

36th Street Church of Christ

Sunday December 23rd, 2018

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94 Years of Service

Every creature has an element in which it thrives. What is an ideal environment for one may not be for another (cf. Prov. 30:19). When we are uncomfortable in a particular environment, we feel like a fish out of water.

God is our ideal environment. He is the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" (Jas. 1:17). He created the world and set us in the beautiful, life-sustaining Garden of Eden to walk in sweet fellowship with Him. Sin interrupted our fellowship with God and brought death into the world (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:24; Rm. 5:12). What Satan touted as most desirable, proved, instead, to be most uncomfortable. Instead of walking with God in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve hid themselves from Him. The presence of sin caused them to feel like a fish out of water in the presence of God.

But God set into motion His redemptive plan through which our Savior and Redeemer would recreate an environment in which reconciliation with God could become a present reality (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 5:19). In Christ "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses..." (Eph. 1:7). Jesus makes us comfortable in the presence of the Father because He has taken care of the problem of sin. We no longer feel like a fish out of water, but part of His family.

As we walk in the light of His word, we are recipients of "all spiritual blessings" and, in Him, the perfect environment for living a full and abundant life (1 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 1:3; Jn. 10:10). In His presence, we no longer feel like a fish out of water; but as one who has found his or her ideal environment. As Paul so beautifully expressed it: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Ph. 1:21).

Apart from Jesus, we are "without God" in this world (Eph. 2:12). In Christ, we have strong hope for life everlasting (Hb. 6:19; Tit. 1:2). In Him, there is life (1 Jn. 5:11-12). This is where we belong. This is why our loving Creator sent His Son into the world to pay the price for our sins (Jn. 3:16). By His grace, we belong in His presence and look forward to our journey to our eternal home where we will abide in the light of His glory forever (Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 22:5).



Happy Anniversary

25- Mary Lamp

27– Dorothy Metz

28-Mary Beth Full

29- Sharon Nonamaker

24– Brenda & Gary Carothers







Card collection



- Jan Hale is recovering from her cervical neck surgery
- Jim Kelly will meet with his doctor to discuss options for his gallbladder.
- Bob Hill is having trouble with kidney stones
- Cathy Deem is having tests run at OSU to find the cause of her bones become brittle.

- Bob Hill (thinking of you)
- Cathy Deem (thinking of you)
- Jan Hale (thinking of you/ get well soon)

These can be left in the blue wire basket by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of the mailing.

There will be extra cards at the desk for your use.

- Alice Hale





- ⇒12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE!!!
- \Rightarrow 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY!!!
- \Rightarrow 1/6/19 First Sunday of the new year



We can't thank you enough for your generosity. The Young at Heart and all those in the congregation have the most loving and giving spirit. The blanket collection and the luncheon was a very big success due to your always abundant love for others. Thank you again. In His love, John and Shirley Eckhart

Thanks so much for all your cards and prayers. They were a great encouragement to me. I am in rehab now and doing well.

Jim Taylor

TODAY'S SERMONS - December 23rd, 2018

A.M. The Birth of Christ from Joseph's Point of View, Mike Moss

Text: Matthew 1-2
P.M. To Judge or Not to Judge
Text: Matthew 7:1-6

Attendance & Contribution week of 12/16/2018

Sunday Bible Class 94
Sunday AM Worship 161
Sunday PM Worship 77
Wednesday Bible Class 75
Contribution \$5106.20

Our Military:

Chris & Melanie Depuy - U.S. Air Force (son of Jeff & Julie Depuy)

Brad & Amber Gibbs - U.S. Navy (grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs)

Chad Williamson - U.S. Marines (grandson of Pat Williamson)

Anthony Worst - U.S. Marines (nephew of Michelle Hershman)

Steven White - U.S. Navy

Our Law Enforcement/First Responders:

Patrolman Walker Wright (Vienna Police Department)

Patrolman Tim Kashorek (Parkersburg Police Department)

Our Long Term Care Residents:

Edna Cain (The Willows Rm115)

Marie Cooper (Colonial House)

Jerry Page (Eagle Point Rm334)

Peggy Smith (Marietta Care & Rehab Rm408)

Myra Zinn (Cedar Grove Rm W60)

Our Homebound Members:

- * Ron & Jo Kress
- * Laura Menear
- * Gladys Frohling
- * Becca Simons
- * Jim Hart
- * Glenna Radcliff

	John Garner	<u>INTERN</u>
ELDERS	Chuck Jones	Jared Shipley
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Tim Baillargeon	Bill Butterfield	YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
Randy Craig	Mike Moss	36th Street Church of Christ
John Eckhart	MANAGE MA	

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 CSB

Visitor Table: Mary Beth Full <u>Ushers:</u> Joe Carrico* Bob Hill **Blaine Duncan Communion Table (Front):** Tim Baillargeon **Gary Carothers Ted Cramer** Ron Grizzard Communion (Rear): **Blaine Duncan** Scott Wigal Randy Craig Bob Hill Ethan Kirl Eddie Gray

DECEMBER

Worship Times

Sunday Bible Class 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 PM



	Sunday 12/30 AM	Sunday 12/30 PM
Song Leader	Jay Houser	Jeff Shuman
Prayer	Kelly Gibbs	Jim Shuman
Table Speaker	Jack Long	Greg Michael
Table Assist	Joe Carrico	Jim Taylor
Scripture Reader	Gary Grimm	Tim Kirl
Closing Prayer/ Announcements	Terry Garner	Dan Mincks