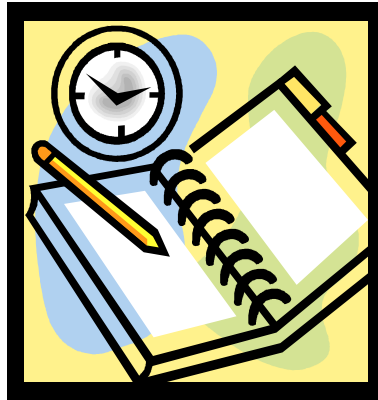


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Time and Eternity

Sixty seconds make a minute,
May we please the Savior in it;
Sixty minutes make an hour,
May we feel His saving power.

Twenty-four hours make a day,
O'er us give His will full sway;
Seven days make a week,
Make us humble, lowly, meek.

As weeks into months must turn,
Let us more of Jesus learn;
As the months shall make the year,
Free us from worry, doubt, and fear.

As the years make up our life,
Give us victory in the strife;
When eternity at last we see,
May we live it, Lord, with thee.

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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Madonna Smith and family in the passing of her mother, Zelma Grove. She passed away Thursday morning. We have no arrangements at the time of this printing.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Jay Cheuvront, Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, and Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Loreean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Jack Plumley, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, and Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Rose Allen**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards I received. They made my day! **Keith Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, and all the kind words for my birthday. They all made my 85th birthday very happy. Love, **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ Thanks for all your love and care. Thanks for prayers, cards, calls and visits. Thanks for bringing me to church services, stores, etc. Thanks for encouraging me. I appreciate your kindness. God is so good. In Christian love, **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ It was delightful to receive the birthday cards. Thank you! **Merilee Morgan**

6th-12th GRADE DEVO. AFTER AM SERVICES

There will be a 6th-12th grade devo. today in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes.

THIS EVENING IS "ASK THE PREACHER"

Dana will be answering questions submitted by the congregation this evening.

AREA WIDE TEEN DEVO. MONDAY, FEB. 6

All teens are invited to attend the area wide devo. in the MP Room next Monday evening from 7:00-8:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for food items. Please attend and invite your friends.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch Sunday, February 12 in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LADIES LUNCHEON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

All ladies are invited to have lunch at Rubi's Restaurant at 1:00 Tuesday, February 13. Bring a baby picture, also an unaddressed Valentine's card with a note to give a sister.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, DENNIS AND SANDY! ♥

Dennis and Sandy Keller's wedding anniversary will be February 14. Please update your church calendar.

2012 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The first Friday Night Sing will be February 17 at the 6th and Washington Street congregation. The Friday Night sing schedules are available in the foyers.



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

February 17, 7:00PM - 8:00PM
February 18, 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Steelton Church of Christ in
New Martinsville, WV
Speaker: Glenn Colley
RSVP at 304.455.2251



IN GOD WE TRUST

Free four week seminar series
on the foundation of values
presented by:

**Warren Christian
Apologetics Center**
Thursday Evenings

March 15 - April 5
7:00-8:30PM

Held at the Dewey Avenue
congregation in St. Marys, WV

Hosted by:
Dewey Avenue congregation
and the Pennsboro
congregation



DANA'S DIRECTION

How often should a Christian partake of the Lord's Supper?

This question is given many different answers in the religious world. Some groups partake of the Lord's Supper annually, some quarterly, some monthly, others weekly. Some religious groups will partake of the communion on Friday, others Saturday, and still others on Sunday. Does the frequency with which one partakes of the Lord's Supper matter? Does it make any difference on which day one partakes of the divine memorial? Let us look at the Bible for the answer.

On the night he was betrayed, shortly before his betrayal, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in the presence of the twelve (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20). Luke's account, coupled with the words of Jesus as recorded by the hand of Paul (I Corinthians 11:23-26), show that by partaking of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice), Christians are fulfilling the Lord's command to do this in remembrance of his death. Had this been all that was written concerning the memorial feast instituted by the Lord, then it would have been left to man's discretion as to the time and the frequency with which this Supper is to be observed. As a matter of fact, it would be necessary to partake of the Lord's Supper only once in one's lifetime in order to fulfill the command, "this do in remembrance of me."

Apostolic example fixes the times and the frequency with which the Lord's Supper is to be observed. The apostles were guided into all the truth (John 16:13) as far as their teaching is concerned [divine guidance did not rule out mistakes in their personal lives and personal judgment]. Therefore, what they spoke, what they wrote, and what they did as directed by the Holy Spirit served as a guide for the infant church, and continues to serve as a guide for the church today. As Paul was making his return to Jerusalem from his third missionary journey, he came to Troas (Acts 20:1 ff). When he and the other disciples got to Troas, they waited 7 days (20:6). Mind you, Paul was in a great hurry to get to Jerusalem, to take the offering that the Gentile churches had given to help alleviate the suffering of the saints in Judea. So why tarry 7 days when time was so important? Paul and his traveling companions waited 7 days so that they could assemble with the church at Troas to partake of the Lord's Supper. This they did upon the first day of the week. The word "when" in verse 7 is very important. It explains why the church came together upon the first day of the week—to break bread. This breaking of bread was not a common meal, for Paul would not have waited 7 days to partake of a common meal.

This example set the time that the Lord's Supper is to be observed—the first day of the week (Sunday). It also sets the frequency—every Sunday. Some will argue that it does not say every first day of the week. In giving the 10 Commandments, God said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." He did not say every Sabbath, but the Jews understood what God meant. The same holds true for the Lord's Supper. The saints assemble every Sunday. Therefore, they observed the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

SERMON NOTES

The Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:23-30)



Some memorials are abused and their _____ is forgotten. This was the case in Corinth. "Therefore when you come together in one place, it is _____ to eat the _____ For in eating, each one takes his _____ supper ahead of others; one is hungry and another is drunk. Do you not have _____ to eat and drink in? Or do you _____ the church of God and shame those who have _____?" (I Corinthians 11:20-22)

Returning to the First Principles: "For I received from the _____ that which I also delivered unto you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was _____ too _____; and when He had given _____, He broke it and said, 'Take, _____, this is my _____ which is broken for you: do this in _____ of Me.' In the same manner He also took the _____ after supper, saying 'This cup is the new _____ in My _____. This do, as _____ as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's _____ until He comes." (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

The Lord's Supper – Looking in Five Directions:

Looking _____ to the cross. "For he who eats and drinks in an _____ manner eats and drinks _____ to himself, not discerning the Lord's _____." (I Corinthians 11:29)

Looking _____ towards Heaven. "But, I say unto you, I will not _____ of this _____ of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it _____ with _____ in My Father's _____." (Matthew 26:29) "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the _____ of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not communion of the _____ of Christ?" (I Corinthians 10:16)

Looking _____ towards others: "For we being _____, are one _____ and one _____; for we all partake of that _____ bread." (I Corinthians 10:17) **The observation of the Lord's Supper is a proclamation of our _____ in Jesus Christ.** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you _____ the Lord's _____ till He comes." (I Corinthians 11:26)

Looking _____ at our _____ and lives. "But let a man _____ himself, and so let him eat this bread and drink of this cup." (I Corinthians 11:28) "Examine _____ as to whether you are in the faith, _____ yourselves. Do you not know that Jesus Christ is _____ you?" (II Corinthians 13:5)

Looking _____ to His _____. "You proclaim the Lord's death until He _____." (I Corinthians 11:26)



Consider One Another

~Paul Nygard

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb 10.24-25)

Take a moment to consider the Christians you know and have known throughout your life. I am almost positive that there will be some people on your list who used to be extremely active in the church. Now they do not attend at all. I have wondered, what must have happened in their lives that they are now able to completely 'tune out' God?

In truth, there are many reasons people use to try and justify turning away from God. Perhaps someone in the family was ill and they needed to be taken care of, or maybe one's profession became too burdensome. Could their faith have been shaken by some false teaching? Hopefully it is not because 'someone got upset with someone else' and they never even tried to talk about it.

Whatever the reason or excuse may be, most people who become unfaithful seem to have something in common. They miss giving and receiving that spiritual stimulation that is so important to our lives, or at least, they missed it at first. Now, with time, they simply are accustomed to not having it.

Warning!!! *Apathy is just one way that the devil works in our lives.* Just like Novocain, apathy deadens the hurt and loss felt by the heart. This deceitfulness can sneak up on us quietly and work slowly. What was once painful in missing God and His people, now are forgotten. This is just one way sin works in the hearts of once godly people.

So let us consider one another and stir up each other's hearts to acts of love and good works, especially in worship to God. It may be also that it is your phone call, your hug, your visit, and your love or compassion that rekindles the flame for God in someone. Won't you consider and act on God's behalf so that a soul may be saved today?



FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK . . .

Women in Christian history have been overlooked and a thorough investigation has long been required. Dr. Carroll D. Osburn edits volume two of Essays On Women in Earliest Christianity. Twenty-six different scholars, including Dr. Jack P. Lewis and Dr. Earl Lavender examines women in Christianity beginning with Genesis 1-3 and concluding with present day church situations. These two volumes will offer insights and present opinions for further inquiry.

These books were donated in memory of Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.

John Rockhold III



Something to think about. . .

Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout your week.

Do you know why a car’s windshield is so large and the rearview mirror is so small? Your past is not as important as your future. Look ahead and move on.

Selected

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP



Two friends were walking through the desert and got into an argument. One friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: “Today my best friend slapped me in the face.” They kept on walking until they found an oasis. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire, fell in, and started drowning. His friend saved him. That evening, he wrote on a stone: “Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had both slapped him and saved him asked, “After I hurt you, you

wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone — WHY?” The friend replied: “When someone hurts us we should write it in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where it will be remembered for a long time.”

Learn to write your hurts in sand and carve your benefits in stone. Someone observed that it only takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them.

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

MEN SERVING FEBRUARY 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay

PM - Ethan Ash

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Dave Wadlington

6:00 PM - Dwain Shears

Close - Brian Haught

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Dennis Keller

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Valeria Sprout

2 - Stan Inman

3 - Debi Inman

PM

1. Paul & Nancy Inman

2. Susan Anderson & Robin Anthony

3. Debbie Beaver & Sarah Gray

4. Gary & Sharon Herridge

5. Colleen Ash & Janet Cook

6. Tammy Kerns & Hannah Shears

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dave Kimes

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - David Lamp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson

PM - Paul Saunders

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Leon Hupp

Don Dougherty

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Keith Smith

2 - Rick Stanley

4 - Eloise Smith

PM

1. Bill & Carolyn Davis

2. Cindy Huxley & Jo Langler

3. Steve & Rose Allen

4. Larry & Janet Plant

5. Kathleen Albright & Betty Lamb

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent



**I'M NOT AFRAID OF TOMORROW
BECAUSE I KNOW GOD IS ALREADY
THERE.**

Facts and Figures

January 22, 2012

AM Service.....284

Bible Study.....219

PM Service.....222

Wednesday.....212

Contribution.....\$5626.50

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....1

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Early Bible Study.....11:00

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE
LORD'S WAY"**

every Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

February 5
BORN IN SIN?



Weekly Bible Reading

January 29 - Matthew 19, Ex 10-12

January 30 - Mat. 20:1-16, Ex 13-14

January 31 - Mat. 20:17-34, Ex 15-16

February 1 - Mat. 21:1-27, Ex 17-19

February 2 - Mat. 21:28-46, Ex 20-21

February 3 - Mat. 22:1-22, Ex 22-23

February 4 - Mat. 22:23-46, Ex 24-25

February 5 - Mat. 23:1-22, Ex 26-27