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August 21, 2016

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BEARING FRUIT

What’s the easiest way to identify an apple tree? To see apples on it, of course! What is an apple tree good for if it doesn’t produce apples? Fire wood! Is an apple tree still an apple tree even if it produces no apples? Yes, but it is an essentially worthless apple tree!

What is the easiest way to identify a Christian? Again, the answer is to look at the fruit being produced! What kind of fruit do Christians produce? Some have argued that the fruit of a Christian is another Christian, but that can not be supported logically or scripturally. The fruit of an apple tree is not another apple tree, but apples.

How important is it that Christians bear fruit? Jesus answered that question when He said, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit” (John 15:1, 2).

This is a passage often misused today. Jesus is the vine. Of this we can be certain. It is then argued that the branches are the various churches

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SCHEDULE

August 28, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tom Eddy
Darrell Hague

PM: Randy Nolan
Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: Les Mills
Close—Randy Hague

PM: Joe Crone
Close: Greg Cline
8/31—Kurt Harrison

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Paul Jacoby

PM: John Dollison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 8/31—John Forshey

STATISTICS—August 14

Sunday Bible Class.....	87
Morning Worship.....	197
Evening Worship.....	100
Wednesday Classes.....	88
Contribution.....	4,130

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PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Faithful in Adversity
Reading: I Peter 4:12-19

PM: Faithful as the Church
Reading: II Peter 2:17-22

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.

WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.

SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Memorial: **Ruth Forshey, Sandra SeEVERS**
(**Bob Patterson Jr.**'s daughter)

Alonzo "Lonnie" Love (Janice Brown's father) was in the hospital and is now at Summit Acres in Caldwell.

Betty Rossiter (Susan Strauss' mother) was in the hospital and is now at Harmar Place.

PRAYER LIST

Jane Eldridge (Norm Wilkinson's sister)

Paul Foster (Ann Thomas' brother)

Josh Grimmet (friend of Carla Baldwin)

Added to prayer list: **Dave Amos** (friend of **Nancy Ward**)

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The Friday Night Sings scheduled for August 26 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall and Harrisville churches of Christ.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

When Mary Magdalene told Peter and other disciples that she had seen Jesus and he was alive, what was their reaction?

1. They were overjoyed with the information.
2. They did not believe her.
3. They continued to mourn his death.
4. The scriptures do not reveal their reaction.

Answer next week/Answer to Last weeks' question: **Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men—Proverbs 4:14**

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Richard & Diann Wentz**.

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90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of **Marge Stacy** would like to invite you to a celebration in honor of her 90th Birthday. Please join them Sunday, September 4, from 11:30—1:30 in the multipurpose room for a light lunch and refreshments. No gifts please. Cards would be appreciated.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS DINNER

The Widows & Widowers dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer for helpers and attendees. Please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber** with any questions.

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(denominations) found today. This assertion is not supported by the text. The branches are not churches but individual Christians. Jesus further said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Further, He stated: "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). Clearly, Jesus was speaking of individual Christians.

If we fail to produce fruit we are no more profitable to the Lord than an apple tree which fails to produce apples is to its owner. Both are destined for the flames. Dead wood must be cut off and burned.

What fruit must Christians bear? The answer is found in Galatians 5:22, 23. We must bear the "fruit of the Spirit." Specifically, God's people will show to the world love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. All claims to the contrary, a life which does not reflect these Christian graces is a fruitless life, and such souls are destined for the flames. Are you bearing fruit for the Lord?

---Roger

THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

September 27, 2016—6:30 p.m. **Gilmore-Rosenberg Debate on the Existence of God**. Mershon Auditorium, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Hosted by Warren Christian Apologetics Center in partnership with Buckeyes for Christ campus ministry. Disputants: Dr. Ralph Gilmore, Freed-Hardeman University; Dr. Alexander Rosenberg, Duke University. Free admission. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer. For tickets and livestream information: warrenapologeticscenter.org

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our thanks to **Terry Varner** for his message last Wednesday evening. Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Jeff Darby**. Jeff has been with us many times before. He presently serves as the minister for the church in Marysville, OH.

Thanks to **Tim Loughry** for teaching our class this morning from Ephesians 4. God willing, **Tom Eddy** will teach next Sunday from Hebrews 11. This will be the last session in our Sunday morning Summer Series.

It is that time of year when our college students head back to school, but it is also the time for those from *Marietta College*, *Washington State Community College*, and *Ohio Valley University* to return. Please make a special effort to welcome those who are returning as well as any new students who may be here.

Ladies, just so you know, God willing, our *Thursday Ladies Class* will resume October 6. We meet from 10:00 to 11:00 each Thursday morning from October through March, with the exception of holidays and inclement weather. If it sounds like something you would like to participate in, we would be happy to have you join us.

As I mentioned last week, we begin a new quarter in our Bible school program September 4. If you have not been participating in our Bible school program, why not consider starting with the new quarter? I know you would find it beneficial.

TEACHERS

Material for the fall quarter is available in the library. Promotions for Bible School Classes will be Sunday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 7.

God always finishes what He starts—we can count on that.

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6