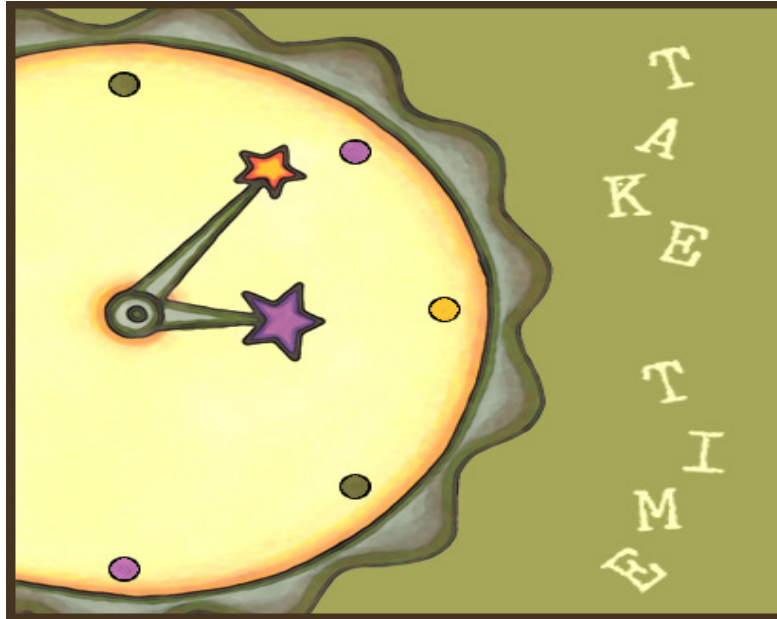


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2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## TAKE TIME!

- To **THINK** - it is the means of discernment!
- To **PLAY** - it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To be **FRIENDLY** - it is the road to happiness.
- To **LOVE** - it is a God-given privilege.
- To **READ** - it is a fountain of wisdom.
- To **PRAY** - it is our power source.
- To **LAUGH** - it is the music of the soul.
- To **GIVE** - it is too short a day to be selfish.
- To **WORK** - it is the price of success.
- To be **THANKFUL** - it is an attitude adjuster.
- To **SERVE** - it is the way to greatness.
- To **OBEY** - it is the essential to pleasing God.
- To **WORSHIP** - it is such a privilege.
- To **REJOICE** - it is a joy to be a Christian.

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Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Dearll Vincent

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Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
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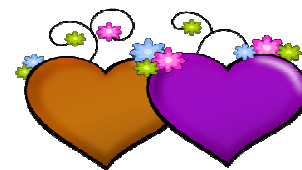
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# Thank You Notes



- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards I received. I enjoyed each and every one of them. **Connie Hickman**
- ♥ Special thanks to everyone for the beautiful anniversary cards and gifts we received. We loved them all. **Ed and Lois Porter**
- ♥ Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards and gifts. I appreciated each one. **Gilbert Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you for the sympathy cards and words of kindness during the passing of our niece. **Keith and Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits during my recovery. **Jim and Sallie Hinzman**



# Prayer List

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

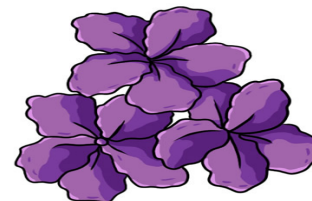
Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Rheba Hirtzil, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Jim VanCamp

## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debbie Boso (a friend of Robin Anthony), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Ken Burton, Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Glenn Jones (Tammy Kerns' father), Arnold Marcum (Leonard Haid's friend), Betty Morris, Angel White

In order to keep our prayer lists current, names will appear on our Prayer Lists for three weeks. You may call the office and update or add names.

# Sympathy



- ~ We extend our sympathy to the family of Donna Keffer.
- ~ We also extend our sympathy to Eloise Smith in the passing of her nephew, Norman Cook Jr. His memorial service was held Thursday in Lincoln county .



### **LLL MEETING THIS EVENING**

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone interested in participating in LLL..

### **WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN TODAY**

The 19th annual Wood County Life Chain will be today along Grand Central Avenue from 2:00-3:00. Details are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

### **TUESDAY LADIES CLASS THIS WEEK**

The Tuesday Ladies Class will meet this week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

### **OUR GOSPEL MEETING OCTOBER 14 - 17**

Our Gospel Meeting with Frank Higginbotham will start Sunday, October 14 - 17.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY**

Care Group 3 will host the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room after Bible classes. Everyone is invited. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **TEACHERS TRAINING NEXT SUNDAY**

The teachers training will be next Sunday at 2:00.

### **LADIES LUNCH**

All ladies are invited to meet at Logan's Steakhouse in Vienna Tuesday, October 23 at noon.

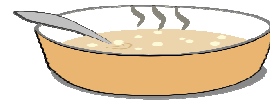
### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Bible class will begin October 24 at 11:00. We will continue to have evening Bible study at 7:00.

## **Daily Bible Reading**

October 7 - Ephes 3, Isa 12-15  
October 8 - Ephes 4, Isa 16-19  
October 9 - Ephes 5, Isa 20-23  
October 10 - Ephes 6, Isa 24-26  
October 11 - Philipp 1, Isa 27-29  
October 12 - Philipp 2, Isa 30-32  
October 13 - Philipp 3, Isa 33-36  
October 14 - Philipp 4, Isa 37-38

## **HAID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER**



The annual Fall Bean Dinner will be this Saturday, October 13 at 4:00 at the Haid's cabin.

Bring a covered dish to go with the hamburgers and soup beans.

Also, bring lawn chairs.

**Sign-up sheet on the counter.**



**Circleville  
Pumpkin  
Show**

## **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

The next Golden Agers trip will be to the Circleville Pumpkin Show Thursday, October 18. We will leave at 8:00 and stop at Bob Evans in Lancaster, OH.

**The sign-up sheet is on the counter.**

## **Potter Children's Home**

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill. Coin banks are available in the foyers.



They will be picked up the week of December 2.



## **DANA'S DIRECTION**

### **Casting Your Vote – For God Abortion: Pro-choice vs. Pro-life**

About the only way people have been able to make the practice of abortion palatable to society is to mask the fact that the unwanted and aborted child is different only by the degree it is developed to the cute little bundle welcomed and placed with loving arms in the hospital nursery. Because the random murder of babies would be unthinkable, the term “fetus” is used to dehumanize the unborn. What exactly is a “fetus?”

The word “fetus” comes from Latin and simply means “offspring” or child. The implication of the common use of the word “fetus” is that there is a period of time, after conception, when that which is in the mother’s womb is a unformed mass of tissue with the potential to become human life. I was amazed to find several dictionaries that now say that it is not even a fetus until it is in a recognizable form (in humans after the second month of gestation.) **Dictionary.com** If this were true, it would not be any more significant for a pregnant woman to “choose” to have a “fetus” removed than it would be to remove a cyst or other tumor. As Christians, what should our understanding and attitude be toward abortion?

Thirty years ago, I ran into the first Christian who challenged my belief and teaching on the subject of abortion. He said, that while he did not advocate abortion, the Bible was silent on the issue and that one could not really determine when life actually begins. I believe the Bible certainly **does** reveal the time God recognizes life and condemns specifically those who would “shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:17)

James writes, “For as the body without the spirit is dead...” (James 2:26) I realize that James was speaking of the role of faith and works, but he illustrated that by comparing it to a known fact – a body without a spirit within is dead. Since an unborn baby (fetus) is obviously alive, it has a spirit within. Since there is no time in the fetus’s development when it is not living or human, we conclude that the time “God forms the spirit within man” (Zechariah 11:1) is at conception. An even stronger statement of this fact are the words of Solomon, “As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.” (Eccle. 11:5)

The idea that a baby is spiritless for nine months is an insult to the God who created man “in His own image.” (Gen. 1:26) The unborn baby is human life, made so by the soul that God created and placed within. Every characteristic of man, everything that the person will be, is imprinted in his genetic code – at conception. At conception, you – are You! As God said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” (Jeremiah 1:5) Isn’t the only issue the fact that some children are wanted and some are not? The same “fetus” that is born prematurely, and with the help of modern technology grows to be a normal child and a healthy adult can be legally aborted and thrown out with other “medical waste.” “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in His own image.” (Gen. 9:6) In Luke 1:44, we read where Elizabeth told Mary “as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe (blephos – Gk) leaped in my womb for joy.” The word used for Elizabeth’s unborn baby is the exact word that is used for any child, be it infant or toddler. That which leaped within Elizabeth was not a tumor – it was a child!

So how should we regard the issue of abortion as we vote? Read up on the candidates position on the issue. Generally, they will be designated as pro-choice or pro-life. While abortion has been legalized in America (Roe vs. Wade, 1973), the circumstances of that decision are suspect, and some envision a day when that decision will be overturned. Some of the practices of abortion are so egregious that efforts have been made to control them, such as restrictions against “partial-birth abortion” (when an infant is partially delivered and then destroyed), and “born-alive” legislation that would guarantee life-saving measures to a child delivered alive due to a failed abortion. Other legislation has sought to assure that women receive counseling before being given an abortion and the parents of girls who are minors be notified.

# Be Faithful Unto Death. (Revelation 2:8-10)

**The Scriptures show that a child of God can fall away and be lost.**

“Let Him who thinks he \_\_\_\_\_, take heed lest he \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Cor.10:12)  
“But I \_\_\_\_\_ my body and bring it under \_\_\_\_\_, lest, when I have \_\_\_\_\_ to others, I myself should become \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Cor. 9:27)

**Biblical examples of those who did:** \_\_\_\_\_ **was told** “You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your \_\_\_\_\_ is not right with God. Repent and \_\_\_\_\_ God if perhaps the thought of your \_\_\_\_\_ may be forgiven you.” (Acts 8:21-22) “ \_\_\_\_\_ has forsaken me, having loved this present \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Tim. 4:10)

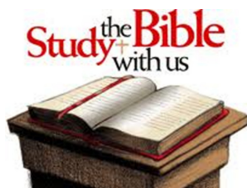
**Jesus said:** “No one putting his hand to the plow and looking \_\_\_\_\_ is fit for the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.” (Luke 9:62) “Be faithful until \_\_\_\_\_, and I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Revelation 2:10)

**#1) To be a faithful Christian is to be faithful to the \_\_\_\_\_.** “Go and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the holy Spirit; \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ all thing, whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ you.” (Matt. 28:18-20). “I declared unto you the \_\_\_\_\_, by which also you are \_\_\_\_\_, if you \_\_\_\_\_ fast that \_\_\_\_\_ which I preached unto you – unless you believed in \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Cor. 15:1-2) “Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and does not abide in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ does not have God.” (II John 9) “I \_\_\_\_\_, that you are \_\_\_\_\_ away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ gospel, which is not another; but there are some who \_\_\_\_\_ you and want to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of Christ.” (Gal. 1:6-7) “The \_\_\_\_\_ that I have spoken, the same shall \_\_\_\_\_ you in the last days.” (John 12:48)

**#2) Christians must be faithful in \_\_\_\_\_.** “Not forsaking the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but \_\_\_\_\_ one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.” (Heb. 10:25) **Failing to assemble with the saints is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ weakness.** “For this reason many are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ among you, and many sleep.” (I Corinthians 11:30)

**#3) Christians must be faithful in \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus made the connection between faithful and working.** “When the Son of Man comes, will He find \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth?” (Luke 18:8) “Blessed is that \_\_\_\_\_, whom his master will find \_\_\_\_\_ when he comes.” (Luke 12:43) **The only worker who will be rewarded is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ until the end.** “Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to those who by patient \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, seek for glory, honor and immortality.” (Rom. 2:6)

**#4) The faithful Christian must \_\_\_\_\_ in times of \_\_\_\_\_.** “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has \_\_\_\_\_ the test, he will receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of life that God has \_\_\_\_\_ to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)



You are  
Invited!

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Light To My Path Workshop With  
Charles Aebi

October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

Join in the excitement of studying God's  
Word with us.

We are getting closer and closer to the 14<sup>th</sup>! That Sunday promises to be full of activities that will strengthen both our bodies and our souls. What more could you ask for on the Lord's Day?!

You have been asking questions about our new education curriculum and that too is exciting. It is good to see such positive desire for study in the Lord's word.

So, without further ado, allow me to highlight some of the great aspects of our new material.

First and foremost, we are committing ourselves to the study of the entire Bible within four years.

We can have confidence that our study will be sound, grounded in truth, and presented in love.

Adults and children alike will study the same subjects on the same days. This will allow families the opportunity for further discussion throughout the week. That's right kids...now you might be able to quiz mom and dad (just don't tell them you got the idea from me).

Teachers will have the freedom to present materials in a way that plays to their strengths and the needs of the class while maintaining the flexibility they desire.

We will be able to have materials ready four or more months in advance, no more waiting until late in the quarter!

There is so much more to explore about these wonderful plans. Will you join us Sunday afternoon to find out more?

# Youth Section

## TRUNK or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be  
Wednesday, October 24  
after Bible classes.

More details to come.



### DON'T TIE ME DOWN!

A preacher was trying to persuade a capable man to teach a Bible class. The man responded: "I just don't want to be tied down at this time!" With firm kindness the preacher looked him right straight in the eyes and said, "you know, we serve a master who was willing to be tied down; in fact, He was willing to be nailed down!"

Isn't it interesting how we can freely accept salvation from the nail-pierced hands of Jesus, yet fill our own hands with things and personal affairs to the end that we have no time for the affairs of God?

Bulletin Digest

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



In Genesis chapter 47, the Bible tells us about economic hard times falling on the people of Egypt. When this happened the people turned to the government of Pharaoh. The first thing Pharaoh did was nationalize the grain harvest, and place the grain in great storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh and gave it all to him willingly in return for grain. And this went on until their money ran out. But the famine wasn't over, so the next year the people came and admitted they had nothing left, except their land and their own lives. So they surrendered their homes and their real estate to Pharaoh's government, and then sold

themselves into slavery in return for grain.

Is there anything we can learn from this? I think so! When we in hard times turn to the government instead of God to be our provider, this only leads to slavery. The only reason government wants to be our provider is their desire to become our master.

For this country to survive as a free land, we MUST trust in God to provide. God has given us the freedom to choose those who will lead us. Let us choose wisely!

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

**Our Gospel Meeting begins next Sunday  
with Brother Frank Higginbotham.**



## EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

### Gospel Meetings

- October 7 - 10  
Latrobe Street congregation  
Speaker: Keith Kress
- October 7 - 11  
Chandlersville congregation  
Speaker: Craig Matheny
- October 7 - 11  
Harmar Hill congregation  
Speaker: Charles Brown
- October 7 - 12  
Congregation in Salem  
Speaker: James Farley
- October 12 - 14  
Rosemar congregation  
Speaker: Charles Brown
- October 14 - 17  
Sistersville congregation  
Speaker: Randy Cook
- October 14 - 17  
Rockport congregation  
Speaker: Steve Haguewood
- October 14 - 19  
Spencer congregation  
Speaker: Tom Butterfield
- October 21 - 24  
Sandyville congregation  
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

Details of these events are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

**October 21 - 25**

**WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING  
VICTORY LECTURESHIP**

Various Speakers

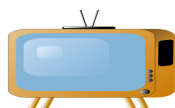
**Brochures available in both foyers.**

### **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave at  
5:15 for the sing at the  
New Concord, OH  
congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE  
LORD'S WAY"  
Sunday mornings at 7:30  
on WTAP-TV.



### UPCOMING TOPIC

October 14  
SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, October 14

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge**  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Ethan Ash  
PM - Kyle Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Bob Smith  
Close - John Hall  
6:00 PM - Don Gaston  
Close - Scott Johnson

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Ray Johnson  
PM - Steve Allen

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Len Haid  
PM - Rick Stanley  
Doug Hinzman

**PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway**

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Steve  
Allen, Delmas Carr,  
Todd Kirk, and Daniel  
Nygard.



## Facts and Figures

September 30, 2012

AM Service.....269

Bible Study.....221

PM Service.....183

Wednesday.....179

Contribution.....\$6177.70

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....13

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00