

36th Street Church of Christ

Sunday
November 3, 2019

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Being as disciple of Jesus Requires that we count the cost of such discipleship. Jesus said it plainly enough in Luke 14:25-33. Let's read it again:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

There is a cost in following Jesus and Jesus directly connects this cost to bearing "his own cross" to come after Him. If we do not know this and count that cost, we may find ourselves turning from Jesus when times get difficult. Without first counting the cost, we are likely to be making only a nominal commitment. We may lack the courage to stay faithful, to persevere to the end, to enter the kingdom of God through much tribulation (Acts 14:22).

With that in mind, we ask, what is the most difficult command in all of Scripture? We might point to various commands that have various levels of difficulty. When Jesus taught on marriage, the disciples recognized a level of difficulty in what He said (Matt. 19:10). "It would be better not to marry," they thought. On another occasion, Peter spoke of the "yoke" of the Law which "neither our Fathers nor we have been able to bear" (Acts 15:10).

Some commands are difficult. For me, this one is the most difficult and it is the one Jesus connects to counting the cost. What is it?

Deny self. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

That's hard because self keeps rearing its ugly head. This is an emotional matter because I know intellectually what I'm supposed to do.

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But what do I want? Why can't I do it my way? My faith, insofar as it is in my head, is confident but in practical terms, I want what I want and that "self" is a thorn in my side. We want faith, but we want that faith without having to trust that God knows what He's doing. Either He explains everything to my satisfaction or I'm not willing to deny myself. This makes me more important than God in my own mind. This makes the self an idol to me.

We want the comfort of thinking we are saved but we want that while not really having to surrender. The idol of self tells us we can be safe with God while still doing whatever we want. Feelings are more important than anything. Certainly, if something is inconvenient, then that's not part of the religion I want to accept and I can find ways to castigate such a religion as too demanding, too legalistic, too traditional, whatever works to make the self feel better. God will still love me. Yet taking up the cross is never convenient. Who would take up such an object of reproach voluntarily? Yet is a sign of supreme self-denial, submission and trust in God. It is a total surrender to God and his will.

Is this not what Jesus did for us (Phil. 2:5-8)? Here's the twist: while my refusal to deny self is an effort to make myself more important than God and my arrogance keeps me from His Kingdom, Jesus emptied Himself and considered us more important than Himself. Only by surrendering self to His Will can I reap the benefits of what He did when He took up the cross for me.

The wonders of grace never cease to amaze me!

Doy Moyer (West Church Bulletin 8/18/19, edited for space and clarity)



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY[®]
Sunday, November 3, 2019

This Sunday's topic is
"God With Us"

"Does it matter whether God is with us? If we live in the favor and blessing of God, we have hope and a future with God; but if we are far from God, our hope and destiny is far different. Is God with you?"

TUNE IN AT 7:30 AM - WTAP TV

Tune in next Sunday morning to see how Phil Sanders addresses this subject. The program airs at 7:30 AM on WTAP TV.



NOVEMBER 4

Shirley Gilchrist

NOVEMBER 5

Bob Hill, Eva Leonhart

NOVEMBER 7

Margie Morris

NOVEMBER 8

Ileene Lemley, Pat Hill (Bob's wife)



PLEASE SHOWER THIS MEMBER WITH CARDS IN NOVEMBER

Bob Schott
400 29th Street
Vienna, WV 26105



OUR PRAYER LIST

Roger Bibbee is currently in Morgantown for health issues.

Gary Carothers passed away Friday night of a heart attack. Funeral arrangements to be determined. Brenda asks for people to wait to reach out directly until arrangements have been made.

Marie Cooper has pneumonia. She's in Eagle Point 311.

Jay Eckhart is waiting on PET scan results.

Jim Hart had two sisters who passed away on Thursday: Emma Joan Peck and Gladys Jean Jonas.

Melanie Hershmann (mother of Michelle) is had breast cancer surgery Oct 31.

Bob Hill is scheduled for surgery Nov. 8.

Charles Sams is in Encompass 211 for rehab.

Please Send Cards

- * *Judy Beckett (Get Well)*
- * *Roger Bibbee (Get Well)*
- * *Karen Case (Get Well)*
- * *Brenda Carothers (Sympathy)*
- * *Marie Cooper (Get Well)*
- * *Betty Dye (Get Well)*
- * *Jay Eckhart (Get Well)*
- * *Paula Garner (Thinking of You)*
- * *Ann Grimm (Get Well)*
- * *Jim Hart (Sympathy)*
- * *Eva Leonhart (Get Well)*
- * *Glenna Radcliff (Get Well)*
- * *Bob Schott (Thinking of You)*

These can be left in the blue wire basket by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of the mailing. There are extra cards at the desk for your use. - Alice Hale

Church Directory Update

Anna Hart
(304)834-9284

Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER 5

Mike & Margie Morris

UPDATES!

- ☘ Fellowship Potluck meal to follow evening services today.
- ☘ Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will resume at 1PM this week on Nov. 6 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Adult Bible Study at 7 will also take place in the MPR beginning Nov. 6.
- ☘ Young at Heart Thanksgiving meal is on Nov. 21 at 11:30. Turkey and ham will be provided. A sign-up sheet for dishes and attendance is by the kitchen.
- ☘ There will be a blood drive here Thursday, December 5, 2 - 6 PM.
- ☘ Food Pantry item this week: Instant Potatoes, Stuffing and Sweet Potatoes
- ☘ Friday Night Sing this week: Camden Avenue

Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:30 AM

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Hymn(s)/Welcome

Opening Prayer

Lord's Supper Preparation Hymn

Lord's Supper Celebration

Hymn Before the Sermon

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:7

Sermon: "Unseen"

(Text: 1 Samuel 16:7)

Speaker: Marcus Stenson

Invitation Hymn

Announcements,

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:00 PM

EVENING SERVICE

"Singing Service"

**Attendance and Contribution Week of
10/27/2019**

Sunday AM Bible Study: 91
Sunday AM Worship: 172
Sunday PM Worship: 78
Wednesday Bible Study: 74
Contribution: \$3964.25

NOVEMBER PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Visitor Table:

Marilyn Kellar

Head Usher:

John Garner

Communion Table (Front):

Hiram Rebholz, Rick Kellar, Keith Jones

Communion (Rear):

Randy Craig, Quentin Sheilds, Scott Wigal,
Ray Hoover, Mike O'Dell, Max Rebholz

	11/10 AM	11/10 PM
Song Leader	John Eckhart	Jeff Shuman
Prayer	Jerry Lemley	Jay Houser
Table Speaker	Marcus Stenson	John Eckhart
Table Assist	Mike Hale	Quinten Shields
Read Scripture	Quinten Shields	Ted Cramer
Closing Prayer	Jack Long	Duane Smith

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Long Term Care

Residents:

Edna Cain

(The Willows Rm 115)

Marie Cooper

Ann Grimm

*(Milestone Senior Living
426)*

Lola Hitzel

(Wyngate Rm 159)

Eva Leonhart

(Love & Care Rm 23)

Jerry Page

(Eagle Point Rm 334)

Peggy Smith

*(Edgewood Manor of
Lucasville Rm 607)*

Myra Zinn

(Cedar Grove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Chris & Melanie Dupuy

U.S. Air Force *(son of
Jeff & Julie Dupuy)*

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)*

Our Homebound:

Gladys Frohling

Jim Hart

Ron & Jo Kress

Laura Menear

Glenna Radcliff

Charles Sams

Becca Simons

Pat Williamson