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May 22, 2016

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THE ROAD AHEAD

It is common to hear someone speak positively of Christ, and then say something derogatory toward His church. Usually, those who have negative things to say about the church are really speaking of organized religion. I honestly get it. Most modern examples of organized religion are a far cry from what we discover in the New Testament.

In my judgment, organized religion has been operating under the false assumption that it is necessary to give people what they want, rather than what God wants for them. It is not new, and the results are ultimately disastrous. Jeremiah described something similar in relationship to Israel and her prophets. He wrote: *An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?* (Jeremiah 5:30, 31 ESV). Isaiah offered a similar commentary regarding his contemporaries. *For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is*

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SCHEDULE

May 29, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Loughry

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Harry Ogletree
Joe Crone

PM: Brad Forshey
Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Michael Morgan
Close—Randy Feisley

PM: Todd Hague
Close: Darrell Hague
6/1—Earl Schramm

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: Colton Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 6/1—Brad Pierce

STATISTICS—May 15

Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Morning Worship.....	217
Evening Worship.....	120
Wednesday Classes.....	93
Contribution.....	5,029

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PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Canned Fruit

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived
Reading: John 1:1-5

PM: Eternal Security
Reading: II Peter 2:20-22

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

Robert Patterson, Jr. and **Sue Biehl** were in the hospital and are now at home.

Sue Rummer is now on hospice at Heartland.

Chase Theobald (**Etta Ritchie's** 9-year-old great grandson) is scheduled for his third open heart surgery on May 24 in Los Angeles.

PRAYER LIST

Diane Rogers (friend of **Gertie Fryman**)

Sherra "Sue" Rummer (friend of **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson**)

Carma Schilling (friend of **Pat Love**)

Added to prayer list: **Chase Theobald** (**Etta Ritchie's** great grandson)

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Harold "Pete" Rossiter** (**Susan Strauss & Molly Hutchinson's** father). Memorial services will be held Monday at 1:00 p.m. at McCurdy Funeral Home in Beverly with visitation Sunday 2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—8:00 p.m.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

What opinion did the Lord have of Job?

1. There was none other like him on earth
2. A perfect and upright man
3. One that feared God
4. He escheweth evil
5. All of the suggested answers are correct

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **Peter had made a vow that he would not deny Jesus. How many times did he deny knowing him before he remembered the vow? Three—Mark 14:66-72**

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The Friday Night Sings scheduled for May 27 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Lubeck, Eastside, and Elkins churches of Christ.

THE TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside himself. He said, "My son, it is between two wolves. One is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."

---Author unknown

BAPTISM

Gabbie Gramkow was baptized on Wednesday, May 18. Please welcome **Gabbie** to this congregation.

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right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 30:9-11 ESV).

People lack appreciation for the church because they do not understand her purpose. The church is more like a hospital than a country club. Yet, people act like it is a country club. We should see the church for what we can give rather than what we can get. Worship should prepare us for a week of work for Christ, not entertain us for an hour. The emphasis should be service and not serve us!

Perhaps it is a reflection of my age, but when I think of an appropriate analogy for the church, I think of the old fashioned service stations I remember as a child. You went there on a regular basis to refuel your car. Not only did they fill your tank, they checked your oil, cleaned your windshield, and checked the air in your tires. If you had mechanical problems, they would take care of those, too. It truly was a service station! You left prepared for the road ahead. In a sense, worship should also prepare us for the road ahead.

We should leave each assembly with full hearts, a clear vision, and cleansed souls. Problems (sin) must not be ignored. Repairs (repentance) must occur. Directions for the road ahead must come from His holy word.

---Roger

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY—TEACHERS, ELDERS, & DEACONS WORKSHOP

The Ohio Valley University Teachers, Elders, and Deacons Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 6. Registration is \$15 per person and includes lunch. For more details, please contact **Missy Wayt** at (304) 865-6003 or online at ovu.edu/TeachersEldersDeacons.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our thanks to all of you who stayed for the graduate reception last Sunday evening. I know our graduates appreciated your presence and encouragement. Also, special thanks to the ladies who decorated and served the refreshments.

Next Sunday evening our young men will be leading our worship. **Tim Loughry** will be our speaker that evening. Please note that on your calendar and do your best to be here to support and encourage them.

As a result of the *Memorial Day* holiday, the office will be closed May 30. You may want to note that on your calendar. As always, if you need something and the office is closed, do not hesitate to call my home or cell phone.

This Wednesday evening we will conclude our study of 2 Corinthians. The following Wednesday evening our *2016 Summer Series* will begin. Our first speaker will be **Steven Haguewood** from the North End congregation in Parkersburg. While **Steven** is with us I will be with the North End church as their *Summer Series* gets underway.

God willing, next Sunday morning we will conclude our study of the Holy Spirit. The first Sunday in June we will begin a study of great chapters in the Bible. **Harry Ogletree** will kick off our study with an examination of Genesis 1 and 2. The following Sunday **Brad Pierce** will lead us in a study of Deuteronomy 5.

ANNUAL STEPPING STONES COMMUNITY SALE

The Annual Stepping Stones Community Sale is scheduled for July 14-16. We are looking for gently used items to sell. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact **Leachelle Moore** at (304) 210-8416 or leachelle.moore@ovu.edu to set up a drop-off time. The sale will take place in the Ohio Valley University student center on south campus and donations will be collected there. All proceeds go to OVU.