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A Thought From Mark...

In general, we teach children, and each other, that it is wrong to call people names. I think this is sound advice. However, even Jesus at times named people clearly in their sin. For example, in His battles with the scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of the day who opposed Him so strenuously, Jesus gave them names that were not flattering. Consider:

*Matthew 23:16 – He said to them, “Woe to you, **blind guides...**”

*And then, in the next verse, Matthew 23:17, he said, “You **blind fools!**”

*Later in the same chapter, the trend continues, Matthew 23:27 – “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you are like **whitewashed tombs**, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.”

*And then in verse 33 of the same chapter, “You **serpents**, you **brood of vipers**, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?”

*Luke 11:44 – “Woe to you! For you are like **unmarked graves**, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

What was Jesus doing here, calling so many names over these opponents? Let’s remember a moment who these people were, and why they so upset the Lord of life. These were the popular religious leaders of the day in the communities into which Jesus was proclaiming His new kingdom. They actively opposed Jesus. They were threatened by His increasing popularity, and seemed more concerned with losing their power and privilege than they were with truth.

Jesus diagnoses the problem perfectly at the beginning of Matthew 23, from which we quoted so much above. He said of them, “For they preach, but they do not practice.” Nothing upsets God more than those who say one thing yet do another – those who point out the speck in a brother’s eye but ignore the plank in their own – those who preach, but do not practice.

Let us all beware of being guilty of such dangerous inconsistency in ourselves.

- Mark Mason

SAVE THE DATES



- ♦ 365 Prayer Group Luncheon - *Sept. 18*
- ♦ Young at Heart to Love & Care Sing - *Sept. 26*
- ♦ Gilmore-Rosenberg Debate - *Sept. 27*
- ♦ Life Chain - *October 2*
- ♦ Love & Care Service - *October 2*
- ♦ Young at Heart to Amish Country - *October 18*
- ♦ Tour of Bible Lands w/Mike Moss - *Dec 27 - Jan 5*

Sacrificial Sharing

“And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as all had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)

This and a similar passage in Acts 4:32-35 shows that these early Christians were unique in the relationship they had with each other. Their attitude of caring and sharing was foreign to anything the world had ever known. The world without God was, and is, motivated by selfishness (I John 2:5-15). But these people were motivated by a love that transcended anything the human mind could conceive.

I believe this is the attitude John was trying to promote when he wrote, “This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another (I John 4:10-11).” The early disciples were willing to give up their material possessions, and even their lives, for each other because of God’s willingness to give his Son for them (I John 3:16-17).

Could this sacrificial sharing attitude have played a part in the phenomenal growth of the first century church? Of course! The church had a fellowship that their neighbors recognized as very different and much better than anything the world had to offer. And when these Christians were asked about the love they had for each other, they were quick to give God the glory, and to share the story of His gift of salvation.

If we started having this attitude toward each other in the church today, would the success of our outreach efforts be enhanced? Our Lord said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:35).” Our friends and neighbors will know that we have the truth by the way we treat each other. They will see the results of lives that have been changed by Jesus Christ, and they will want those changes for themselves. They will be willing to listen to the gospel when it is being shared by people who live it!

Dennis

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

- 1 Peter 5:10-11

Our Bible Study Classes

I want to commend Bible class teachers for the great job you are doing and especially those teaching children. Teaching others is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith to help them to go to heaven. The eternal destinies of many souls are involved. We are only one generation away from apostasy. If we don't teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance, they will apostatize and be lost. This is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Teaching God's word is one of the most important things we can do. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul told Timothy, "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation." Timothy was taught as a child but what happens when God's word is not studied and taught? God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." If we fail to study and teach God's word both our children and we will be destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Why do people fall away? Hebrews 3:12 says, "Beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." How do we build our faith so we will not have "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God"? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." And as James 1:21 says, "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Only by knowing God's word can our children and our souls be saved so we can go to heaven. Besides our study at home, let's take full advantage of our Bible study classes at church.

(by Ron Boatwright)



THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 (6:30 PM)

Mershon Auditorium
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

A formal debate concerning the existence of God between two high profile Academics - Christian Theist Ralph Gilmore vs. Atheist Alexander Rosenberg.

Note: If you are interested in attending this debate, Paul Merideth is planning group travel. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards (foyer and youth).

Please sign up if you want to go so Paul can know an approximate number of attendees.

For more details see Paul or contact him at 502-533-4550 or paul.merideth@osu.edu

For debate info: www.TheGreatDebate16.com

Prayer Requests

Hospital

Bill Butterfield - HealthSouth Western Hills - Room 224 transferred from MMH Thursday for rehab. He will be transported to Belpre for his dialysis treatments.

Myra Zinn - HealthSouth Western Hills - Room 225 undergoing acute medical rehabilitation.

Steve DeLancey (Jeff DeLancey's father) Ruby Memorial Hospital - Morgantown re-admitted with breathing problems and placed on a ventilator. Also has a blood clot in his leg.

Prayer List

Cathy Deem had surgery Thursday to implant a pain pump.

Helen Sams (Pris Sands' sister-in-law) suffered a sudden illness.

Julie Nichols (Gary & Judy Curkendall's daughter) after tests she was diagnosed with another autoimmune disease, but apparently does not have Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Helen Sweeney had tests at Marietta Memorial last week.

Jerry Wagner (friend of Ken & Mary Lamp) is home from the hospital receiving home health care. Send cards to address on foyer bulletin board.

John Beckett (Judy Beckett's brother-in-law) diagnosed with lung cancer.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES BEGINNING (OR RESUMING) IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class (meets weekly)
10:00am
Multipurpose Room

Early Morning Men's Bible Class (meets bi-weekly)
7:30am
Multipurpose Room

Sunday Morning Ladies Bible Class (meets weekly)
9:30am
Multipurpose Room



"In Search of The Lord's Way"

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

September 25, 2016

"GET MORE FROM YOUR BIBLE"

How do we study the Bible? What can we do to get more from God's Word to help us in our day to day lives? God nourishes our souls and guides our path through His Word. We need God's Word in our lives.

Sun.— Sept. 18	Mon.— Sept. 19	Tues.— Sept. 20	Wed.— Sept. 21	Thurs.— Sept. 22	Fri.—Sept. 23	Sat.— Sept. 24
<i>365 Prayer Group Luncheon (after AM Services)</i>		<i>Ladies Bible Class 10am</i>	<i>Bible Class (7 PM - D. Menear)</i>	<i>Bread Basket #1</i>	<i>Friday Night Sing @ Lower Paw Paw</i>	
Sun.— Sept. 25	Mon.— Sept. 26	Tues.— Sept. 27	Wed.— Sept. 28	Thurs.— Sept. 29	Fri.—Sept. 30	Sat.— Oct. 1
<i>Early Men's Class (7:30 AM)</i>		<i>Ladies Bible Class 10am</i>	<i>Bible Class (7 PM - M. Moss)</i>	<i>Bread Basket #2</i>	<i>Friday Night Sing @ Barlow-Vincent & Sunrush (Chillicothe, OH)</i>	

- Activities for the **October Calendar** are needed in the office this Wednesday, September 21st.
- **After AM services today, there will be a special luncheon in the Multipurpose Room for those you have been praying for and with during the 3.6.5. Prayer Program. All college students are also invited to attend this luncheon.**
- The **Friday Night Sing** this week is at the Lower Paw Paw Church of Christ in Lower Salem, OH. The Camden Avenue bus will leave their building at 6:15 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.
- A reminder that Paul Merideth has offered to arrange transportation to the **Gilmore-Rosenberg Debate** in Columbus on September 27th. Time is running out - so if you want to go, please put your name on either of the sign-up sheets (foyer or youth).
- 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 Sunday, October 2nd at 2:30 PM. Plan now to attend and assist with this important service to the L&C residents.

Birthdays

Monday (9/19)
Missy Jones

Wednesday (9/21)
Amanda Merideth

Thursday (9/22)
Ted Cramer

Friday (9/23)
Mary Lemley
John Morehead
Eddie Gray

Saturday (9/24)
Rita Taylor
John Garner

Anniversaries

TODAY (9/18)
Ron & Sharon Nonamaker

Friday (9/23)
Ed & Cathy Deem

Area-Wide Activities/Events

Sept. 18-21	Gospel Meeting at North End with Steve Eckman (President, York College)
Sept. 24	Ladies Day at Sistersville Church of Christ (9am-Noon) Speaker: Clista Heintzman
Sept. 27	Ralph Gilmore-Alexander Rosenberg Debate - Mershon Auditorium, OSU Columbus, OH - 6:30 PM (Free Admission)
October 8	52nd Annual Ladies Inspiration Day at National Road in Wheeling, WV. Speaker: Olive Wagar
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 28-29	God's Mountains Youth Rally at WVU Jackson's Mill (Weston, WV) hosted by Bridgeport Church of Christ.
October 23-27	22nd Annual WV School of Preaching Lectureship "That You May Know With Certainty"


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

36TH STREET
YOUNG AT HEART
ACTIVITIES



Young at Heart Trip to Amish Country
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
(Watch for additional information)

Also, Young at Heart is planning to attend the Monthly Love & Care Sing as a group Monday, September 26 - with a group dinner at Western Sizzlin' prior to the sing at 5:30pm.



ELDERS		TODAY'S SERMONS																																		
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	A.M. — "He Cares" Mark Mason (Text: 1 Peter 5:6-11) (Reading: Luke 13:6-9)																																		
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814	P.M. — "The Ministry of the Church" Mark Mason (Text: Matthew 20:25-28) (Reading: Matthew 23:10-11)																																		
Jack Long	304-295-6909	Our Nursing Home Residents																																		
Mike Moss	304-699-4230																																			
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	Betty Bibbee	Eagle Point	127																																
DEACONS		Lois Miller	Ravenswood Care Ctr.	12																																
		Jerry Page	Eagle Point	334																																
Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab	408																																
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Jean VanSickle	Worthington Manor	W 28B																																
John Garner	304-295-0320	Walter Wigal	The Willows	206																																
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grove	W 60																																
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509	Edna Cain	The Willows	115																																
Dennis Menear	304-481-1433	Our Members Who are Homebound																																		
Troy Miller	304-295-6729																																			
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Ruth Brookover	Ben Colantoni	Gladys Frohling																																
MINISTERS		Jim Hart	Glenda Hendrickson	Jo & Ron Kress																																
		Mark Mason	304-295-1068	Laura Menear	Becca Simons	Robin Wilson																														
Dennis Menear	304-481-1433	Prayers for Those with Cancer: <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 & 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 & Rita Taylor), Troy Roe 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>																																		
INTERNS		Ongoing Health Problems: <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 & Sherry McCray (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), Marybelle Ice (Mother of Martha Berger), Tracy Sullivan & Tina Nichols (Lois Miller's daughters), Travis Parsons (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Wayne Hall (Karen Case's brother), Ed Porter (brother of Bill & 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	Privileged to Serve Next Week (09/25/16—9/28/16)																																
Luke Wolfe	304-615-9447	Announcements —Jim Shuman Visitor's Table —Carolyn Long Ushers —Chuck Jones*, Jay Houser, Mike O'Dell, Zack Jones Table (Front) —Tim Collins, Paul McDaniel, Gary Curkendall, Blaine Duncan Table (Rear) —Paul Butterfield, Randy Craig, Bob Hill, Todd Jones, Ron Nonamaker, Larry Gibson																																		
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Join our Facebook groups: 36th Street Church of Christ 36 th Street Youth Group		Chris DePuy & wife Melanie (Jeff & Julie's son) <i>Air Force</i>																																		
Join Us for Worship: 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. During Standard Time (Nov.-Feb.), we also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.		Brad Gibbs & wife Amber (Grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs) <i>Navy</i>																																		
		Joshua Rebholz (Son of Max & Grandson of Hiram & Nina Rebholz and Fred & Martha Nulter) <i>Marines</i>																																		
		Chad Williamson & wife Julie (Pat Williamson's grandson) <i>Marines</i>																																		
		Anthony Worst (Nephew of Michelle Hershman) <i>Marines</i>																																		
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