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Weekly Bulletin

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A Thought From Mark...

Lane Adams once compared the process of spiritual growth to the strategy the Allies used in World War II to liberate islands in the South Pacific. First they would *soften up* an island, weakening the resistance by shelling the enemy strongholds with bombs from offshore ships.

Next, a small group of Marines would invade the island and establish a *beachhead*—a tiny fragment of the island that they could control. Once the beachhead was secured, they would begin the long process of liberating the rest of the island, one bit of territory at a time. Eventually the entire island would be brought under control, but not without some costly battles.

Adams drew this parallel: Before Christ invades our lives at conversion, he sometimes has to soften us up by allowing problems we can't handle. While some open their lives to Christ the first time He knocks on the door, most of us are resistant and defensive. Our preconversion experience is Jesus saying, "Behold! I stand at the door and knock!"

The moment you open yourself to Christ, God gets a beachhead in your life. You may think you have surrendered all your life to Him, but the truth is, there's a lot to your life of which you aren't aware. You can give God only as much of you as you understand at that moment. That's OK.

Once Christ is given a beachhead, He begins the campaign to take over more and more territory until all of your life is completely His. There will be struggles and battles, but the outcome never will be in doubt. God has promised that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6).

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New Members

(Add to your Directory)

Tommy & Debra Morrison

3 Wyndemere Court
Parkersburg WV 26105
304.295.5906

Anniversary: Aug. 29

Tommy's Email: tdmorr@frontier.com

Debbie's Email: demor55@yahoo.com

Tommy's Birthday: March 9

Debbie's Birthday: May 3

Kimberly "Kim" Furner

404 28th St. Apt. #2
Vienna WV 26105
304.991.2760

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(Excerpts from Verviers, Belgium Work Report)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to begin by thanking each one of you who made our journey in September and October a wonderful experience. Those who kept us in your homes, provided transportation and food, and provided expense money for the trip.

You love the gospel of Christ, and Europe has a great need to hear it. The congregation in Verviers was happy to have us back, and we have found that everyone in the congregation was at his/her post, doing what was necessary during our long absence.

As we have said, the bond of friendship and fellowship with the converts from Luxembourg becomes stronger each week. Last Sunday, Suzanne and I drove to Luxembourg following our worship in the morning.

We are preparing, with several brethren, to travel to St. Albain, near the center of France, for an annual meeting of brethren. This will take place toward the end of November or the beginning of December.

I preached last Sunday on the duties of parents toward their children. I cited a passage from the Christian writer, Tertullian of Carthage, about 200 A.D., which reads as follows: "Lead your children to Jesus. When they grow up, let them learn Christian teachings, when they are taught the final goal toward which they are walking, let them become Christians." This is from a tract on baptism, written by Tertullian. This implies the responsibility of fathers toward their children, and is from the Scriptures, Deuteronomy 11:18, 19).

I can't close this letter without mentioning the terrorist events which have occurred in France and Belgium recently. The level of security has been heightened to the highest point, and we are all trying to be careful. The police and the army are patrolling the streets and reassuring the population here. The work of the church is continuing.

Again, Suzanne and I greet you with much thanksgiving!

In Christ, Jean-Marie and Suzanne Frerot
Verviers, 17 November, 2015

FROM STEPHEN'S DESK



Dear Church Family,

We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to every member of the family here at 36th Street. We are very appreciative of the love and support that everyone has shown us in our ministry and also as fellow Christians. Over the course of our time here, we have grown very close to the people of this congregation. You have invited us to be a part of this wonderful family; and even though we will no longer be worshipping here, we want you to know that you will always be our family.

It has been a very difficult decision for us to leave 36th Street. We have very much enjoyed our time working with the youth and the church as a whole. We have been greatly encouraged with the way that the leaders and the entire congregation have supported the youth ministry. We feel that we have experienced tremendous growth on a personal, spiritual level and also in our approach to ministry.

We cannot thank you enough for how much you have meant to our family. We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we ask that you keep us in yours.

We love you all!

Stephen, Erika, and Avery Walker

GOD'S FAMILY – (Lanny Wolfe, 855 – Praise for the Lord)

*We're part of the fam'ly that's been born again;
Part of the fam'ly whose love knows no end;
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own,
Now we're part of the fam'ly that's on its way home.*

*And sometimes we laugh together, sometimes we cry;
Sometimes we share together, heartaches and sighs;
Sometimes we dream together of how it will be
When we all get to Heaven, God's family.*

2016 AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 3:30pm

Camden Avenue
Church of Christ building

(hosted by Grand Central Church of Christ)

God's people are called to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. As an affirmation of this commitment God's people from throughout Wood County and the surrounding area have met in January of each year for an Area-Wide Worship Service.

The Grand Central Church of Christ invites you to come and be part of this special service of worship

Prayer Requests

Hospital

Ruth Brookover, Harmar Place 307- is undergoing physical therapy.

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

Prayer List

Jean VanSickle is now home from rehab.

Ron Nonamaker is home after his tests at Cleveland Clinic. He is undergoing some medicine changes and will go back in January.

Judy Beckett spent time in the E.R. Thursday with chest pains.

Tracy Mason continues to recover at home from gall bladder surgery.

Edna Cain (Sarah Shuman's mother) The Willows- Room 216 – recovering from fall/fractures.

Bob Schott – is waiting for appropriate medication to be prescribed for health problems.

Best Wishes

*Stephen, Erika and Avery!
You will be missed.*



"In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

RESOURCES

Did you miss a program? Visit the Resources page on our website searchtv.org and look for these icons.



You can download the audio, video, and transcript for each program. The study guide is available the week **before** the program.



You can also download the transcripts and study guides for the entire month. They will be available after the last program of the month airs. The monthly topics can also be found here and they are available the month **before** they air (topics are subject to change without notice).

Sun.—Dec. 27	Mon.— Dec. 28	Tues.— Dec. 29	Wed.— Dec. 30	Thurs.— Dec. 31	Fri.— Jan. 1	Sat.— Jan. 2
	<i>Love & Care Monthly Sing 7 PM</i>	NO Ladies Bible Class	Bible Class (1 & 7 PM— Bill Butterfield)	<i>NO Bread Basket</i>		
Sun.—Jan. 3	Mon.— Jan. 4	Tues.— Jan. 5	Wed.— Jan. 6	Thurs.— Jan. 7	Fri.— Jan. 8	Sat.— Jan. 9
		10 AM - Ladies Bible Class	Bible Class (1 PM- Dennis Menear 7 PM—Mike Moss)	<i>Bread Basket #5</i>		

☺ *Ladies Bible Class: Thank you for remembering me while I was recovering from my fall and therapy the last few months. Also, for remembering me during the death of my step brother, Harold McIntire. I appreciate all your cards and prayers more than you know. In Christian Love, Eva Leonhart P.S. Thank you for the many birthday cards I received also.*

☺ *To the Young At Heart group: Thank you so much for your generosity for the Family Crisis Center. With the money I received I was able to get beautiful gifts for the moms and towels and wash cloths plus other items for the center. You have made a difference. Thank you. Brenda and Gary Carothers*

☺ *Thank you, Ladies! I truly appreciate the Christmas goody bag which the Tuesday ladies Bible class sent me. Ann Grimm*

☺ *Thank you for the gifts I received from the Tuesday ladies Bible class along with the Christmas mouse and card made by the youth. Also, thank you for the cards I have received here at The Willows while I recuperate from injuries from a fall. Edna Cain (mother of Sarah Shuman)*

➔ **This collection will be TODAY following the regular contribution**

collection. The elders have decided the **Special End of the Year Contribution** will go to two causes: Eastern European Mission (www.eem.org) and Disaster Relief Effort (www.disasterrelieffort.org).

➔ Please note Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, Bread Basket and the Sunday AM Early Men’s Class will not meet again until January.

➔ The **Love & Care monthly sing** will be tomorrow at 7:00pm.

➔ The Elders and Deacon’s Meeting will be Monday, January 4th at 7 PM in the multipurpose room.

➔ The Tuesday ladies Bible class resumes next week, January 5 at 10 AM in the multipurpose room.

➔ The Bread Basket teams will resume serving our shut-ins next week, January 7th.

➔ The Area-Wide Worship Service will be Sun., Jan. 10 at 3:30 PM at Camden Ave. (Hosted by Grand Central)

➔ 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.

Birthdays

Mon. — Mary Beth Full

Tues. — Sharon
Nonamaker

Wed. — Chuck Doyle
Walker Wright

Sat. - Anita Miller
Jennifer Carpenter
Randy Craig

Tuesday
L & L Gibson

Mission:	Donations go to:	Date needed:
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



**From the Office, Crow's Nest, and
Bulletin Staff**



2016 Breakfast Planning Meeting



Thursday, January 14
9:30 AM
Shoney's Restaurant

ELDERS		TODAY'S SERMONS		
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	A.M.— “Jesus Loves Me” Stephen Walker (Text: Matthew 21:1-11) (Reading: Luke 10:30-37)		
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814	P.M.— “Jesus Loves the Little Children” Stephen Walker (Text: Mark 10:13-16) (Reading: Ephesians 4:15-16)		
Jack Long	304-295-6909	Our Nursing Home Residents		
Mike Moss	304-699-4230			
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	Betty Bibbee	Eagle Point	123
DEACONS		Lois Miller	Ravenswood Care Ctr.	12
		Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Jerry Page
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab	408
John Garner	304-295-0320	Jean VanSickle	Worthington	W27A
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709	Walter Wigal	The Willows	206
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grove	W 60
Dennis Menear	304-295-4228	Our Members Who are Homebound		
Troy Miller	304-295-6729			
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Ruth Brookover	Gladys Frohling	Jim Hart
MINISTERS		Jo & Ron Kress	Laura Menear	Debbie Sherman
		Mark Mason	304-295-1068	Robin Wilson
Stephen Walker	304-550-7732	Prayers for Those with Cancer: <i>Chuck Doyle, Jo Kress, 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>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>Linda Beihl</i> (Luella Pickrell's niece), <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), <i>Jon Gregg</i> (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama)		
INTERNS		Ongoing Health Problems: <i>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</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 Rippetto</i> (Keith's mom), <i>Kimberly Kellar Kirk</i> (niece of Judy Curkendall), <i>Edna Cain</i> (mother of Sarah Shuman)		
		Website: www.36thstreetchurch.com		Privileged to Serve Next Week (1/03/16—1/06/16)
Email us at: Secretary36st@suddenlinkmail.com		Pray for our Military		
Join our Facebook groups: 36th Street Church of Christ 36 th Street Youth Group		Ryan Bemish (son of Debbie & Dan Sherman) <i>Army</i>		
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.		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>		
		Song Leader		Wed. eve.
		Prayer		
		Table Speaker		
		Table Assist.		
		Scripture		
		Closing Prayer		