

**Address Service Requested**

**August 28, 2016**

**ELDERS**

John Dollison  
Kurt Harrison  
Roger Rush

**DEACONS**

Tom Eddy      Tim Gerber  
Paul Hickman   Paul Jacoby  
Tim Loughry    Keith Ware

**MINISTER**

Roger Rush

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

Harry Ogletree

**FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE**

Faith is an essential element in our response to God. “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is defined in Scripture as “...the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Living faith is the operative agent in man’s obedience to God. It is faith that leads to action. Faith and works are inseparably linked. One is ineffective without the other (James 2:14-26).

Given the importance placed on faith in Scripture, it is imperative that we understand the meaning of faith. Faith is often seen as the proverbial “blind leap into the dark,” a crutch for weak individuals. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Superstitions result from ignorance and fear of the unknown. They are maintained despite evidence to the contrary. They are unsupported by facts. They originate in ignorance. Faith is often associated with superstition. In fact, one of the definitions provided in Merriam Webster’s

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**SCHEDULE**

September 4, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Eddy

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**

**AM:** Greg Cline  
Harry Ogletree

**PM:** Brad Forshey  
Russ Schramm

**PRAYER**

**AM:** Brad Pierce  
Close—Randy Feisley

**PM:** Darrell Hague  
Close: Todd Hague  
9/7—Earl Schramm

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Perry Varnadoe

**PM:** Joe Crone

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Tim Wells

**Wed.** 9/7—Colton Eddy

**STATISTICS—August 21**

Sunday Bible Class.....	91
Morning Worship.....	211
Evening Worship.....	102
Wednesday Classes.....	92
Contribution.....	4,423

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**BIBLECALL (740-373-3222)**

**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Canned Vegetables**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Gathering Firewood  
Reading: Num. 15:32-36

**PM:** Feeling Confident  
Reading: Rom. 8:31-39

## 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

**Ruth Forshey** and **Sandra Seevers (Bob Patterson Jr.'s daughter)** were in the hospital and are now at home.

**Don Otto** is at home.

**Betty Rossiter (Susan Strauss' mother)** had surgery Tuesday at Selby and is at Harmar Place.

## PRAYER LIST

**Betty Harris (Ida's daughter-in-law)**

**Jackson Harris (Ida's great grandson)**

**Janet Haught (friend of Jim & Carolyn Falkenberg)**

Added to prayer List: **Buddy Elders** had heart valve surgery Friday.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING

The Friday Night Sing scheduled for September 2 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser & Douglas St. church of Christ.

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Canned Vegetables

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

An angel told Zacharias that he and his wife Elizabeth would bear a son and what were they to name him?

1. Jesus
2. John
3. James
4. Peter

Answer next week/Answer to Last weeks' question: **When Mary Magdalene told Peter and other disciples that she had seen Jesus and he was alive, what was their reaction? They did not believe her—Mark 16:11**

## PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE CLASS

1. It is not for developing teachers but it does. Those who have sat in Bible classes over a period of years and thus have diligently studied the Bible are qualified to teach others.
2. It is not for enrolling members, but it results in more being enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life than any other phase of church work.
3. It is not conducted primarily to keep the youth out of jail, but law enforcement authorities have found it to be the leading influence against crime.
4. It is not a preacher factory, but good classes in the Bible schools of thousands of congregations have been the beginning places of thousands of preachers. They obtain their basic knowledge there.
5. It is not a substitute for individual and family studies in the home, but many parents depend solely on the Bible class for the spiritual instruction of their entire family. Others do not even provide that much.

The Bible class is designed for fellowship in Biblical instruction and spiritual growth.  
**COME GROW WITH US!**

-Author Unknown

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Collegiate Dictionary for faith is "firm belief in something for which there is no proof." I suspect that to be the definition many people attach to "faith" in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Nothing, however, could be further from the truth.

Faith, as used in Scripture, is not belief without proof, but belief based on evidence. Peter admonished Christians to provide reasons for their faith, because our faith is reasonable (1 Peter 3:15). Our faith in Creation, in the Bible, in Jesus Christ, in the resurrection, in eternal life rests on a solid foundation of evidence.

Given what we know about the universe, faith in God is far easier to sustain than faith in the Big Bang, or any other evolutionary hypothesis. The same can be said for our belief in the Bible as the word of God, and our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. I have no doubt that faith will always be under assault by non-believers, but I also know that faith has nothing to fear from truth. As our knowledge increases, our faith will grow proportionately. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

---Roger

## DON'T FORGET GATHSEMANE

As one reads the account of Jesus entering the garden of Gethsemane just prior to his betrayal and crucifixion, one can notice that there are four groups of people.

1. **The Lord alone—praying**
2. **The three disciples—sleeping**
3. **The eight disciples—waiting**
4. **The murderous mob—approaching**

Now, don't miss this! The further from the Lord, the larger the crowd. And it's still true today. Don't allow your convictions to be swayed by the majority. Seldom has the majority been right when it comes to spiritual matters. Don't allow your reluctance to be different and alone to persuade you to compromise your convictions. Remember Gethsemane!

## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our thanks to **Jeff Darby** for his message last Wednesday evening. Our *Summer Series* concludes this Wednesday evening with a sing. **Rodney Bettinger**, from the Crum Ridge congregation, will be our guest song leader.

Thanks to **Tom Eddy** for teaching our class this morning from Hebrews 11. Our Sunday morning Summer Series concluded today. We will return to our regular format for our Sunday morning studies next Sunday.

As I mentioned last week, with the beginning of a new quarter in our Bible School program, our adult class will return to the auditorium to begin a new study of ancient geography and modern history. We are going to be looking at current events in the context of the history and geography of the Middle East. I hope you will make a special effort to be a part of this class.

God willing, I will be with the church in Spencer, WV for a gospel meeting the week of September 18-23. In my absence on the 18th **Harry Ogletree** will be preaching and **Kurt Harrison** will be teaching the Sunday morning Bible class. **Tim Loughry** will teach our midweek class on the 21st. My thanks to each of them for their willingness to fill in for me.

Ladies, please note that our *Thursday Ladies Class* will resume in just a little over a month. Our first meeting will be October 6. I hope you will note that on your calendar and plan to join us for our study.

Sometimes the best thing to do is nothing—Be still, and know that I am God—Psalm 46:10

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Moseley** and **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson**.

## RESTORED

**Paul Jacoby** came asking for the prayers of the congregation Sunday evening.