njoroge**, our young missionary currently serving in Gambella, Ethiopia.
- ➔ The December issue of the **WV Christian** can be picked up at the Visitor Desk.
- ➔ The **Love & Care monthly sing** will be Monday, December 28th at 7:00pm.
- ➔ "Signs Done Well" is the title of a blog series written by Mark from John's gospel. You can read his blog on the website (www.36thstreetchurch.com).
- ➔ Beginning **TODAY**, the Sunday Morning Ladies' Bible Class will begin a new series entitled "A Study in Peace"...what it is, what it means to God, how to have it in our lives and in our hearts, and what to do when our peace is shaken. Ladies of all ages are welcome. Class meets in the multipurpose room. A study book will be provided.
- ➔ The **Young At Heart** will be hosting a church-wide luncheon **TODAY**. (See the box below.)
- ➔ We will be conducting the services at **Love and Care** next Sunday, Dec. 20th. If you can, please come and encourage these senior residents as we worship and study together.
- ➔ Mark your calendar for the **Winter Training Series at Dewey Avenue in St. Marys**. It runs Thursday, January 7th through Thursday, January 28th. Topics are Marriage and Family, 1 Thessalonians, Sermons from Songs and Bible Geography.
- ➔ Please note there will be no Tuesday Ladies Bible Class and no Bread Basket during Christmas week. Also, the Sunday AM Early Men's Class will not meet again until January.

Birthdays

TODAY— Gary Grimm
Michele Craig
Zack Jones

Mon. - Makayla Carpenter

Tues. - Fred Newberry

Wed. - Ed Lemley (89)
Mike Kerby

Sat.— Sonny Williamson
Jim Taylor

Wednesday
R & J Kress (55)

Friday
B & J Thorpe

| Mission: | Donations go to: | Date needed: |
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| Personal care items, hats, gloves and blankets for the homeless | Della Poling—Room 2 | Ongoing |
| Clothing | Various agencies/individuals | Text or Phone Della @ 304.834.7519 |



All-Church Holiday Gathering
(Bring: Soup, Salad, Sandwiches and Dessert)

Multipurpose Room
Sunday, December 13, 2015
AFTER AM SERVICES

FAMILY CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER
A Safe Haven Against Domestic Violence

YAH Members: Brenda Carothers will be collecting money donations for specific needs of the FCIC.
(Please donate by no later than December 18th)

| ELDERS | |
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| Terry Garner | 304-295-6029 |
| Tim Kirl | 304-489-1814 |
| Jack Long | 304-295-6909 |
| Mike Moss | 304-699-4230 |
| Jim Shuman | 304-295-3138 |
| DEACONS | |
| Tim Baillargeon | 781-249-7469 |
| John Eckhart | 304-295-7450 |
| John Garner | 304-295-0320 |
| Chuck Jones | 304-295-7709 |
| Gerald Lemley | 304-295-7509 |
| Dennis Menear | 304-295-4228 |
| Troy Miller | 304-295-6729 |
| Dan Mincks | 740-373-7013 |

| MINISTERS | |
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| Stephen Walker | 304-550-7732 |

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 36th Street Youth Group

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.

TODAY'S SERMONS

A.M.— “The Way of Jesus” Mark Mason
 (Text: Matthew 18:21-22) (Reading: Matthew 25:31-40)

P.M.— “Committing Hope” Mark Mason
 (Text: Jeremiah 32:1-15) (Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

| Our Nursing Home Residents | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Betty Bibbee | Eagle Point | 123 |
| Lois Miller | Ravenswood Care Ctr. | 12 |
| Jerry Page | Eagle Point | 334 |
| Peggy Smith | Marietta Care & Rehab | 408 |
| Jean VanSickle | Worthington | W27A |
| Walter Wigal | The Willows | 206 |
| Myra Zinn | Cedar Grove | W 60 |

“ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION”
 (week of 12-06-2015)

Class—118
Worship—180
Evening—118
Offering—\$5,945.85

Wed. 1 PM - 31
Wed. 7 PM - 97

| Our Members Who are Homebound | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Ruth Brookover | Gladys Frohling | Jim Hart |
| Jo & Ron Kress | Laura Menear | Debbie Sherman |
| | Robin Wilson | |

Prayers for Those with Cancer: *Chuck Doyle, Jo Kress, 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), *Sharon Pugh* (wife of Charles Pugh), *Edwin Williams* (Glenda Hendrickson’s nephew), *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), *Linda Beihl* (Luella Pickrell’s niece), *Cassie McGinnis* (daughter of the late Howard Dowler), *Rosalee Poling* (sister of Laura Menear), *Mike Taylor* (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), *Lisa Moore & Lori Flies* (daughters of Mac McDonald), *Donald Kelley* (Jim’s brother), *Jon Gregg* (husband of Sarah Shuman’s niece, Adreama)

Ongoing Health Problems: *Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron 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* (Mary Simon’s daughter), *Becca Simons* (Mary’s granddaughter), *Joyce Dotson, 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), *Joseph Capobianco* (Nephew of Carol Cavalier), *Travis Parsons* (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), *Wayne Hall* (Karen Case’s brother), *Ed Porter* (brother of Bill & cousin of Judy Curkendall), *Hadassa Williams, Peggy Morris* (friend of Ruth Fox), *entire Ty Elliott family* (Ruth Fox’ son), *Karen Rippetto* (Keith’s mom), *Kimberly Kellar Kirk* (niece of Judy Curkendall)

| Pray for our Military |
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| 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> |

Privileged to Serve Next Week (12/20/15—12/23/15)

Announcements— Stephen Walker, Terry Garner
Visitor’s Table— Alice Hale
Ushers— Joe Carrico*, Doug Dotson, Bob Hill, Tim Collins, Joe Newberry
Table (Front) - Tim Collins, Ron Grizzard, Rick Kellar, Hiram Rebholz
Alternates— Jim Hall, Mike Hale, Tim Kirl
Table (Rear)—Walker Wright, Steve Shelene, Bob Schott, Max Rebholz, Jeff Poling, Mike O’Dell

| | Sun. a.m. | Sun. p.m. | Wed. eve. |
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| Song Leader | Jeff S. | Jim W. | Jack Long |
| Prayer | Duane S. | Dwain H. | Troy M. |
| Table Speaker | Jay H. | Jim Kelley | |
| Table Assist. | Mike Hale | Chuck J. | |
| Scripture | Scott W. | Ethan Kirl | |
| Closing Prayer | Jim Shuman | Dan Mincks | |