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December 4, 2016

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We Are Not Perfect!

Some think that being a Christian means that one never sins. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have a Savior who withstood every temptation and overcame every obstacle to live a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22). We are called to follow His example. But it is a mistake to think that we must live a perfect life to do that. In essence Jesus sets the standard which we strive for, but never quite achieve.

John warned that those who say they have no sin are self-deceived and devoid of truth (1 John 1:8, 10). The Bible tells us that we all sin and come short of God’s glory (Romans 3:23). Except for our Lord, there is no man who does good in life and never sins (Ecclesiastes 7:20). What then is the difference between Christians and non-Christians if all are sinners?

First, Christians are saved sinners. Having been obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ a Christians’ sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7). Further, as long as we “walk in the light,” or live as a child of God ought to live, His blood continues to cleanse us of all sin (1 John 1:7). Through Him we are justified, sanctified, forgiven, redeemed, and

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SCHEDULE

December 11, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Dollison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Joe Crone
Harry Ogletree

PM: Brad Forshey
Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Todd Hague
Close—Les Mills

PM: John Forshey
Close: Kurt Harrison
12/14—John Dollison

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: Colton Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 12/14—Colton Eddy

STATISTICS—November 27

Sunday Bible Class.....	107
Morning Worship.....	190
Evening Worship.....	92
Wednesday Classes.....	77
Contribution.....	4,005

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WEBSITE

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

BIBLECALL (740-373-3222)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Crackers

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Tragedy of Disobedience
Reading: I Sam. 15:1-9

PM: Things Money Cannot Buy
Reading: Matt. 6:19-24

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: **John Farley**

University Cleveland: **Misty Martin (Becky McFarland's daughter)**

Elaine Wallace had surgery Monday at Cleveland Clinic and is now at home.

Junior Nolan was in and out of the hospital.

Betty Rossiter (Susan Strauss & Molly Hutchinson's mother) is now at home.

Sharon Holter (Elsie Bowens' daughter and Bev Dollison & Sarah Schafer's sister) is scheduled to have back surgery December 13 in Tennessee. Her address is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

PRAYER LIST

Sidney Waddell (Penny VanWey's niece)

Karen Mullen White (Donna Moseley's niece)

Wes Wiblin (Nancy Ward's grandson)

Added to prayer list: **Sharon Holter (Elsie Bowens' daughter and Bev Dollison & Sarah Schafer's sister), Mark Harris (friend of Gertie Fryman), and Samantha Snider (Jerry & Diana Miller's granddaughter)**

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Verna Jacoby (Paul's mother)**. A graveside service was held Friday in Glenrock, PA and a memorial service will be held at a later date in Raleigh, North Carolina.

ENTHUSIASM

Our word enthusiasm is derived from the Greek *entheos* which means "to put God (*theos*) into (*en*) something or someone." The word in the English Bible is zeal which is derived from a Greek word originally having the basic meaning of "to well up, to boil, to bubble." An early Greek reference uses the word in describing a medical recipe which consisted of one taking the fruit of the cypress, boiling it, and then applying. Hence, we talk about the enthusiastic person as one who is on fire. An athletic team and its fans are challenged to get fired up.

Enthusiasm is the keynote that makes us sing and makes others sing with us. It is contagious! Everyone is enthusiastic at times, but those who remain enthusiastic are successful. Some have enthusiasm for thirty minutes, some for thirty days, but it is the one who has it for thirty years who can be a success in life.

Jesus had it for God's house as is clearly manifest in John 2:17. Here was intensity! Every preacher ought to be intense and enthused as Apollos who was "fervent in spirit" (Acts 18:25). Every member of the church is challenged to be "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11). This is enthusiasm! No congregation has a right to serve the Lord any other way! Laodicea learned this (see Rev. 3:14-16, 19).

You say you want to be more enthusiastic in serving the Lord? The power source is the Word of God. Jeremiah could not contain himself because, "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" (Jer. 20:9). Stay in the Word, and you'll stay on fire!

—Charles C. Pugh III

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saved.

Second, Christians are not controlled by sin. Sin does not have dominion over God's people (Romans 6:14). That means that Christians are motivated by a desire to do what is right and to reject what is wrong. It means that we are committed to embracing good and shunning evil. It means that we are determined to follow God's standard and not our own. It means that we are resolved to withstand temptation, not to surrender to it!

Third, we are not sinless, but we do sin less. Our goal is to conform to the example of our Savior. Like the apostle Paul we want to be able to say, "Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). As we move toward maturity in Christ, sin has less of a place in our lives, and God's word has more control.

Our eternal well being does not hinge on our being "perfect" or "sinless." Our salvation is made possible because our Savior was sinless. We lay no claim to living perfect lives, but we do try every day to live as close to Jesus as we can. We will never regret doing that, but we will regret forever our failure to try! We may not be perfect, but we can certainly be faithful!

---Roger

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

A man sick with palsy and confined to his bed was let down thru a hole in the roof to get to Jesus for healing. What two things did Jesus do?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: Fill in the missing words from this verse in Proverbs. **Pride** goeth before destruction, and an **haughty** spirit before a fall. **Proverbs 16:18**

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Linda Hughes, Ron VanWey,** and **Washington Elementary School.**

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Brad Pierce** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **John Forshey** is scheduled for Wednesday evening December 14th.

I want to update you on our project to provide coats for needy children in our community. A total of 168 coats were distributed to our local elementary schools at a cost of \$4,685.00. 150 new coats were purchased, 18 were donated, and \$1,590.00 was contributed toward the effort. Thank you for your generosity, and a special thanks to **Danetta Harrison** and her crew for doing all the shopping and delivering the coats to the elementary schools.

As you know, we have been collecting pens for the **Hope For Haiti's Children Medical Mission** in January. We now have all the pens we need, but if you would like to contribute funds to feed the kids a snack when they arrive each morning, and a lunch of beans and rice at noon, please leave your money in the office or give it to one of the elders.

We have a **Parent's Day Out** coming up on the 17th. Signup sheets are on the board in the foyer for those who want to help as well as those who will be dropping off their children. If you have questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber**. Our special thanks to those who volunteer their time to make this day possible.

Christmas and New Years Day both fall on Sundays. We will follow our regular Lord's Day schedule for both holidays. I hope you will plan your holiday around our morning and evening assemblies. Because of the holidays, the office will be closed on December 26 and the January 2.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer to open and close the building in 2017.