

Address Service Requested

January 1, 2017

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SIN AND FORGIVENESS

One of the truly low points in the history of Israel came in the days of king David. Israel was beginning to exert herself as a world power. The army was strong and victorious. Israel’s borders were secure. David was loved by his subjects, respected by his allies, and feared by his enemies. Times were good. But, then sin raised her ugly head.

David had an affair with a married woman, the wife of one of his soldiers. She became pregnant. The king sought to cover his crime, but couldn’t. Ultimately, he had the woman’s husband murdered, and took her as his wife. He thought he had gotten away with it until the prophet, Nathan, paid a visit to the king. David was confronted, confessed his sin, and received forgiveness (2 Samuel 12:7-14). However, the consequences of his actions would haunt him for the rest of his life. Because of his sin the sword would never depart from his house (2 Samuel 12:10). Evil would arise against him from within his own family (2 Samuel 12:11). And, the child which had been conceived in the adulterous liaison would die (2 Samuel 12:14). Forgiveness did not deliver him from the consequences of

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SCHEDULE

January 8, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Dollison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Darrell Hague
Tim Loughry

PM: Randy Nolan
Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: Les Mills
Close—Greg Cline

PM: John Forshey
Close: Todd Hague
1/11—John Dollison

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland
PM: Russ Schramm

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 1/11—Colton Eddy

STATISTICS—December 25

Sunday Bible Class.....	82
Morning Worship.....	167
Evening Worship.....	83
Wednesday Classes.....	81
Contribution.....	6,631

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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 — Applesauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Why so much talk about baptism?
Reading: John 3:1-7

PM: Hosea
Reading: Hosea 4:1-6

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: Marge Stacy

Mary Niceswanger is at Brookdale Room C 1.

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

PRAYER LIST

Dan Brannan (cousin of Ruth Forshey)

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Brenda Brimm (Lisa Mills' sister)

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

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NIFTY NINETIES CLUB

If you are 90 or will be turning 90 this year, please let the office know.

THE BIBLE

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

- Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.
- Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.
- It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.
- It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.
- Here Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ Jesus is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.
- It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.
- Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.
- It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure.
- It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever.
- It involves the highest responsibility, promises reward for faithful labor, and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.

-Author unknown



BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

How many of Jesus's disciples did he chose to be apostles?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **Jesus said December 25th is my birthday. False—The day is not known.**

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his actions. Though forgiven, he was still accountable.

We believe strongly in the divine principle of forgiveness. Those who seek forgiveness from a penitent heart are to be forgiven (Luke 17:3, 4). But, forgiveness does not free one from the consequences of actions which cannot be undone. There are some wrongs which can be righted. If one steals a wallet, later repents, seeks forgiveness, and returns the wallet intact, the consequences are limited because the wrong has been corrected. In King David's case, neither adultery nor murder could be undone, and although forgiveness was sought and granted, the king would forever be confronted with the consequences of his actions. Forgiveness did not free him from accountability.

There are some who do not understand the relationship between actions and consequences. They believe that forgiveness should free them from the consequences of their actions. In the earthly realm this is neither possible nor practical. When there are no consequences to actions, there are no restraints either. It is absolutely imperative that we understand what the Bible says regarding this matter. There is no sin for which forgiveness cannot be granted if properly sought. But, forgiveness does not negate the consequences of sinful conduct. It is wrong for us to insist that the guilty not be held accountable because they must be forgiven.

---Roger

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Helen Crum** (Gary Marshall's aunt). Memorial services were held this past Tuesday.

Also, we extend our sympathy to the family of **Betty Rittenhouse** (Sharon Anderson's sister), who passed away Tuesday. Memorial services were held yesterday in Parkersburg.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our prayer for each of you is that you will have a happy and prosperous new year, and that God will richly bless our efforts to serve Him in 2017.

God willing, **Paul Jacoby** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Brad Pierce** is scheduled for Wednesday evening January 11th.

The *Winter Training Series* hosted by the Dewey Avenue congregation in St. Marys will begin this Thursday evening. Four classes are being offered. A list of teachers and their subjects is posted on the board in the foyer.

I am sure you were all pleased to hear the announcement that **Mackenzie, Drew,** and **Eli Ullman** had all been baptized. I hope you made a special effort to congratulate them this morning!

The *Hope For Haiti's Children Medical Mission* trip is also later this month. If you were planning to help with the breakfast snacks and lunches for the children, that money needs to be turned in to the office this week. Again, thanks to all of you who brought in pens and have already contributed for the meals. Everything you give goes directly to the children. I doubt that there is a place in the western hemisphere where such help is more needed. These children have nothing. I don't know what they would do were it not for the generosity of so many Christians like you! You have given \$1,725.00 thus far.

Remember, the office will be closed tomorrow. If you need anything, please feel free to call my home or mobile number. Have a good afternoon, and I hope to see you again this evening.



GET TOGETHER

A soup & sandwich get together is planned for Sunday, January 29, following the evening service. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber**.