



Sunday, July 16, 2023

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MINISTER

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

ELDERS

Terry Garner
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 7:00 PM

FACEBOOK

36th Street Church
of Christ
(Public Page)

36th Street Church
of Christ
(private Group)

When Tradition Becomes Truth

by Doug Kashorek

It's difficult to come into the presence of Almighty God, the Creator of all. When Isaiah did, he cried, "*Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!*" And yet, when we worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24), Jesus, through His work at the cross and tomb, pulls back the curtain of the tabernacle that is His body and invites us to draw near (Hebrews 10:19-23).

Struggling with the grace that makes this possible and with a God who declares us worthy when we know our sin, we throw up walls between us and our omnipotent Savior. Rather than engaging with such an introspective intimacy, we hide behind ritual rather than in redemption and take comfort in tradition rather than truth.

This is where the Pharisees and scribes were in Matthew 15 when they sought to condemn Jesus for His disciples not washing their hands according to "*the tradition of the elders,*" something that was not part of the Law. For them tradition had become truth, and Jesus rightly pointed out how they were condemned for making truth merely tradition as they had justified not honoring their fathers and mothers—which clearly was one of the Ten Commandments.

Now, not all traditions are bad, and many are expedients to help us obey the clear commands of God. I have a tradition of rising early to write in a prayer journal and study scripture. The tradition of pews in our places of worship, not known until the 14th century, was an expedient of that era that has helped the faithful to gather for worship in one place for many generations. The real test is if you feel, like the leaders did in Jesus' day, that using some other means to assemble is ... wrong.

If we are to reach a generation for Christ of which less than 8% has entered a church building, we must put truth over tradition.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Judy Curkendall
 Pat Hill
 Karen Kibble
 John Morehead
 Maxine Geschwilm (friend of Amy Houser)
 David Young (Amy Houser's uncle)
 Deloris Newberry (John Eckhart's sister)
 Angel Smith/baby Grace (neighbor of Patty Lemon)

Our Long Term Care Residents:

(full addresses on foyer bulletin board)

Betty Armstrong— *The Pines at Glenwood Apt 124*
 Edna Cain *The Willows room 115*
 Lola Hitzel *Rockland Ridge room 301*
 Eva Leonhart *Eagle Point Room 339*
 Peggy Smith - *Altercare of Summit Acres Apt 308*

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

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 ☆ **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) ☆
 ☆ Luke George, National Guard ☆
 ☆ (grandson-in-law of Anna Hart) ☆
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****NEW ADDRESS ****
Peggy Smith
 C/O Altercare of Summit Acres
 44565 Sunset Road, Apt 308
 Caldwell, OH 43724

*Would you like to send a card?
 You may place cards in the basket by the Deacon's
 desk & we will mail them out.*

Celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary
 7/19—Richard and Marilyn Kellar anniversary
 7/20—Kevin and Donna Dixon anniversary
 7/22—Matthew Snyder birthday
 Jeff and Julie DePuy anniversary

Thank you!
 I want to thank all of you for everything you have done over the last several months. You all, as a church, have made this difficult time a little more easy on my family and I. Thank you for the flowers, food, cards and coming to visitation. I miss you all.
 With Love,
 Sabrina Simms

We wanted to thank everyone for our anniversary cards.
 Eddie and Sandy Gray

Thank you all for the many birthday cards.
 In Christian Love,
 Joe Carrico

Thank you for all my birthday cards. It was very much appreciated.
 Terry Garner

The Centennial committee is looking for those that have had multiple generations of family attending here throughout the years, to draw up their family tree. We have placed large sheets of paper on the foyer table to help with this. See Doug with any questions.

WTAP – Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM

SEARCH
 OF THE LORD'S WAY



- ★ **June, July and August**—Summer Series at Camden Avenue every Wednesday evening at 7PM (flyer on bulletin board)
- ★ **July 5-26 (Wed)**—Summer Series at North End every Wednesday in July (flyer on bulletin board)
- ★ **July 17 (Mon)**—Leadership Meeting in MPR @ 7PM
- ★ **Aug 3 (Thurs)**—Red Cross Blood Drive in MPR from 1-6 PM
- ★ **Aug 12 (Sat)**—20th Annual Golf Benefit for WVCYC at Mingo Bottom Golf Course in Elizabeth, WV (flyer on foyer table)



Service Station

Needed for this week

Ramen noodles

Summer Series

Wednesday, July 19

“What’s the News...in Bethlehem?”

Speaker Charles Pugh

OVC Reunion

A committee planning a reunion for anyone connected to OVC from 1960-1966 is meeting at Camden Avenue church building on Thursday mornings. Anyone is welcome to come join us. The reunion is planned for Sept 22-23, 2023. If you or anyone you know was connected to the college in anyway at that time, let us know. Pictures, stories, etc are welcome. We would like a good turn out, so spread the word!

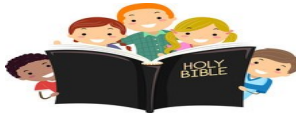
Email: OVC1960through1966@gmail.com

Facebook: Ohio Valley College CONTACT 1960-1961

Kids' Corner

According to 1 Samuel 25:42, who became one of David’s wives?

- A. Abigail
- B. Bathsheba
- C. Michal
- D. Zeruiah



Tell the correct answer to Roger Inman for a prize (and wish him a happy birthday yesterday!)

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, July 16, 2023 10:30 AM

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Opening Song

Song Leader: Charles Doyle

Welcome & Opening Prayer
Jim Taylor

Song After Prayer

Song Before Communion

Table Speaker: Jim Shuman

Scripture Reading: Ray Hoover
Matthew 15:3-6

Speaker: Doug Kashorek
"For the Sake of Your Tradition"

Invitation Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Garner

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song Leader: Spencer Mason

Welcome Prayer: John Garner

Scripture Reading: Jeff Poling
Psalm 33:4-6

Speaker: Doug Kashorek
"By the Breath of His Mouth"

PM Communion
Fred Newberry

Announcements / Closing Prayer:
Terry Garner

Privileged to Serve

	<u>7/23/2023</u>	<u>7/30/2023</u>
Song Leader	Jeff Shuman	M Hale
Welcome/Prayer	Jim Shuman	J Poling
Table Speaker	T Garner	J Houser
Read Scripture	T Cramer	C Doyle
Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner

Evening Services

Song Leader	J Shuman	K Gibbs
Welcome/Prayer	D Mincks	J Shuman
Read Scripture	S Mason	S Wigal
Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
Communion	K Gibbs	R Craig
Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner

Ushers

Head Usher	J Lemley	J Lemley
Usher 1	J Poling	J Poling
Usher 2	M Hale	M Hale

	<u>7/26/2023</u>	<u>8/2/2023</u>
Welcome	J Carrico	D Kashorek
Opening Prayer	T Cramer	J Shuman
Song Leader	S Mason	J Houser

Attendance & Contribution Week of 7/9/2023

Sunday AM Bible Study:	66
Sunday AM Worship:	116
Sunday PM Worship:	63
Wednesday Bible Study:	65
Contribution:	\$4,947.13
Weekly Goal:	\$4,250.00

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