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**A Thought From Mark...**

Michael Duduit reports:

"In his new book *America at the Crossroads* (Baker Books), George Barna offers a disturbing survey of the trends impacting American culture and the challenges they pose to the church. In one chapter he offers insights about the unchurched, including these data points:

- \* "46 percent of adults are now unchurched – an increase from the 35 percent in 2005."
- \* "62 percent of the unchurched consider themselves to be Christian."
- \* "59 percent of Americans disconnect from church life either permanently or for a prolonged period of time between the ages of fifteen and twenty-nine."
- \* "48 percent of the unchurched indicate they are not connected to a church because it provides no value."
- \* "14 percent of unchurched people said they are open to trying a new church."

What do these sad statistics say to us? I suppose we could look at them in one of two ways, or perhaps both. Negatively, it certainly explains why it seems so much harder to get a fair hearing for the Gospel in our culture – why people so rarely respond to our efforts to invite and teach – and why so few seem open to faith.

Positively, we might see that with increasing numbers of unchurched, "unteaching" false denominational doctrines is not nearly as at the front lines as it once was, as most people have little attachment to a church's unique teachings, for the primary reason that they have little attachment to the church period.

Perhaps we can take something from both the positive and negative view here, and realize that a great work lies before us. It is not like the work of previous generations in America – it is much more like a mission work in our own country right now. Perhaps we need to view it that way, study the Scripture from a mission perspective, and adjust accordingly in our efforts to reach a lost world. Maybe the book of Acts can become new and powerful to us once again!

**SAVE THE DATES**

- ♦ Thursday Service at Love 7 Care - *October 6*
- ♦ Young at Heart to Amish Country - *October 18*
- ♦ Teacher's Appreciation Banquet - *December 3*
- ♦ Tour of Bible Lands w/Mike Moss - *Dec 27 - Jan 5*

**Daily Christianity**

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts." (Acts 2:46a)*

The members of the growing, Spirit-filled first century church did not wake up on Sunday morning and think, "Oh, yeah. Today is the day we have to go to church." They did not have to put up an appearance on Sunday that was different from how they lived during the week with their worldly friends. There was not a Sunday morning religion.

They did not even wait for the first day of the week to praise God, to study His Word, to sing and pray. They went to the temple **every day** for a time set aside to worship the Father. And they didn't practice these daily devotions off by themselves; they met together. This fellowship to which they were devoted did not consist of just waving at each other from across the auditorium once or twice a week.

The concept of walking daily with God is not limited to this passage of Scripture. Daniel set aside three times **every day** when he stopped whatever he was doing and prayed to God (Daniel 6:10). Jesus said, "...If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross **daily** and follow me." (Luke 9:23, emphasis added) The Lord's apostles also exhibited this attitude, as "**Day after day**, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." (Acts 5:42, emphasis added)

If we do not neglect to make opportunities to be together with fellow Christians throughout the week, and to take time to praise God while we are together, we will be edified, encouraged and strengthened in our faith. But also, our non-Christian friends and neighbors will be influenced by our lifestyle, and we will be able to proclaim to them the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

What happened when the first century Christians got together every day? "...the Lord added to their number **daily** those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47, emphasis added)

Dennis



**23rd Annual Wood County Life Chain**

TODAY, October 2, 2016 - 2:00 PM

*We will once again be standing on both sides of Grand Central Avenue between Lakeview Drive and Sam's Club holding signs that state "Abortion Kills Children".*

The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.



In Romans 6:1-2, Paul speaks directly to some folks who were obviously exploiting God's grace: **"Shall we continue in sin [keep on sinning] that grace may abound?"**

He gives a concise answer: **"Certainly not!"** ["**May it never be!**"]

– Romans 6:2 NASB] and uses an analogy that starkly contrasts death and life: **"How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"** (Romans 6:2).

No resurrected Christian from the watery grave of baptism, should be longing to engage in sin (Romans 6:5-6). However, Jude warns us that it is possible to **"change the grace of our God into a license for immorality"** (Jude 4 NIV).

The devil deceives us regarding the **"wages of sin"** (Romans 6:23), in that sin does not always "appear" to have the stench of death about it (note all of the beer advertisements). In fact, sin can be downright **appealing** (James 5:5; cf. Hebrews 11:25).

Paul recognized this fact, so he instructs us to: **"Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord"** and **"Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts"** (Romans 6:11-12).

Beloved, if we truly grasp the marvelous wonder of God's grace for each one of us (Romans 5), we will spend our days **sharing it with others** (2 Timothy 2:1-2) — never exploiting it.

—Mike Riley, Gospel Snippets



## MONTHLY YOUTH EMPHASIS SERVICE

Sunday, October 9 - 6:00 PM



*my Faith*  
*my Church*  
*my Generation*

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

○ God's Mountains Youth Rally  
WVU Jackson's Mill (Weston, WV)  
Fri., Oct 28 - Sat., Oct. 29, 2016

○ MOV Traveling Youth Group  
Lower Paw Paw CoFC (Lower Salem, OH)  
Sunday, October 30, 2016

○ 2016 Belpre Youth Rally  
Belpre Church of Christ  
November 18-20, 2016

## Prayer Requests

### Hospital

- ⚙ **John Beckett (Judy Beckett's brother-in-law) CCMH** - has lung cancer. Started chemo treatments last Monday.
- ⚙ **Myra Zinn - HealthSouth Western Hills - Room 225** undergoing acute medical rehabilitation. She is looking forward to returning to Cedar Grove

### Prayer List

- ◇ **Bill Butterfield** - returned home Friday and will continue treatments at HealthSouth two days a week.
- ◇ **Aaron Hale (Mike & Alice's son)** had stimulation device implanted in Columbus for chronic back pain.
- ◇ **Kathy Lancaster (Bruce & Sandy Goodno's daughter)**
- ◇ **Cathy Deem** had surgery to implant a pain pump in Columbus.
- ◇ **Glenn Branam** hospitalized following a motorcycle accident.

### THE KITCHEN HAS BEEN CLEANED

Please Do Your Part to Keep It Clean

- If you brought it, please take it with you when you leave.
- Please do not leave leftover food in refrigerator.
- Please do not leave opened 2-liter bottles of pop in refrigerator.
- Please do not save used plastic table covers.
- If you use dishes, utensils or carafes, please wash, dry, and put them away before you leave.
- Please take all used dish towels and wash and return them.
- Please take all leftover shower decorations with you after a shower.

THANK YOU  
THE ELDERS



### "In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

**October 9, 2016**

**"Just a Christian"**

*Did you know you can be a member of the church Jesus purchased with His own blood without belonging to any denomination? In this second lesson of this series we'll see how Christ prayed for all His people to be united.*

Sun — Oct 2	Mon — Oct 3	Tues — Oct 4	Wed — Oct 5	Thurs — Oct 6	Fri — Oct 7	Sat — Oct 8
<b>LIFE CHAIN</b> 2-3 PM <b>LOVE &amp; CARE SERVICE</b> 2:30 PM	<b>Elders, Deacons, &amp; Ministers Meeting</b> 7 PM	<b>Ladies Bible Class</b> 10 AM	<b>Bible Study</b> (7 PM - M. Moss)	<b>Bread Basket #3</b>  <b>LOVE &amp; CARE SERVICE</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Friday Night Sing @ Winfield, WV - 7 PM</b>	<b>Block-of-the-Month Quilting</b> 9-12 Multipurpose Room
Sun — Oct 9	Mon — Oct 10	Tues — Oct 11	Wed — Oct 12	Thurs — Oct 13	Fri — Oct 14	Sat — Oct 15
<b>Early Men's Class</b> (7:30 AM)  <b>PM YOUTH SERVICE - 6 PM</b>		<b>Ladies Bible Class</b> 10 AM	<b>Bible Study</b> (7 PM - D. Menear)	<b>Bread Basket #5</b>	<b>Friday Night Sing @ New Concord, OH or Clarksburg, WV - 7 PM</b>	

- ☺ *We couldn't do anything for our 61st Anniversary, but all your cards made it so special. Thank you all, Jim & Anna Hart*
- ☺ *Thank you for the many birthday cards and wishes I received. Your remembrance is much appreciated. Love, Shirley Eckhart*
- ☺ *Dear Church Family - I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you for all the cards and well wishes I received for my birthday. In Christian Love, Mary Lemley*
- ❖ The **Friday Night Sing** this week is at Winfield, WV. The Camden Avenue bus will leave their building at 5:00 PM.
- ❖ A new **SUNDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** began this month in the Multipurpose Room. The theme of the study is "FALL IN LOVE". The focus verse is Mark 12:29-31. All ladies are invited to join us each Lord's Day at 9:30am.
- ❖ The next **EARLY MEN'S CLASS** is Sunday, October 9th at 7:30 AM in the MP Room.
- ❖ Oct. 8th beginning at 9 AM we will begin cutting all the fabric to make a **Sampler Quilt**. Then once a month we will meet to sew one block. Again it will be a Sat. Morning. The cost is your supplies: fabric, thread, etc. Debi Milhoan is leading the group. You can let her know if you are interested so she can give you a fabric requirement list.
- ❖ The next **Love and Care Service** is this Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. Plan now to attend this important service to the L&C residents.

**Birthdays**

**Monday** (10/3)  
Mark Mason  
Weston Wright

**Wednesday** (10/5)  
Morgan Ashcraft

**Thursday** (10/5)  
Barbara Johnston

**Friday** (10/6)  
Tawnya Bright  
Charles Sams

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**Anniversaries**

**Tuesday** (10/4)  
Dennis & Janna Menear

### Area-Wide Activities/Events

Oct 2-5	Gospel Meeting at Rockport, WV. Speaker: Eddie Cooper. Theme "The Abundant Life"
October 9-12	Gospel Meeting at Bridgeport, WV. Speaker: John Board from Elizabethtown, KY
October 8	52nd Annual Ladies Inspiration Day at National Road in Wheeling, WV. Speaker: Olive Wagar
October 8	Ladies Inspiration Day at Sardis, OH. Speaker: Brenda Speer from Munday, TX
October 9-12	Gospel Meeting at Oxford Street in Sistersville, WV. Speaker: J.D. Conley
October 9	Annual Walk for Life at Parkersburg City Park
October 9-13	Gospel Meeting at Weirton Heights Speaker: Charles Pugh
October 9-13	Gospel Meeting at Crum Ridge Speaker: Dale Parsley
October 18	The Founders, Churchill, & Nature of Man - Dr. Larry Arnn (Hillsdale at Smoot Theater - 7:30 PM)
October 16-19	Gospel Meeting at Sardis, OH Speaker: Wayne Speer from Munday, TX
October 23-27	22nd Annual WV School of Preaching Lectureship "That You May Know With Certainty"
November 4-6	Cold Harbor Lectures "Knowing God" - Cold Harbor Church of Christ, Mechanicsville, VA

Mission:	Donations Needed:	Date needed:
<b>Summer Collection for the Homeless</b> Della Poling (304-834-7519)	Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Neosporin, Band Aids, Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer	Ongoing
Various Needs/Agencies	Personal Care Items/Clothing	Ongoing



**Young at Heart Trip to Amish Country**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**  
(DEPART @ 9:00 AM)

**Sign-Up Sheet on Foyer Bulletin Board**

<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TODAY'S SERMONS</b>			
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	<b>A.M. — "What To Do When the Power Goes Out" .....</b> Mark Mason (Text: ) (Reading: )			
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814				
Jack Long	304-295-6909	<b>P.M. — Walk4Water Project Presentation .....</b> Sean Judge, <b>Special Projects Coordinator for Helping Hands International</b>			
Mike Moss	304-699-4230				
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	<b>Our Nursing Home Residents</b>			
<b>DEACONS</b>		Betty Bibbee	Eagle Point	127	
		Lois Miller	Ravenswood Care Ctr.	12	
Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Jerry Page	Eagle Point	334	
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab	408	
John Garner	304-295-0320	Jean VanSickle	Worthington Manor	W 28B	
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709	Walter Wigal	The Willows	206	
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grove	W 60	
Dennis Menear	304-481-1433	Edna Cain	The Willows	115	
Troy Miller	304-295-6729	<b>Our Members Who are Homebound</b>			
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Ruth Brookover	Ben Colantoni	Gladys Frohling	
<b>MINISTERS</b>		Jim Hart	Glenda Hendrickson	Jo & Ron Kress	
		Mark Mason	304-295-1068	Laura Menear	Becca Simons
Dennis Menear	304-481-1433	<b>Prayers for Those with Cancer:</b> <i>Chuck Doyle, Jo Kress, Walter Mincks (Dan's father), Delena Joy (Judy Beckett's friend), Ron Robey (Judy Beckett's brother), Donna George (Eva Leonhart's neighbor), Dorothy Saunders (friend of Martha &amp; Dave Berger), Faye 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), Emily Friar (10 yr. old niece of Jim &amp; Rita Taylor), Troy Rae and Brandon Lynch (Mary Lamp's nephews), Josh Beckett (Judy's great nephew), Linda Beihl (Luella Pickrell's niece), Cassie McGinnis (daughter of the late Howard Dowler), Rosalee Poling (sister of Laura Menear), Mike Taylor (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), Donald Kelley (Jim's brother), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama), John Beckett (Judy's brother-in-law)</i>			
<b>INTERNS</b>		<b>Ongoing Health Problems:</b> <i>Jean VanSickle, Bob Schott, Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Ken Lamp, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, 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 &amp; Sherry McCray (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), Marybelle Ice (Mother of Martha Berger), Tracy Sullivan &amp; Tina Nichols (Lois Miller's daughters), Travis Parsons (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Wayne Hall (Karen Case's brother), Ed Porter (brother of Bill &amp; cousin of Judy Curkendall), Hadassa Williams, Kimberly Kellar Kirk (niece of Judy Curkendall), Edna Cain (mother of Sarah Shuman), Rob Shuman (Jim's brother), Brenda Butterfield (Mark's sister)</i>			
Jared Shipley	443-810-9339	<b>Privileged to Serve Next Week (10/09/16—10/12/16)</b> <b>Announcements</b> —Tim Kirl <b>Visitor's Table</b> — Mary Lemley <b>Ushers</b> —John Garner*, Keith Jones, Randy Craig, Blaine Duncan <b>Table (Front)</b> —Richard Kellar, Gary Grimm, Jim Hall, Tim Baillargeon <b>Table (Rear)</b> —Thomas Merideth, Aren Lappin, Ted Cramer, Mark Carpenter, Mike Kerby, Max Rebholz			
Luke Wolfe	304-615-9447	<b>Pray for our Military</b> (some addresses available)			
Website: <a href="http://www.36thstreetchurch.com">www.36thstreetchurch.com</a>		<b>Ryan Bemish</b> (son of Debbie & Dan Sherman) <i>Army</i>			
Email us at: Secretary36st@suddenlinkmail.com		<b>Chris DePuy &amp; wife Melanie</b> (Jeff & Julie's son) <i>Air Force</i>			
<b>Join our Facebook groups:</b> 36th Street Church of Christ 36 <sup>th</sup> Street Youth Group		<b>Brad Gibbs &amp; wife Amber</b> (Grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs) <i>Navy</i>			
<b>Join Us for Worship:</b> Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <b>During Standard Time (Nov.-Feb.), we also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.</b>		<b>Joshua Rebholz</b> (Son of Max & Grandson of Hiram & Nina Rebholz and Fred & Martha Nulter) <i>Marines</i>			
		<b>Chad Williamson &amp; wife Julie</b> (Pat Williamson's grandson) <i>Marines</i>			
		<b>Anthony Worst</b> (Nephew of Michelle Hershman) <i>Marines</i>			
		<b>Van Driver</b>	<b>Sun AM</b>	<b>Sun PM</b>	<b>Wed</b>
		Van Driver	T. Mason	T. Mason	M. Mason
		Song Leader	J. Shipley	Y. E. S.	K. Gibbs
		Prayer	C. Morris	Y. E. S.	P. McDaniel
		Table Speaker	M. Moss	B. Duncan	
		Table Assist	L. Wolfe	T. Miller	
		Read Scripture	J. Poling	Y. E. S.	
		Closing Prayer	T. Kirl	J. Hall	