

Address Service Requested

January 29, 2017

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John Dollison
Kurt Harrison
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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

WISE OR FOOLISH?

God spoke through Isaiah: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8, 9). Paul wrote something quite similar when he observed that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:25).

In God’s dealings with his people, from the human perspective, there may be absolutely no logical connection between what God requires and the blessings which follow. This is illustrated in the well-known Bible story of Naaman (2 Kings 5). Naaman was a leper. He had come to the prophet of God in search of a cure for his leprosy. When told to dip seven times in the Jordan River for cleansing, Naaman became very angry. There was no logical reason for such a demand. He would not do it. But he reconsidered. He went down to the river and dipped. Six times he plunged under the water and six times he came out the same old leper. The seventh time it was a different story. He obeyed and God healed him.

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SCHEDULE

February 5, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Loughry

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Greg Cline
Earl Schramm
PM: Randy Nolan
Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: Harry Ogletree
Close—Randy Feisley
PM: Darrell Hague
Close: Todd Hague
2/8—Earl Schramm

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Perry Varnadoe
PM: Christian Bettinger

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
PM: Tim Wells
Wed. 2/8—John Forshey

STATISTICS—January 22

Sunday Bible Class.....	100
Morning Worship.....	194
Evening Worship.....	88
Wednesday Classes.....	83
Contribution.....	3,926

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 — Crackers

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: What do others see?
Reading: Acts 4:1-7

PM: Worshipping in Spirit and Truth—
Tim Loughry
Reading: John 4:23-24

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

Cleveland Clinic: **Marge Stacy**

Norm Wilkinson and **Wilbur Spindler** were in the hospital and are now at home.

Brenda Truex (**Brad Forshey's** sister) was in the hospital and is now at the Marietta Center, Room 519.

PRAYER LIST

David (Bert) Goddard (friend of **Nancy Ward**)

Josh Grimmet (friend of **Carla Baldwin**)
Betty Harris (**Ida's** daughter-in-law)

Added to prayer list: **Comer & Jean Fryman** (**Gertie's** brother-in-law and sister-in-law)

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

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Marge Stacy**, **Elaine Wallace**, and **Bev Dollison, Elsie Bowers, & Sarah Schafer**.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will be hosting the Friday Night Sing April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Schedules are available on the table in the foyer.

SUMMER SERIES

A list of speakers and topics for our Summer Series are available on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

As Jesus and his apostles went from village to village teaching several women also traveled with them. One of them was Joanna, who was her husband?

WHY TAKE A CHANCE

When we think of the many warnings there are relative to not taking unnecessary chances in our physical, business, and social lives, it makes us wonder why there are not more such warnings in our religious lives.

The attitude that anything is all right religiously so long as one is sincere has been developed to such a degree that most people hold no investigation whatsoever as to the truthfulness of the doctrines they live by. Why not, then, submit every point of doctrine to a rigid test by comparing it with the teaching of the Word of God on that point? Remember, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

In your study, always follow the course of interpretation that has no chance attached to it. If you find that you are right in your belief of a point, then you have lost nothing; and if you find that you are wrong, you will rejoice in that you have discovered your error before it is too late.

—Clifton Rogers

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There were no special healing agents in the water. The Jordan River had not cleansed the leper. God had done it, but He did not do it until Naaman had obeyed the divine command. It made no sense, but it worked. And, it worked because God said it would. What seemed a foolish thing to that leper was a clear demonstration of the wisdom of God.

What is the lesson for us? Many respond to the demand for baptism in much the same way Naaman responded to the command to dip in the Jordan. From the human perspective it makes no sense, and they will not do it! I don't mean to suggest for a moment that there is some special cleansing agent for the soul in water. We are cleansed by the blood of Christ (Ephesian 1:7). But, when does that cleansing occur? I submit to you that it does not take place until our faith is expressed through obedience to the divine will. Baptism is demanded (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). We must comply. It may seem foolish to us, but it expresses the wisdom of our Maker.

Remember, God's thoughts and ways are higher than our own. If we are wise, we will not argue with His demands. We will obey!

---Roger

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Kurt Harrison** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Joe Crone** is scheduled for Wednesday evening February 8th.

Don't forget that we have an elders and deacons meeting, a men's business meeting, and a soup and sandwich fellowship all scheduled for this afternoon and evening.

Tim Loughry will be our speaker this evening as our young men lead our worship. I hope you will make a concerted effort to be back tonight to hear **Tim** and encourage our young men.

I am sure you were all pleased to hear the announcement last Sunday that **Coen Eddy** had been baptized. Over the past four weeks we have had a total of ten baptisms, and for that we are very thankful. Two of the ten were the result of folks stopping by our building seeking assistance in obeying the gospel, and one resulted from visits to one of our local nursing homes.

If you haven't done so already, please note on your calendar our *Ladies' Tea* May 13, and our *Friends and Family Day* May 14. **Harold** and **Sally Shank** will be with us that weekend. **Sally** will speak to our ladies on the 13th and **Harold** will be speaking three times on the Lord's Day. In case you did not know, **Harold** is President of **Ohio Valley University**.

I will leave you with the following quotation: "When your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall." Enjoy your afternoon, and I will look forward to seeing you again this evening.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Ohio Valley University would like to invite you to celebrate Coach **Paul Jacoby's** retirement. This event will be on OVU's campus during Homecoming weekend, Saturday, February 11, from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in room 139.