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January 8, 2017

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LIVING BY THE RULES

Rules are absolutely essential to the well-being of society. Without rules anarchy would prevail. It would be impossible to play a game, mail a letter, or drive an automobile on the nations highways without rules. Rules, regulations and laws are essential for society to function in an orderly fashion.

Rules are also essential to our spiritual well-being. That is why God has given us the Bible. It provides the laws which govern our spiritual lives. Without the Bible we would all be on our own. In fact, many churches have essentially discarded the rule book, and as a result division and discord have become common place among professed believers. The situation will get worse as long as the rules are ignored.

Does God expect His people to abide by the rules? Listen to what He has to say. "Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you" (Deuteronomy 4:2 NIV). "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he

SCHEDULE

January 15, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Earl Schramm
Greg Cline

PM: Brad Forshey
Tim Gerber

PRAYER

AM: Harry Ogletree
Close—Randy Hague

PM: Les Mills
Close: Darrell Hague
1/18—Les Mills

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Paul Jacoby
PM: Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

Wed. 1/18—Brad Pierce

STATISTICS—January 1

Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Morning Worship.....	180
Evening Worship.....	89
Wednesday Classes.....	82
Contribution.....	4,318

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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 — Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Why does the gospel not appeal to most?

Reading: I Cor. 1:18-31

PM: Joel

Reading: Joel 2:28-32

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: **Wilda Piatt**

Jerry Miller, Marge Stacy, and Ed Green were in the hospital and are now at home.

Kaitlyn Hall had surgery Wednesday in Columbus.

Tina Keith was in the hospital and is now at Beckett House at New Concord.

PRAYER LIST

Wilma Burke (Darlene Ogletree's sister)

Jeff Butler

Marilyn Carrel (David's sister)

Added to prayer list: **Dave (Bert) Goddard** (friend of **Nancy Ward**)

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Wanda Johnson (Herma Eddy's sister-in-law)**. Memorial services were held Monday in Coshocton.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Phillips Elementary School, Marilyn Kirkbride, Kate Venham, Joe & Nancy Riggs, Ed Green, Marge Stacy, Betty Rossiter, and Don & Sharon Brooks.**

BAPTISMS

Mackenzie, Drew, & Elliott Ullman were baptized December 27. Please welcome them to this congregation. If you haven't met them yet, make a special effort to do so.

HEADS BOWED THE LOWEST

A farmer and his son went into the field to check the progress of the wheat crop. The boy looked across the waving grain stalks. He noticed that in the field many stalks were bending over while others were standing tall.

"Dad," he said. "Those stalks that are standing up must be the best of the bunch. They are holding their heads up proudly. They must be the best and are showing how proud they are by their upright position."

The father then took his boy out into the field to teach him a lesson. In the field he reached out and took hold of one of the heads of wheat that was standing up straight.

As his son inspected the head he saw that it had only a few small, insignificant, shriveled grains. Others of those heads had nothing at all. Those stalks that were bowed low had full, fine heads. Those with the fullest heads were bowed the lowest.

Life is the same way. Those who are the most humble are most of the time the ones with the most to give. It is humility that makes great people really great. The fullest heads should be bowed the lowest.

The Bible says that Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the death of the cross. His was the supreme example of humility at work.

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reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" (Proverbs 30:5, 6 KJV). "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18, 19 NASB).

The Bible is filled with stories of those who refused to live by the rules and suffered the consequences of their rebellion. It all began in the Garden when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit (Genesis 2:17; 3:1-18). From that point forward man, thinking he knows better than his Maker, has struggled with the rules. The problem is sin, and sin is essentially the result of breaking the rules (1 John 3:4).

Jesus was the only person to keep all the rules. He was a perfect man (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22). As a result, He died, not for His sins, but ours. Through Him, by His blood, we can have forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7). In faith we acknowledge His deity (John 8:24). Believing Him to be the Son of God, we must repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). His blood cleanses our soul, and He adds us to His church. And, as His disciples, we set out to live our lives according to His rules.

Are you living by the rules?

---Roger

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a _____ thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord.

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **How many of Jesus's disciples did he chose to be apostles? Twelve—Luke 6:13**

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Brad Pierce** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **John Dollison** is scheduled for Wednesday evening January 18th.

Don't forget The *Winter Training Series* hosted by the Dewey Avenue congregation in St. Marys is underway this month. Classes meet each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00. A list of teachers and the topics they will be discussing is posted on the board in the foyer.

Congratulations to **Laura Carpenter** and **Taylor Varnadoe**. This past December they both completed *Masters Degrees* in their respective fields. Way to go ladies. We are so proud of you!

Our young men are scheduled to lead our worship the last Sunday evening of this month. **Tim Loughry** will be our speaker that evening. Please note that on your calendar and make a special effort to be here to hear **Tim** and encourage our young men as they lead us in our worship.

I wanted to let you know, due to health reasons, **Glenn** and **Hope Hawkins**, who were originally scheduled to be with us this spring for our spring meeting and ladies tea, will not be coming. I know both of them would have done a great job, but certainly understand why they cannot come. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Lord willing, we will be having a *Friends and Family Day* May 14, and our ladies will have a *Ladies Tea* the afternoon of May 13. **Harold** and **Sally Shank** have agreed to be with us that weekend. Most of you know this lovely couple. **Harold** is President of *Ohio Valley University*, and he and **Sally** have worshipped with us in the past, and **Harold** has spoken a couple of times in our *Summer Series*. **Sally** will be speaking at the ladies tea the afternoon of the 13th, and **Harold** will speak at the Bible school hour, at our morning assembly, and again in the afternoon at 2:00. We plan to have a covered dish dinner and a sing prior to the afternoon service. I hope you are as excited about this weekend as I am!