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December 25, 2016

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GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Somewhere not far from Bethlehem shepherds watched over their flocks at night. Suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared. The brightness of his glory struck terror in their hearts. Then the angel spoke: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11).

The world would never be the same. Hope would be restored to the hearts of men. Salvation had been brought down. The Prince of peace, the Lord of lords, the King of kings had come. It was for this solitary life the world had been waiting.

His long anticipated coming was good news. But His birth was only part of the story. The babe in the manger was destined to become the Christ of the cross. He provided a foundation for ethics and morality which would never be surpassed. At the heart of His system was the idea that we should treat others as we desire to be treated (Matthew 7:12). He set an example in speech and conduct which was unassailable. He did no sin (1

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SCHEDULE

January 1, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Loughry

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Todd Hague
Harry Ogletree

PM: Brad Forshey
Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Brad Pierce
Close—Randy Feisley

PM: Darrell Hague
Close: Harry Ogletree
1/4—Earl Schramm

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Perry Varnadoe

PM: Joe Crone

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

Wed. 1/4—John Forshey

STATISTICS—December 18

Sunday Bible Class.....	104
Morning Worship.....	184
Evening Worship.....	102
Wednesday Classes.....	81
Contribution.....	3,976

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<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: The Proof of God's Love
Reading: Rom. 8:31-39

PM: The Spirit of Christ the Whole Year
Reading: Eph. 4:17-32

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: **Helen Nolan**

Sharon Holter (Elsie Bowens' daughter and Bev Dollison & Sarah Schafer's sister) had back surgery and is now in rehab in Tennessee.

PRAYER LIST

Stevie Baldwin (Carla's nephew)

Bill Beck (Steve's son)

Roy Bowersock (Susie Patterson's brother)

Added to prayer list:

Jean Yost (friend of Randy Nolan)

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

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THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **The Family of John Farley, Earl Schramm, Patty Hendershot, Esther Abbott, Jerry & Fern Hill (Timothy Hill Children's Ranch), Joyce Robinson & Judy Phillips, and The Ohio University Light for Christ.**

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome **Mike** and **Julie Rinard**, and their son **Jordan** to our church family.

Please welcome **Jeremy & Kathy Patterson** to our church family. They have two daughters, **Katelyn & Madelyn.**

If you haven't met these families yet, make a special effort to do so. Let them know how happy we all are to have them with us.

IS GOD EXHAUSTED?

A few years ago, upon returning from Bible camp, my son Michael was singing the song, "I will Call Upon The Lord." Here is what he sang: "The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock and may the God of my salvation be exhausted..." Well, needless to say, I got a good laugh from that one.

But his confusion over lyrics did set me to thinking. From a human standpoint, we sometimes must feel that we do indeed exhaust God. The foolishness of our sins...the frequency of our sins...and the general failure from time to time to imitate Jesus makes us wonder if God's patience and forgiveness isn't exhausted.

Fortunately for us, we serve a God who delights in mercy (Micah 7:18)! Be assured though, God does not look lightly upon sin. After all, it cost him his precious Son. Take comfort in the fact that he is a God who will not be exhausted by our sins if we will humble ourselves and seek his forgiveness.

—Steve Higginbotham

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Peter 2:22). He offered Himself as the sin bearer for mankind reconciling man and his Maker (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). This He accomplished at great personal cost (2 Corinthians 8:9). He was the Son of God. He was the way to God (John 14:6).

I am thankful that each year the world pauses to remember His birth. At this time of year the hearts of many are more open to the needs of others. Generosity, kindness, and compassion are all more noticeable. But, I would hope that we would look beyond His birth to the events of His life, death and resurrection, and that we would let Him draw out the best in us throughout the year.

If we give Jesus a place in our hearts but twice a year (at Christmas and Easter), I am convinced we have no real understanding or appreciation for the "good news" declared at His birth. However, if we believe the biblical narrative and acknowledge Christ to be the Lord, then His life will have a profound and positive impact on our lives every day of the year. Do you really believe the good news?

---Roger

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Jesus said December 25th is my birthday. True or False

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: Jesus said men desired old wine instead of new wine? **True—Luke 5:39**

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Sue Holland (Tina Keith's mother)**. Memorial services were held Friday at the Ingram Funeral Home in St. Marys, WV.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Les Mills** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Paul Jacoby** is scheduled for Wednesday evening January 4th.

Thank you for joining us today for our Lord's Day assembly. Since its inception the Lord's church has faithfully assembled on the first day of the week (Acts 2) to worship the Father, and to be reminded of the sacrifice of the Savior through participation in the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). Almost from the beginning of the church there were those who did not value the assembly as they should. The writer of Hebrews warned his readers of the sin of forsaking the assembly (Hebrews 10:25). Our coming together for worship is a blessing, not a burden. Sadly, on a day set aside by the world to honor His birth, many believers will have abbreviated assemblies, or cancel them altogether. Regrettably, many will take to heart the 2016 American Atheists billboard messages. One of them reads: "MAKE CHRISTMAS GREAT AGAIN Skip Church." Another one urges: "Go ahead and skip church. Just be good for goodness' sake. Happy Holidays." I can't help but wonder how many Christians will do just that today!

God willing, we will meet again this evening at 6:30. I hope to see you then!

Next Sunday morning we begin a new year. It seems appropriate as the old year fades and a new year dawns, to pause and take inventory of the past year. Like other years before, there have been victories and defeats, heartaches and joys, celebration and sadness. I have no doubt that 2017 will hold more of the same. But, whatever lies ahead, we know that we are not alone (Hebrews 13:5, 6). It is that knowledge which strengthens and sustains us through good times and bad. Thank you for the blessing and privilege of working with you in the greatest cause on earth this year, and may God continue to bless us in the year ahead!