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It's Just Your Opinion!

Some time ago an ecclesiastical court of bishops in the Episcopal Church dismissed heresy charges against a bishop who had ordained an openly homosexual man. The bishops ruled 7-1 that Walter C. Righter had violated neither the doctrine nor the discipline of the church when he ordained Barry Stopfel, an openly gay man. Although they made it clear they were not endorsing the ordination of sexually active gays and lesbians, most judges found nothing in the core doctrine of the church that prohibited it (The Columbus Dispatch, May 16, 1996).

A few decades ago such a verdict would have been unthinkable. Today, however, the climate has changed. Morality has little to do with religion. Right and wrong no longer exist. There are no absolutes. Everything is subjective. Anything goes! How did we get into this sad state?

First, the authority of the Bible has been undermined. The Scriptures are often held up to ridicule. Even those who claim to believe the sacred text, make no appeal to it in regard to faith and practice. The ecclesiastical

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SCHEDULE

June 12, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Dollison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tom Eddy
Earl Schramm

PM: Joe Crone
Brad Forshey

PRAYER

AM: Todd Hague
Close—Les Mills

PM: John Forshey
Close: Tom Eddy
6/15—John Dollison

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: Colton Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 6/15—Colton Eddy

STATISTICS—May 29

Sunday Bible Class.....	78
Morning Worship.....	202
Evening Worship.....	101
Wednesday Classes.....	90
Contribution.....	3,424

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PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Powdered Milk

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Advice to Graduates
Reading: Prov. 3:1-12

PM: A Great Sermon
Reading: II Tim. 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

Memorial: **Don Otto**

Charleston: **Betty McCormick** (Marge Schramm's mother) is scheduled for surgery Monday.

Pat Singer (Darlene Ogletree's sister) and **Gary Antill** were in the hospital and are now at home.

PRAYER LIST

John Snyder (friend of **Carla Baldwin**)

Phillip Spradlin (Les Mills' cousin)

Robin Stacy (Marge's daughter-in-law)

Added to prayer list: **Tammy Thomas** (**Robert Patterson Jr.**'s daughter)

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Adalynn Grace Smutz** (**Rodney Cunningham's** niece). A memorial service was held Wednesday in Michigan.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Sue Rummer**. Memorial services were held Friday at the McClure-Schafer-Lankford Funeral Home.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Pilate had a choice to release Jesus or some other prisoner. To please the multitude of people he chose to release Barabbas who was in prison for what crime?

1. He was a robber and thief
2. He had committed murder
3. He failed to pay his taxes
4. He was drunk and unruly

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **When Satan smote Job with boils, what advice did his wife give him? She said for him to curse God and die—Job 2:9**

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

The Friday Night Sing scheduled for June 10 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the 36th Street church of Christ.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **The Harold Rositer Family** and **The Jean Benson Family**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to proud parents **Rodney & Caitlyn Cunningham** at the birth of their baby boy, **Noah Lee**, May 31, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 21 inches long.

DVD/CD

If you would like DVDs or CDs of the Summer Series, please let **John Forshey** know.

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court of bishops in the Episcopal Church dismissed charges against a fellow bishop for ordaining an openly homosexual man because he had violated neither the doctrine nor the discipline of the church. Note, nothing was said about the biblical prohibitions against sexual immorality, including homosexuality (Leviticus 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10).

Second, in our society toleration has become the name of the game. Nothing is necessarily good or bad (Isaiah 5:20). Should we condemn a practice as sinful, some intellectual snob will quickly respond, "But that's just your opinion. Who are you to judge another?" Are there not some moral absolutes? Is it ever right to abuse a child? Is it ever right to run roughshod over the poor and downtrodden? Remember, if there are no moral absolutes, then nothing can be said to be either good or bad! To argue that the only absolute is that there are no absolutes is not an indication of enlightenment, but stupidity!

Third, evolution has removed God from the picture. Even though there is no evidence to support the notion that organic evolution is a viable explanation for origin, it continues to be taught as fact, while faith is ridiculed! It is not surprising that people who believe they evolved from animals have begun to act like animals. Isn't the violence in America today just an extension of the "survival of the fittest" philosophy? If so, who is to say that violence is wrong? Certainly not the enlightened, atheistic, amoral elite.

Maybe none of this matters to you, but it does to me. I have absolutely no control over the sinful things other people do, but when they do them no one is going to tell me that I have to approve of it. Morality, decency, honesty, and integrity still matter. Even if they don't matter to us, they matter to God. And that is not just my opinion!

---Roger

God is as necessary to your life as your next breath.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Special thanks to our young men for the great job they did leading our worship last Sunday evening, and to **Tim Loughry** in particular for his excellent message. Our next fifth Sunday will be July 31, and **Tanner Ogle** is scheduled to speak then.

Our thanks to **Steven Haguewood** for his message Wednesday evening. Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Randy Matheny** from the church in Summerville, PA. **Randy** is no stranger to the area, having grown up in Beverly. I regret that I will be unable to be here to hear **Randy**. I will be with the church in Sardis, OH this week for their VBS.

A new study of great chapters in the Bible got off to a good start this morning with **Harry Ogletree** leading us in an examination of Genesis 1 and 2. God willing, **Brad Pierce** will be our teacher next Sunday as we look at Deuteronomy 5. **Michael Morgan** is scheduled to teach the class on the 19th. He will be focusing on Isaiah 53.

If you did not know, **Michael, Lindsey** and **Owen Morgan** will be leaving us soon. **Michael** has accepted a position with *Thiel College* in Greenville, PA. It has been great to have them with us. **Michael** did his undergraduate work at *Marietta College*, and worshiped with us during that time. We were so excited to learn that he was returning to teach at his alma mater. Due to budget restraints, Marietta College eliminated a number of positions, and **Michael's** was the last position to go. We will certainly miss this special family! Our prayers are with them as they transition to their new home and job.

ANNUAL FATHER/SON CAMPOUT

The Annual Father/Son Campout is scheduled for August 5-7 at Wolf Run State Park. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tom Eddy**.