

<u>A Thought From Mark...</u>

Recently I read a quote that has not left my mind since I first saw it: *"There comes a time when you have to stop being full of potential and start being potent."* (This is credited to spiritual writer Erwin McManus).

We often hear it said of a person, or a group, or perhaps a team, or even of a church – "They are so full of potential!" Sometimes we say of ourselves, "We have so much potential!" What do we mean when we say this? It is a positive thought. It speaks of future things, and, it is assumed, good things. One source defined potential as "...latent qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness."

Latent qualities or abilities...that may be developed...

It sounds good so far, does it not?

But latent is not realized, and "may be" is not "is."

For it to really mean something, potential must be realized, and what is hoped for as a possibility must become actual substance and fact.

If an individual, or even a church, is always full of potential, and potential is all there is, there is a problem. What is it? God did not call us to potential, but to power.

This idea is addressed, on an individual plane, in Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy. Young Timothy was no doubt full of potential. He was often praised, with such words as "my son in the faith" and "I have no one like him."

Consider these references from this letter:

2 Timothy 1:5-7 – "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Do you notice in this verse how Timothy is called from potential to power? What was keeping the young man from realizing his potential? Fear. Fear keeps many from turning potential into power.

Over in chapter 3 of the same letter Paul will lament those who "...have the appearance of godliness but deny its power." That is a reluctance to transition from being full of

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potential to just being potent (powerful). Paul says just a couple of verses on from this that one of the traits of these people are that they are "...always learning and never arriving at a knowledge of the truth." You see there the problem of sticking just with potential.

It is great to have potential! No criticism of potential here! But, there comes a time, whether as individuals or as a group, where potential must be realized, and we simply show some potency – some power.

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power. (1 Corinthians 4:20).

- Mark Mason

Daniel 3:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."



What: 22nd Annual Wood County Life Chain When: TODAY from 2-3pm Where: Grand Central Avenue

The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans for one hour praying for the nation to end abortion.

We will be joining thousands of pro-life individuals across America and Canada as we silently hold signs stating "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN".

(Signs will be provided - you can bring a lawn chair if needed).



FROM STEPHEN'S DESK



SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE

WHEN: TONIGHT!

THEME: CREATION: God Made the Animals



SPEAKER: Mark Mason

SONG LEADER: Stephen Walker

NOTES: We will ask everyone to sit in the main two sections of the auditorium. All of the youth are invited to sit up on the front few pews.

The songs and the devotional will have more of a youth focus, but this will be a night that will be fun and beneficial to people of all ages!

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Genesis 1:24~25 (ESV)

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.





<u>Our Sympathy to the families of</u>

Anna Sweeney (mother of Lydia Sweeney and Brenda Rote) passed away Wednesday morning. Watch and listen to announcements for visitation and funeral information.

Paul Adams (stepfather of Chuck Jones) passed away last Tuesday. Funeral was held yesterday.

Bernard Potter (father of Cindy Morris, a former member living in Minnesota) His funeral was last Monday.

<u>Hospital</u>

Kendall Harper (former elder at 36th St.) Eastbrook Center, 3819 Chesterfield Ave., Charleston, WV 25304 – recuperating from a couple of fractures, surgery, heart attack and stent placement. *Please note on cards you are from 36th Street.*

Ruth Brookover, Harmar Place, is having physical therapy.

<u>Prayer List</u>

Dorothy Metz (mother of Paula Kirl) - is recuperating from surgery she had Wednesday morning.

Tim Baillargeon—surgery Thursday, Oct. 1.

Jo Kress—surgery in Columbus on Friday, Oct. 2 .

Ron Kress fell Wednesday night, Sept. 23, breaking two bones. He is recuperating at home.

Pat Hill had same day surgery Wednesday, Sept. 23.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE FOR MINGO COUNTY

The Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Class (and Della Poling) have begun collecting food items for Mingo County.

The following items are needed:

Boxed Mashed Potatoes Cans of Green Beans and Corn Boxed Stuffing Cake Mix/Icing Canned Yams Cans of Evaporated Milk Canned Hams Canned Beets Christmas Bag Candy (one for each box)

Please place these items in Room 2.

(Also, please note that if you have clothing items for donation, PLEASE CONTACT DELLA FOR PICK-UP-

"In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)



October 11 – "Believing in Jesus"

Faith in Jesus Christ distinguishes the people who belong to God from those who belong to the world.

In this lesson we're going to explore what it means to believe, truly believe, in Jesus Christ. Do you believe?

Sun.—Oct. 4	Mon.— Oct. 5	Tues.— Oct. 6	Wed.— Oct. 7	Thurs.—Oct. 8	Fri.—Oct. 9	Sat.—Oct. 10
LIFE CHAIN 2:00-3:00pm	Elders & Deacons' Meeting 7 PM	Ladies Bible Class 10 AM— Mary Beth Full	Bible Class (7 PM—Jim Wright)	Bread Basket #2	Friday Night Sing @ Winfield WV	
Sun.—Oct. 11	Mon.— Oct. 12	Tues.— Oct. 13	Wed.— Oct. 14	Thurs.—Oct. 15	Fri.—Oct. 16	Sat.—Oct. 17
Early Men's Class -7:30 AM		Ladies Bible Class 10 AM— Mary Beth Full	Bible Class (7 PM—Paul Merideth)	Bread Basket #3	Friday Night Sing @ Central in Clarks- burg, WV or New Concord, OH	Weiner Roast @ Carothers (5 PM)

Birthdays

Mon.—Morgan Ashcraft

Tues.—Barbara Johnston

Tawnya Bright

Wed.—Charles Sams

Sat.— Gary Curkendall Jo Ellen Dowler

Bill Porter

Today

D. & J. Menear

- To all my friends at 36th Street church of Christ: I want to thank you for all the birthday cards and get well cards and also for your prayers. I am happy to report my health has improved and I am living in a very nice facility where they treat me great. Vollean Baker
- Thank you for keeping my mom, Dorothy Metz, in your thoughts and prayers and for the cards last month. Paula Kirl
- → The monthly **Elders and Deacons Meeting** is tomorrow at 7 PM.
- → The Early Morning Men's Bible class meets next Sunday, Oct. 11th at 7:30 AM in the multipurpose room. They will meet again Oct. 25th.
- → Be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend the Young At Heart Weiner Roast at the home of the Carothers on Saturday, October 17th.
- ➔ The teens will be attending the EnVision Conference at OVU on Saturday, Oct. 24th. (9:40 AM−4:30 PM)
- Watch for details about our annual Trunk or Treat scheduled for Oct. 31st.

Mission:	Donations go to:	Date needed:		
Personal care items Hats, Gloves and Blankets	Della Poling— Room 2	Ongoing		
Non-perishable food	Della Poling-Room 2 (Mingo Co.)	Mid-November		
Clothing	Various agencies/individuals	Text or Phone Della @ 304.834.7519		

Area-Wide Activities/Events

	See flyers on the bulletin boards.						
Oct. 4	Life Chain 2015 (2-3 PM on Grand Central Avenue)						
Oct 4-7	Gospel Meeting @ Summerfield, OH with Wirt Cook						
Oct 4-7	Gospel Meeting @ Weirton Heights with Raymond Seig						
0ct. 11-14	Gospel Meeting @ Camden Ave. with David Newberry—Theme "Abundant Life"						
0ct. 17	Ladies Inspiration Day @ New Lexington with Olive Wager						
Oct. 18-21	Marriage Matters with Jerry & Lynn Jones (A Practical and Spiritual Guide for Marriage Seminar)						
Oct. 23-25	EnVision Conference @ OVU — Theme "Unshakable"						
Sept. 21-Oct 26	2015 Round Robin Service Schedule Monday evenings at 7 PM—Theme: "Overcoming"						
Oct 25-29	Victory Lectures—WV School of Preaching—Moundsville, WV						
Oct. 29-Nov. 1	2015 Čold Harbor Lectures (Mechanicsville, VA) "Why? The Book of Job and the Problem of Pain"						
FRID	AY NIGHT SING						



ELDERS		TODAY'S SERMONS						
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	A.M.— "What Do You Seek?" Michael Rowand						
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814	(Text: Jeremiah 45) (Reading: Daniel 3:16-18)						
Jack Long	304-295-6909	P.M.— YOUTH NIGHT "God Made the Animals" Mark Mason (Text: Genesis 1) (Reading: Genesis 1:24-25)						
Mike Moss	304-699-4230							
		Our Nursing Home Residents				"ΑΤΤΕΝΙΟΑΝΟΕ		
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	Betty Bibbee Eagle Point			123 3	" <u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>& CONTRIBUTION</u> "		
DEACONS		Charles Conaway	Woodbridge Assisted Ravenswood Care Ctr.		3 12	(week of 09-27-2015)		
		Lois Miller Jerry Page	Eagle Point		334	Class—120 Worshin 200		
Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab		408	Worship-209 Evening-132		
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Walter Wigal	The Willows		206	Offering—\$		
John Garner	304-295-0320	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grov		200 W 60	Wed. 7 PM	4—113	
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709			-				
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509				<u>are Homebour</u>			
		Ruth Brooke	over	Gladys Fro	ohling	ing Jim Hart		
Dennis Menear	304-295-4228	Ron Kres	S	Laura Me	near	Debbie Sl	nerman	
Troy Miller	304-295-6729			Robin W	lson			
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Prayers for Thos	e with Cance	er: Delena Joy (Jud	/ Beckett's friend), R	on Robey (Judy E	Beckett's broth-	
MINISTERS Mark Mason 304-295-1068 Stephen Walker 304-550-7732 INTERNS Michael Rowand 864-385-4511		 Williams (Glenda Hendrickson's niece), Sharon Pugh (wife of Charles Pugh), Edwin Williams (Glenda Hendrickson's nephew), Brenda Nulter (Fred Nulter's sister-in-law), Mary Thompson (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Hope Parente (friend of Ronnie & Danielle Nonamaker), Emily Friar (10 yr. old niece of Jim & Rita Taylor), Troy Rae and Brandon Lynch (Mary Lamp's nephews), Josh Beckett (Judy's great nephew), Linda Beihl (Luella Pickrell's neice), Cassie McGinnis (daughter of the late Howard Dowler), Rosalee Poling (sister of Laura Menear), Mike Taylor (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), Lisa Moore & Lori Flies (daughters of Mac McDonald), Donald Kelley (Jim's brother), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece Adrema) Ongoing Health Problems: Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron & Jo 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 (Mary Simon's daughter), Becca Simons (Mary's granddaughter), Joyce Dotson, Carter Nichols (Curkendall's Grandson), Wayne & Sherry McCray (Brother and sister-in-law of 						
Luke Wolfe	304-615-9447	Judy Curkendall),	Marybelle Ice	(Mother of Mart	na Berger), Tracy S	Sullivan & Tina	Nichols (Lois	
Website: www.36thstreetchurch.com		Judy Curkendall), Marybelle Ice (Mother of Martha Berger), Tracy Sullivan & Tina Nichols (Lois Miller's daughters), Joseph Capobianco (Nephew of Carol Cavalier), Travis Parsons (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Wayne Hall (Karen Case's brother), Ed Porter (brother of Bill & cousin of Judy Curkendall), Hadassa Williams, Peggy Morris (friend of Ruth Fox), entire Ty Elliott family (Ruth Fox' son), Karen Rippeto (Keith's mom)						
Email us at: Secretary36st@suddenlinkmail.com		Pray for ou	-	Announce Visitor's Ta	Privileged to Serve Next Week (10/11/15—10/14/15) Announcements— Stephen Walker, Mike Moss Visitor's Table—Mary Lemley			
Join our Face	ebook groups:			Usileis—JC	Ushers—John Garner*, Troy Miller, Keith Jones Table (Front) - Jim Taylor, Jeff DePuy, Paul McDaniel,			
			Chris DePuy & wife Melanie Table (Front) - Jim Taylor, Jeff DePuy, Paul McDar Mike O'Dell Mike O'Dell					
36th Street Church of Christ		(Jeff & Julie's son) <i>Air Force</i> Alternates —Doug Dotson, Rick Kellar, Bob Schott						
	Youth Group	Brad Gibbs & wi			r) —Luke Wolfe, [:] aryl Nonamaker,			
Join Us for Worship:		(Grandson of Kel Gibbs) <i>Navy</i>	lly & Genny	Rebholz	i yi itonumaker,			
Sunday Morning Bi	ible Study 9:30 a.m.	Joshua Rebholz	•	&	Sun. a.m.	Sun. p.m.	Wed. eve.	
Sunday Morning Disc Study 5.50 a.m.		Grandson of Hira		Song Leade	r J. Houser	Je. Shuman	C. Doyle	
Sunday Evening We	orship 6:00 p.m.	Rebholz and Free Nulter) <i>Marines</i>	u & iviartina	Prayer	P. Merideth	S. Seeley	Da. Dotson	
Wednesday Bible S	itudy 7:00 p.m.	Chad Williamson	& wife Julie	Table Spea	ker M. Moss	J. Lemley		
During Standard Time (NovFeb.), we also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.		(Pat Williamson's grandson)		Table Assis	t. S. Walker	R. Kellar		
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		Anthony Worst (I Michelle Hershman		Closing Pra	/er T. Garner	T. Kirl		
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