

**Address Service Requested**

**December 18, 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

**MEANINGLESS**

*“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). This is not a skeptical and pessimistic view of life, but a poignant refutation of materialism. Wealth, power, pleasure and fame are all fleeting. Solomon, generally acknowledged as the author, observed: “I denied myself of nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:10, 11).*

This is the attitude of one looking at life from a purely materialistic point of view. It portrays the hopelessness of those who trust in wealth, power, pleasure and knowledge. Experience teaches that rich or poor, wise or foolish, great or small, all must die. That being true, our author laments: *“So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all things I*

**continued on page 3**

**SCHEDULE**

December 25, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kurt Harrison

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**

**AM:** Tim Loughry  
Darrell Hague

**PM:** Brad Forshey  
Russ Schramm

**PRAYER**

**AM:** Les Mills  
Close—Randy Hague

**PM:** Joe Crone  
Close: Greg Cline  
12/28—Tom Eddy

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Harry Ogletree

**PM:** John Dollison

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Brad Pierce

**Wed.** 12/28—Greg Cline

**STATISTICS—December 11**

Sunday Bible Class.....	95
Morning Worship.....	174
Evening Worship.....	102
Wednesday Classes.....	80
Contribution.....	3,506

**OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909**

**WEBSITE**

**<http://sixthandwashingtonchurchofchrist.org> (Please note audio from sermons are now available on our website)**

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

**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Applesauce**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Unbending  
Reading: Matt. 11:7-11

**PM:** Trouble in Israel  
Reading: I Kings 18:17-21

## 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

Knoxville, TN: **Sharon Holter (Elsie Bowers' daughter and Bev Dollison & Sarah Schafer's sister)** had back surgery Tuesday.

**Elaine Wallace and Misty Martin (Becky McFarland's daughter)** were in the hospital and are now at home.

**Wilda Piatt** was in the hospital and is now at the Arbors.

**Bruce Taylor (Barb Casto's son-in-law)** fell off of his roof and broke his leg.

## PRAYER LIST

**Vivian Zoller (Penny VanWey's niece)**

**Esther Brannan Abbott (Ruth Forshey's aunt)**

**Dave Amos (friend of Nancy Ward)**

Added to prayer list: **Mike Rinard** is undergoing chemotherapy treatments at this time. **Kelly Hoeflich** had surgery Tuesday. **Karen Nixon** is scheduled to have knee surgery January 6. **Roy Bowersock (Susie Patterson's brother)** will start cancer treatments in a couple of weeks.

*\*Full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer*

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Lois Brackenridge (Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson's niece and Dave Bowen's cousin)**. A memorial service was held Thursday at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre.

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Christian, Rachel, & Isaac Bettinger, Susie Patterson, and Janice Christman**.

## PANTRY

Pantry item of the week: Applesauce

Twenty-three families received food from our pantry last month.

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Jesus said men desired old wine instead of new wine? True or False

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **Jesus went to the house of Levi, a publican, to eat and other publicans were present. The scribes and Pharisees found fault with Jesus eating with sinners. How did Jesus answer them? They said he was eating with sinners and Jesus said they that are well do not need a physician and his mission was to call sinners to repentance—Luke 5:31-32.**

No matter what we feel like today, no matter how far away God seems to be—hold on—He is faithful.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

## CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

*had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 2:17, 18).*

Maybe you've felt the same sense of futility. If you have, don't despair! There is hope. Having tried it all our author concluded that man's whole duty was "to fear God and keep his commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Wisdom, knowledge, and happiness come to those who put Him first, but to those who do not life remains meaningless, a chasing after the wind (Ecclesiastes 2:25, 26). A man may chase the wind, but he never captures it!

Is there meaning to life? Is there hope? Can man find peace? Yes, but not in material pursuits! There is no lasting satisfaction or joy in a life apart from God. The struggle is futile until He comes into the picture. One may be rich, famous and powerful, but if God is missing, life offers nothing lasting (Luke 12:16-21). Everything is meaningless!

Does your life have meaning?

---Roger

## WINTER TRAINING SERIES

The Dewey Avenue church of Christ would like to invite you to their 2016 Winter Training Series, Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., January 5—January 26. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

## OHIO WINTER LECTURES

The Fishinger & Kenny church of Christ would like to invite you to the Ohio Winter Lectures, January 27-28. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Harry Ogletree** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Les Mills** is scheduled for Wednesday evening December 28th.

Yesterday, **Joe and Linda Dailey's** daughter **Raelyn** graduated from **Harding University** with a **Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science**. Our congratulations and best wishes to **Raelyn** and her family on this major milestone.

I do want to remind you that we will meet next Sunday at our regularly scheduled times. I am sure a number of you will be out of town for the holiday, but I also suspect we will have some visitors with us. The office will be closed on the 26th and again January 2nd. **Traci** will be on vacation the week of the 26th through the 30th, so if you have anything for the bulletin that week, you need to give it to her this week.

Again, ladies, don't forget that our Thursday class does not meet this week or next, but the Lord willing, will resume January 5.

This past week I took the pens to Columbus which you contributed to the **Hope for Haiti's Children Medical Mission Trip**. You contributed 1,500 pens for that project, and I know the children appreciate your generosity. We are still accepting funds to provide the kids with a morning snack and a lunch of beans and rice each day. If you would like to help, just leave your money in the office and note that it is for Haiti. God willing, **Adam** will be one of the docs there the week of January 21-28. I know he would appreciate your prayers for the safety and success of the mission team. Again, he volunteers his time and pays all his own expenses, so everything we contribute goes directly to assist the children in Haiti. Thank you again for your generosity!

God is a good stress reliever.

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. I Peter 5:7