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January 22, 2017

ELDERS

John Dollison
Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush

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Tom Eddy Tim Gerber
Paul Hickman Paul Jacoby
Tim Loughry Keith Ware

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Roger Rush

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Harry Ogletree

THE GOOD BOOK

When Ronald Reagan was president he declared 1983 as the year of the Bible. In December of 1982 NEWSWEEK ran a feature article entitled: How the Bible Made America. The article began: “Even at Christmas, the Bible is a book more revered than read. Yet for centuries it has exerted an unrivaled influence on American culture, politics and social life. Now historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the constitution, is our founding document: the source of the powerful myth of the United States as a special nation, a people called by God to establish a model society, a beacon to the world” (NEWSWEEK, Dec. 27, 1982, page 44).

Our founding fathers had tremendous respect for the Bible. Its precepts and laws were reflected in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. And, these laws were designed to insure that America would enjoy “freedom of religion.” Today, our constitution has been interpreted to support the idea that we should have “freedom from religion.” Accordingly, our faith must not become intrusive. Public prayers at ball games, religious messages

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SCHEDULE

January 29, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Joe Crone
Harry Ogletree

PM: Brad Forshey
Randy Nolan

PRAYER

AM: T.B.A.
Close—Randy Hague

PM: Todd Hague
Close: Darrell Hague
2/1—Earl Schramm

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: T.B.A.

SONG LEADER

AM: Brad Pierce

PM: Colton Eddy

Wed. 2/1—John Forshey

STATISTICS—January 15

Sunday Bible Class.....	96
Morning Worship.....	174
Evening Worship.....	85
Wednesday Classes.....	82
Contribution.....	3,864

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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 — Canned Fruit

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Who would be greatest?
Reading: Matt. 20:20-28

PM: Obadiah
Reading: Obadiah 1-4

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: **Norm Wilkinson, Wilbur Spindler**

OSU: **Brenda Truex (Brad Forshey's sister)**

John Ellis had surgery Tuesday.

Tina Keith is now at home.

Helen Sweeney (Joy Bowen's mother) was in the hospital and is now at home.

Elaine Wallace is undergoing radiation treatments at Cleveland Clinic.

PRAYER LIST

Harper Cunningham (cousin of **Janet Antill**)

Jane Eldridge (Norm Wilkinson's sister)

Paul Foster (Ann Thomas' brother)

Added to prayer list: **Tressa Bayles** (friend of **Melinda Crone**)

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

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK: Canned Fruit

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Sharon Holter**.

BAPTISM

Coen Eddy was baptized on January 18, 2017. Please welcome **Coen** to this congregation.

TRIVIAL PURSUITS?

Two friends were traveling and had to lay over in New York City for nine hours. They had never been to New York City and took advantage of the time to see the sights. They hired a taxi to drive them around town. The driver showed them various noteworthy sights and explained their significance. While one of the young men enjoyed the tour, the other never took his eyes off the driver. Finally, he nudged his friend and whispered, "Look, he has his sweater on inside out."

When we focus our minds and hearts on the trivial, we are going to miss some of what is good in life. That is true in sight-seeing as well as in relationships. Trivialities have caused their share of tension in marriages. "She always squeezes the toothpaste from the middle. Why can't she squeeze it from the end?" Hard feelings in the church have also lingered because people dwell on the insignificant.

Words are spoken unintentionally. Actions are done with good intentions. Deeds are left undone for unexplained reasons. Each one of these situations has been the source of friction between people. Disappointment, frustration, and irritation are often initial reactions to even the most trivial incidents. However, the question that must be faced is this "Will we allow the insignificant to continue to feed the pessimism?"

Romans 14 contains a statement that puts in perspective the questions of how we will continue to treat trivial matters. "Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food" (Rom. 14:20). Realize that there is something bigger at stake. See the trivial matters for what they are, and then focus on the work of God.

—Russ Mullins

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at graduation exercises, the hanging of the Ten Commandments in public buildings, and even our own state seal have all been assailed. The Constitution protects a persons right to publicly belittle religious faith as one "artist" did by displaying a crucifix immersed in urine. However, a student led prayer before a football game is unconstitutional. Only the devil could rejoice at such reasoning.

As a book the Bible is unparalleled in its power and influence. To what do we attribute this power? The Bible is divine revelation. Paul wrote: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness: that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Nothing we know about the Bible should cause us to doubt the validity of this claim.

Because the Bible is inspired it is always relevant. Some quickly dismiss the Bible as an outdated relic of the past. The Bible may be old, but it is not outdated. In spite of the advancements of modern technology, people have not changed. Our problems remain the same. The Bible continues to provide reliable solutions. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). What is true of Jesus is also true of the Bible. It, like Jesus, is always relevant!

---Roger

ANNUAL MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Men's Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. The elders and deacons will meet at 5:30 p.m.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Answer to last weeks' question: **What did Jesus say would happen if a blind man leads a blind man? They would both fall into a ditch—Luke 6:39**

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Colton Eddy** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Kurt Harrison** is scheduled for Wednesday evening February 1st.

Next Lord's Day will be busy. In addition to our regular assemblies, we have an elders and deacons meeting, a men's business meeting, and a soup and salad fellowship all scheduled for Sunday afternoon and evening.

The schedules for both our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Summer Series programs have been completed. The Sunday morning series will be on the book of Hebrews and several of our men will be leading that study. The Wednesday evening series will focus on cultural issues facing the church, and we have a number of well respected preachers from Ohio and West Virginia who have committed to be with us this summer. That list is also posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Haley Varnadoe has been in Cuba for three weeks. She is there with her economics class. Please keep her in your prayers. She should be back in the States soon. **Adam Rush** also left for the *Hope for Haiti's Children Medical Mission* yesterday. God willing, he will be back home this coming Saturday. Please keep him and the team in your prayers as well. And, thanks to your generosity, we were able to send \$1,800.00 for breakfast snacks and lunch for the children, as well as 1,500 new Bic ballpoint pens.

Have a good afternoon, and I will look forward to seeing you again this evening.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to proud parents **Zach & Samantha Snider** at the birth of their son, **Dallas A. Snider**, on January 17, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud great grandparents are **Jerry & Diana Miller**.