



Sunday, December 10, 2023

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Office Hours 8am-2pm (Monday-Friday)

We Should Not Trouble

by Doug Kashorek

Because of the detail of the “*shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night*” Luke 2:8, scripturally this places the birth of Jesus, not in the winter, but in a time of year when animals could graze and needed protection from predators. Knowing that the “Christ mass” was instituted on December 25 by denominations upon the old pagan feast of Saturnalia, traditionalists among us have always rejected an association with its celebration as the Bible never commands us to commemorate Christ’s birth.

In past decades, this unyielding stand upon this point has often put them at odds with Bible believing brothers who see Christmas as an opportunity for the gospel with the lost in the world who are a bit more spiritually-minded at this time of year and need to hear about God’s Son who had to be made like us in every way to take away our sins on the cross. Justifying it as part of the culture that we can partake of as Americans, some traditionalists will still decorate a tree and buy presents for loved ones.

Until a short time before Paul and Barnabas were sent to Jerusalem to confer with the apostles and other leaders of the church there, the church was entirely Jewish in nature. All of the traditions and ways of doing things were Jewish while they followed the commands of Christ. But then after Cornelius, the Gentiles obeyed the gospel and became brothers in Christ with very different traditions while also living the commands of Christ. Judaizers tried to force old traditions upon new Christians ... and were troubling them in their Christian walk (Acts 15:19).

Today we, who have known a time of tent meetings, door-to-door evangelistic campaigns, and whole families with extended relatives attending church, should be careful to not become 21st century Judaizers by insisting that newer generations become Baby Boomers before they can follow Christ. They think and do things differently than we do. Instead of troubling those of the Gentiles who turn to God, we should discover how best to reach them with the gospel.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class
1:00PM and 7:00PM

FACEBOOK

36th Street Church
of Christ
(Public Page)

36th Street Church
of Christ Members

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dan Mincks
 Sarah and Jim Shuman
 Anna Hart
 Jody Boone
 Jim Kelley
 Mike O'Dell
 Shirley Dotson
 Scott and Linda Wigal
 Mike and Alice Hale
 John Lamp
 Elsie Smith
 Ileene Lemley
 Don Ogden (former member)
 Mary Rose Talbott (Liz Hardman's mother)
 Helen May (Ileene Lemley's sister)
 Bill Lemley (brother to Ed and Jerry Lemley)
 John Michael Eckhart (John/Shirley's grandson)
 Family of Sue Teel



Celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary

12/10—Cathy O'Dell birthday
 12/11—Spencer and Alivia Mason anniversary
 12/12—Jennifer Balsler birthday
 Dan Mincks birthday
 12/13—Michele Craig birthday
 Braylon Pride birthday
 12/15—Fred Newberry birthday
 Wayde Shields birthday
 12/16—Edwin Lemley birthday

Thank you!

Thank you for the many cards I received on my 87th birthday.
 ——Jim Hall

I want to thank Paul McDaniel for inviting me to church and for all the cards I've been receiving from my church family.
 ——Neal Lynch

Our Long Term Care Residents:

(full addresses on foyer bulletin board)
Betty Armstrong— *The Pines at Glenwood Apt 124*
Edna Cain *The Willows room 115*
Lola Hitzel *Rockland Ridge room 301*
Eva Leonhart *Eagle Point Room 105-B*
Peggy Smith - *Altercare of Summit Acres Apt 308*
Homebound: Betty Logan, Helen Sweeney, and Martha Nulter



Copies of Tom Butterfield's booklets, "Making It Through the Holidays" are available again this year. We have placed copies on the foyer desk.



Would you like to send a card?

You may place cards in the basket by the Deacon's desk & we will mail them out.

News and Centennial



- ◆ Anyone have any pictures from past Ladies Days, Families in Focus, Kidfest, WinterFest and CYC? If so, please get in touch with Doug so that he can obtain these for the book.
- ◆ We're hoping that clothing orders will be ready in just a couple of weeks! Stay tuned.
- ◆ The clothing store is closed for the year, but we plan to reopen for a short time this spring.
- ◆ Only 200 copies of our 100-page centennial book plan to be printed and pre-sale orders will remain open.
- ◆ Our next meeting will be January 11 and we will start meeting every month at that point
- ◆ In the coming weeks, we will be using this Centennial News box to request help/ gather information on events and pictures that are being used in the Centennial Book.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ★ **Dec 15(Fri)**— meet in the MPR @ 5PM for pizza and snacks and then caroling afterwards
- ★ **Dec 16(Sat)**— breakfast at the Airport @ 9AM (rescheduled from 12/9)
- ★ **Dec 16(Sat)**—Gift wrapping @ 3PM. Bring scissors and tape. Punch and chips provided. Bring a snack if you want.
- ★ **Dec 31(Sun)**—Love and Care Services @ 2:30PM
- ★ **Jan 4(Thurs)**—Love and Care Services @ 7PM
- ★ **Jan 4(Thurs)**—Blood Drive from 1-6PM in MPR

All gifts need to be brought to pantry room by this Wednesday, December 13.

We are still in need of toys for the children, but especially in the age range of 9-11 for little girls and then teen girl gifts such as nail polish, hair accessories, lotions, etc. Please have all gifts brought in to the church by this Wednesday, December 13th.



Children in need of Santa for Christmas



Girls
 13 yr old
 9 yr old
 5 yr old
 7 yr old
 17 yr old
 15 yr old
 6 yr old

Boys
 4 yr old
 4 yr old
 11 yr old
 8 yr old
 7 yr old
 12 yr old

Service Station Items Needed



Peanut Butter Jelly

Please look for blankets, winter gloves, hats, coats and scarves to bring in



Please help donate for **Christmas bags for the shut-ins and elderly**. Items need to be snack size/small sized for the bags. Here are some ideas of items that have worked well.


- *Little notepads *Calendars *Hand Sanitizer
- *Pens/ Mechanical pencils *Nail Files/clippers
- *Crosswords/word search books *Snacks
- *Lotions *Tissues *Flashlights *Chapsticks
- *Playing cards *Candy/mints * Fun socks *Gloves

***See Della with any questions

Kids' Corner

According to Philippians 4:7 what will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus?

- A. love of God
- B. B. joy of God
- C. C. peace of God
- D. D. patience of God



Tell the correct answer to Cathy O'Dell (and wish her a happy birthday today) for a prize.

Hey moms, dads, grandparents and **KIDS!** There is a new activity packet for school-age or younger children in the foyer on the first Sunday of every month.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:30 AM

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Opening Song

Song Leader: Charles Doyle

Welcome & Opening Prayer
Duane Smith

Song After Prayer

Song Before Communion

Table Speaker: Jim Kelley

Scripture Reading: Gary Grimm
Acts 15:19-21

Speaker: Doug Kashorek
"We Should Not Trouble"

Invitation Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Garner

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song Leader: Aidan Klingler

Welcome Prayer: Jim Taylor

Scripture Reading: Randy Craig
Psalm 44:20-22

Speaker: Doug Kashorek
"As Sheep to Be Slaughtered"

PM Communion
Joe Carrico

Announcements / Closing Prayer:
Terry Garner

Ushers

Chuck Jones, Ray Hoover, Matthew Snyder

Privileged to Serve

	<u>12/17/2023</u>	<u>12/24/2023</u>
Song Leader	S Mason	J Houser
Welcome/Prayer	J Kelley	D Kashorek
Table Speaker	T Garner	D Smith
Read Scripture	R Hoover	J DePuy
Speaker	D Kashorek	D Kashorek
Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner

Evening Services

Song Leader	K Gibbs	J Eckhart
Welcome/Prayer	D Mincks	J Shuman
Read Scripture	R Kellar	M Snyder
Speaker	J Shuman	A Klingler
Communion	R Craig	K Gibbs
Closing Prayer	J Carrico	T Garner
Lead Usher	J Carrico	J Carrico
Usher 1	S Wigal	S Wigal
Usher 2	T Morrison	T Morrison

Attendance & Contribution Week of 12/3/23

Sunday AM Bible Study: 53
Sunday AM Worship: 91
Sunday PM Worship: 33
Wednesday Bible Study: 54
Contribution: \$3,584.72
Weekly Goal: \$4,250.00

Direct deposit contributions can be made here:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1322070>

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☆ **Those Serving in the Military:** ☆

☆ **Chris & Melanie DePuy, U.S. Air Force** ☆

☆ *(son of Jeff & Julie DePuy)* ☆

☆ **Brad Gibbs, U.S. Navy** ☆

☆ *(grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs)* ☆

☆ **Luke George, National Guard** ☆

☆ *(grandson-in-law of Anna Hart)* ☆

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WTAP – Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM



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