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January 15, 2017

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Tom Eddy Tim Gerber
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Tim Loughry Keith Ware

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MISREPRESENTATIONS!

No one likes to be misrepresented. It's neither honest nor fair. It is the equivalent of lying, and we all know that lying is wrong (Exodus 20:16; Colossians 3:9). Solomon tells us that God hates a lying tongue (Proverbs 6:17). Jesus identified the devil as the father of lies (John 8:44). Anyone who claims to follow Christ must surely speak the truth, and must never intentionally misrepresent his own, or another's position! In an ideal world the truth would always be told, but ours is not an ideal world. As a result, we find ourselves frequently misrepresented.

I have heard it said that we in churches of Christ think we are the only ones going to heaven. But that is a misrepresentation of the truth. We are not in the business of determining who will be in heaven and who will not. Judgment is in the hands of Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10). Our focus is not on who is right, but what is right. We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, and we seek to teach and do what is contained therein. The Lord, not us, will make the ultimate determination as to who will and who will not enter heaven. Anyone who tells you otherwise is

SCHEDULE

January 22, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Crone

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tom Eddy

Todd Hague

PM: Russ Schramm

Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: John Forshey

Close—Earl Schramm

PM: Kurt Harrison

Close: Randy Feisley

1/25—Tom Eddy

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Tyson Brewer

PM: John Dollison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 1/25—Greg Cline

STATISTICS—January 8

Sunday Bible Class..... 98

Morning Worship..... 162

Evening Worship..... 77

Wednesday Classes..... 72

Contribution..... 4,352

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 — Canned Fruit

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Why do people procrastinate?
Reading: Heb. 2:1-3

PM: Amos
Reading: Amos 4:1-5

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

Wilda Piatt was in the hospital and is now at home.

Ed Green was in the hospital and is now at the Arbors.

PRAYER LIST

Beth Ann Casto (Susan Strauss and Molly Hutchinson's niece)

Dennis Celenica (friend of Jim & Carolyn Falkenberg)

Jim Crandell

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

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Canned Fruit

Eighteen families received food from our pantry last month.

SHE INVITED A FRIEND!

This is the true story of a four-year-old girl! Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night a little girl named Becky would skip out her front door and over to the next door with a tender knock. Becky's questions was simply, "Can Denise come to church with us today?" Most of the time the answer was "Yes." The invitations continued. But one day something was different; Becky made her Sunday morning journey next door, but the answer was "No!" But the words that followed were music to the ears. "No" the father answered, "Denise will be going with us this morning. We will see you at church, Miss Becky." The family visited, studies followed, and Denise's mother and father were baptized into Christ!

What is the magic, the mystery, the awe? There is none! Just an invitation given over and over! Some things we make too hard. Some of the easiest things in life we conjure up in difficult messes. Some want sophisticated mail outs to do it for us! Some believe that carefully designed programs will do it for us! Some want others to do it for us! Some, sadly enough, don't care. Please understand, the benefits of mail outs, programs, and other avenues are wonderful when used wisely. But nothing dismisses our personal responsibility to invite folks! Who? My neighbor, postman, doctor, mechanic, coach, teacher, friend, parent, child, uncle, aunt, co-worker, spouse, boss, banker, and on and on!

Jesus freed a man from Legion. He was changed. He was grateful. He wanted to go with Jesus, perhaps in an effort to repay Him. Jesus' answer spans the generations and applies to us also. He stood by the ship refusing his request and said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

She was only four. All she did was invite. Heaven will be greater for it!

—David Shannon

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misrepresenting the facts.

It has been said that we in churches of Christ believe in water salvation. It is another misrepresentation. It stems from the fact that we teach what Christ and His disciples taught regarding baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:20, 21; etc.). We do not believe that there is any miraculous power in water to wash away sins. This is accomplished by means of the blood of Christ (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Revelations 1:5). However, the Bible demands baptism. How is it possible to be faithful to Christ and teach anything else?

It is argued that we believe in a salvation of works, and not of grace. Again, we are dealing with a misrepresentation. No one can work his/her way to heaven. None of us can earn our salvation. We are undeserving of the grace of God as manifested through Jesus. We can never earn, achieve, or merit salvation on our own. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9). It is a misrepresentation to say that we believe anything else. What sticks in the crawl of our critics is the fact that we believe that saving faith must be expressed through humble obedience (Hebrews 5:8, 9). This is exactly what the Bible teaches!

---Roger

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

What did Jesus say would happen if a blind man leads a blind man?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **Whoso findeth a wife findeth a GOOD thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord.**

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Barbara Harris** and **Elaine Wallace**.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **John Dollison** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Colton Eddy** is scheduled for Wednesday evening January 25th.

We have a soup and sandwich fellowship scheduled for Sunday evening the 29th. Please see the signup sheet on the board in the foyer. God willing, our young men will be leading our worship that evening, and **Tim Loughry** will be our speaker.

We are in the process of getting our *2017 Summer Series* schedule completed. Hopefully, that will be finished in another week or so. The theme this year will be **Confronting Our Culture**. Our Sunday morning series for the summer will focus on a study of the *Epistle to the Hebrews*. That schedule should also be completed soon.

Due to the weather, our first ladies' class of the year had to be cancelled. It was nice we could resume our study this past Thursday. We meet each Thursday morning at 10:00, weather permitting.

I mentioned last Sunday that we have a **Friends and Family Day** scheduled for May 14, and that our ladies also have a **Ladies' Tea** planned for the afternoon of May 13. I hope you will make a special effort to invite your friends and family to be a part of that special weekend. Remember, **Sally Shank** will speak to our ladies on Saturday, and **Harold Shank** will be our speaker at all three services on the Lord's Day. Please make a special effort to be in town that weekend and help us make it a wonderful day of reaching out to friends and family with the gospel.

God just might be the only parent who is happy when His kids keep Him up all night.

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. Isaiah 40:28