

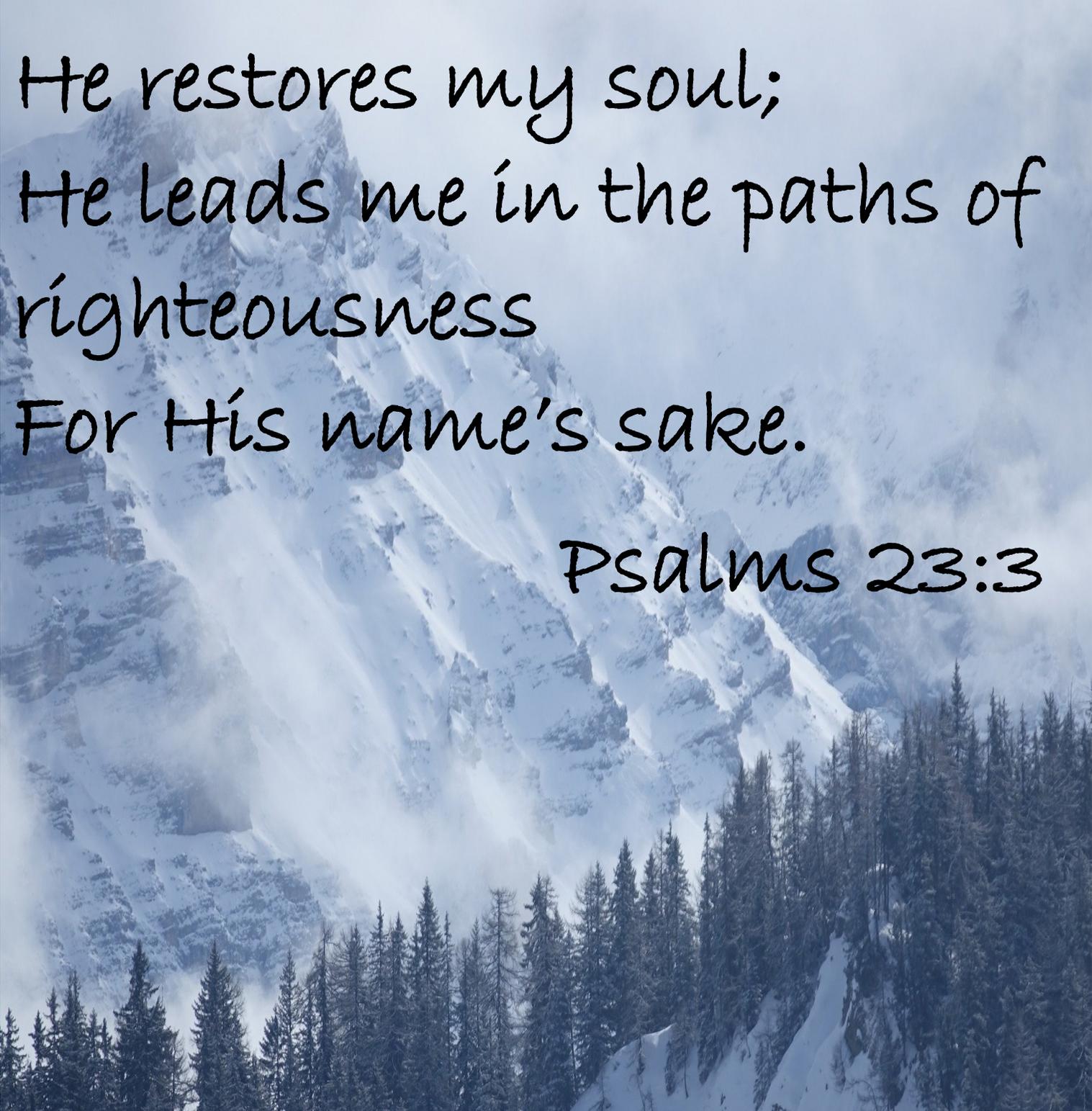
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He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of
righteousness
For His name's sake.

PSALMS 23:3

In Our Prayers

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*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Bob Bell, Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Teresa Flinn (Shirley Martin's daughter), Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Charles Lang (Lucille Hardman's brother), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Chris Truman (friend of Allen Coe), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family)

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Chris Scott-Ron Riddle's nephew having complications after his kidney transplant.
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.
- ♥ Walter Morgan is home recuperating.
- ♥ Gilbert Hardman has congestive heart failure.
- ♥ Gloria Frazier- had a mild heart attack and has gall stones. She is in Camden Clark North room 329.
- ♥ Tom Little- Mark's uncle. His cancer has returned.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Richard Cozad on the passing of his brother, Ralph Cozad and his sister-in-law, Barbara Cozad. Both passed away from Covid complications within a few hours of each other.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Sandy Keller on the passing of her Aunt Norma Jo Doll.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the Mullins family on the passing of Paul Mullins. He passed away on Wednesday.

Announcements

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE- If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send our youth to the conference, see Jeff Taberner or Doug Wells.

ITEMS AVAILABLE- There is a table in the front foyer with books, cd's, posters, audio books, and DVD's left from the seminar. Many of these items are now 50% off. Each are marked with their price. There is a cash box on the table for payment.

WVCYC CD's- are still available in the office. There is a \$20 requested donation for each CD.

VBS MEETING-- January 24, 5pm, in the auditorium by door 4. This meeting will be to set up the date and planning our VBS. We will use the Apologetics Press material "The Flood".

2021 BIBLE READING- Pick up your Bible reading bookmark on the table in the foyer.

SERMON PODCASTS AVAILABLE- Past sermons are available online through [Sermons < Camden Avenue church of Christ \(cacoc.net\)](http://Sermons.CamdenAvenuechurchofChrist.com)

PERIODICALS AVAILABLE- There are many periodicals available around the building. Pick them up for your own enjoyment and study and pass them on to others.

CLOTHING ROOMS- Items are still being collected. If you have any of the following new or gently used, fall or winter, casual clothing items; jeans, pants, t-shirts (short & long sleeved), sweatshirts, coats, socks, shoes or blankets please place them in the red bin at the bottom of the steps leading up toward the teacher supply room.

CONNECT CONFERENCE- Church Growth Workshop. June 2-5, 2021 in Nashville TN. See the bulletin board or Facebook @connect conference for more information.

WVSOP ONLINE EVENING CLASS- The West Virginia School of Preaching will be holding a free evening/online class beginning January 25th. More information is available on the bulletin board.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Parents are you Home “Bible” Schooling your Kids?

Due to the pandemic, most parents with school-age children have been introduced to the world of homeschooling, like it or not. Now even before the pandemic many Christian families have chosen to homeschool their children, and feel their children learn better in this type of environment. Regardless of how one chooses or is “compelled” to educate their child, I believe it is vital that all parents “home ‘Bible’ school” their children. Especially since the pandemic has interfered with our regular scheduled children’s Bible classes.

The Bible teaches us that it is our job and responsibility as parents to train our children in the ways of the Lord.

Deut. 6:5-7, teaches us, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Then in the New Testament, Eph 6:4, commands, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Then we learn in 2 Tim. 1:5 and 2 Tim. 3:15 how Timothy was taught the scriptures from his youth by his mother and grandmother.

Josh McDowell, once wrote, “God emphasizes the importance of parents teaching the Bible to their children. The church and Christian school [Bible School as well] cannot be used to escape from this responsibility.”

Please do not misunderstand, I am very happy that we have Bible classes for our children, and we have great Bible class teachers who do a wonderful job at teaching the Bible, but they cannot take a parents place in teaching the Bible and God’s truths.

Children are watching and learning from us as parents every day. They know what we believe and how we live out the teachings of the Bible or not. They know if we lie or cheat, pray, or read our Bibles.

So, are we “home ‘Bible’ schooling” our children? Here are some suggestions on ways we can teach our children the Lord’s Word at home:

- Have daily Bible devotionals, where Bible reading, teaching, and praying takes place.
- As you go through your day, and children have questions, try to always point them to the Bible. Have older children lookup the passages in their Bible to find answers to their questions.
- Work with your children to know where the books of the Bible are found, memorize the Old and New Testament books, give them memory verses and encourage them to read the Bible.
- Talk about your child’s Bible class. Have them review the lesson and encourage them to do any homework the teachers assign, and if they need to return a homework paper then make sure your child follows through.
- Live the Bible in your everyday life, so your children know what it means to be a Christian, to be kind, loving, joyful, and deal with problems of life in a biblical way and not in a way the world would deal with them.

Parents, we cannot leave our child’s Bible education to chance. Question: Are you home “Bible” schooling your kids?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

God Sets the Terms of Our Surrender

Text: Luke 19:42

How much worse could General Grant's terms of surrender have been?

If Lee were not willing to accept them what was his other option?

What do you think of the terms of surrender Ben-Hadad delivered to Ahab (1 Kings 20:2-3)?

Why do you think Ahab initially accepted these terms?

When Pharaoh picked a fight with God how well did it go? How much better would life have been if he had accepted the terms of surrender?

When the prodigal son went to make peace with his dad how well did the son think it was going to go? Was the reality better or worse than his expectations?

What are God's terms of peace? (Romans 5:1)

If we don't like these terms are there any other? If we don't take them what are we deciding to do?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells **We Surrender to Death (So We Can Live)**

Reading: Galatians 2:20

Doug's Discussion

God is Good and I Am Glad

Just imagine being born into a universe made by a god who isn't as kind and compassionate as our God. Instead of being loving and just this god resembles some of the gods of ancient mythology: impulsive and cruel. People struggle against his will (as people are known to do) but ultimately the devastating punishments are just too much to bear. With broken spirits the people of this unfortunate world collectively say: "we give up. What must we do to have peace?" Having all the power in the situation this god can set whatever terms he wants.

We should consider ourselves greatly fortunate that we do not live in such a place! I can only imagine what terrible conditions could be set forth by an omnipotent dictator. Perhaps the answer would be . . . "To have peace with me you must all: 1) Run full speed into a brick wall at least once a day. 2) Pointlessly burn every other paycheck and 3) You must kill your firstborn child so you are reminded I can kill you all anytime I want." Even in the real world some have thought that was the nature of God. Cultures throughout the Old Testament worshiped by mutilating themselves and sacrificing their children in the fire. I am mighty glad they were wrong.

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). The terms God gives us for peace with Him are SO much better than they could be. Instead of humiliating us God gives us commands that are for our good. Instead of paying us back double for our sins God sends His Son Jesus to pay the price for us. Do you know how grateful you should be? You have no control over who God is. But life is good – because God is good. Because God is good everything He wants from us will be the best thing for us. Because God is good let us all praise Him for being who He is and for not being all the terrible things some have imagined Him to be.

GOD IS GOOD

When I Pray I Can...

- Acknowledge that my help comes from above (Psalm 121:1-2).
- Acknowledge if God is for me, no one can be against me (Romans 8:31).
- See my unworthiness contrasted with the magnificence of God (Nehemiah 1:5-7).
- As a child, talk to my Father (Matthew 7:11).
- Pursue the will of God in my life (Matthew 26:39).
- Seek true wisdom (James 1:5).
- Seek the blessings of God on behalf of ones I love (John 17:19-21).
- Seek forgiveness - even for my secret sins (Acts 8:22).
- Ask whatever I want, according to His will (1 John 5:14).
- Have confidence that my prayer will be heard (1 John 5:14-15).
- Thank God for all He has done/is doing on my behalf (Philippians 2:13, 4:6).
- Thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ (Philippians 1:3).
- Draw close to God (James 4:8).
- Petition God on behalf of the sick (James 5:13, 16).
- Take advantage of the promises God has made (Hebrews 13:5).
- Tap into the vast resources of heaven (Ephesians 3:20).
- Request help in resistance of the devil (Ephesians 6:18).
- Win a battle against the devil (James 4:7).
- Separate myself from the world - for a while (Matthew 6:6).
- Expect mercy and grace in time of trouble (Hebrews 4:16).
- Find peace (Philippians 4:7).



I must not stop praying!

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Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday wishes especially to Don & Mary Nesselroad and Wes Cochran they helped to brighten my day. Also, thank you for all the calls to wish me a happy birthday. Lucille Hardman
- ♥ Thank you to all the men that are participating in our online worship.
- ♥ Thank you Mark and Doug for continuing to encourage us through the daily devotional and prayer.

Serving In Worship January 24, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley
Close - Todd Kirk
6:00 PM - Mike Wade
Close - Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM- Rob Hoover
PM -Cody Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - David Epler

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

A farmer gets the best seed, which he plants in his fields. He is diligent in watering the seed and giving it everything it needs to grow. But this field, somehow, only grows thorns and thistles. The farmer looks around disappointed, but he clears the field and tries again. He gets more good seed. He waters it daily. And again only thorns and thistles grow.

God is that farmer. His Word is like the seed, which gets planted into our lives every time we pass a billboard with John 3:16 on it. The rain is like the many gifts that God showers us with on a daily basis. But too many people, even after receiving all this, spend very little time producing what is good and right. May we do better! The Scripture says, "Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessings of God."



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am
Bible Study.....7:00pm



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Facts and Figures

January 10, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....125
Facebook AM Service Views.....549
Facebook PM Service Views.....396
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....275
Contribution.....\$9933.90

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....
Restored or Requested Prayers....
Placed Membership.....

In Search of the
Lord's Way
each Sunday morning
at 7:30 on WTAP

January 24
"Sayings From the
Cross 1"

Daily Bible Reading

January 18: Exodus 2-4
January 19: Exodus 5-7
January 20: Exodus 8-10
January 21: Exodus 11-13
January 22: Exodus 14-16
January 23: Exodus 17-19
January 24: Exodus 20-22