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**May 8, 2016**

**ELDERS**

John Dollison  
Kurt Harrison  
Roger Rush

**DEACONS**

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

**MINISTER**

Roger Rush

**JUST A CHRISTIAN**

Charles L. Allen, in his book **God's Psychiatry** makes the following observation: "I am a Methodist, but I could be just as good a Christian as a Baptist or as a Presbyterian or in any denomination which says with Peter, 'Thou are Christ, the son of the living God'" (page 49). Mr. Allen expressed the sentiments of many in the religious world. The implications of what he said are clear. Denominational ties are unimportant!

I have some questions for Mr. Allen and all those who share a similar view. If denominational ties are unimportant, why not sever them? Wouldn't it be wonderful if all who acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God, would unite under the banner of the cross? What a tremendous force for good such a multitude would be (John 17:20,21). Why not be just a Christian, nothing more or nothing less?

Of course this could not be done without giving up some of the cherished practices of the denominational world. Sprinkling, pouring and

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**SCHEDULE**

May 15, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Eddy

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**

**AM:** Tim Loughry  
Michael Morgan

**PM:** Brad Forshey  
Russ Schramm

**PRAYER**

**AM:** Harry Ogletree  
Close—Randy Feisley

**PM:** Earl Schramm  
Close: Greg Cline  
5/18—Tom Eddy

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Paul Jacoby

**PM:** Kurt Harrison

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Tim Wells

**Wed.** 5/18—Greg Cline

**STATISTICS—May 1**

Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Morning Worship.....	211
Evening Worship.....	117
Wednesday Classes.....	84
Contribution.....	4,740

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**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Honoring Mothers  
Reading: Prov. 31:10-31

**PM:** Jesus—The Old, Old Story  
Reading: Matt. 1:18-25

## 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

**Betty McCormick's** (Marge Schramm's mother) surgery was cancelled until further testing.

**Louise McDonald** and **Randy Nolan** are now at home.

## PRAYER LIST

**Shirley Overholt** (Michelle Kelley's grandmother)

**Johney Patterson** (Jerry's nephew)

**Rosemary Peck** (Sharon Anderson's sister)

## FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The Friday Night Sings will be held May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belle and Chandlersville churches of Christ.

## PANTRY

The pantry items of the week are spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.

Sixteen families received food from our pantry last month.

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

What crime did the high priest charge Jesus with?

1. He had healed those that were sick
2. He was disobedient to the governor
3. He was charged with blasphemy
4. The priest believed many who made false witness

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **When the band of men with the chief priests came to arrest Jesus, one of the disciples cut off the ear of Malchus, a servant of the high priest. Who used his sword to do that? Peter—John 18:10**

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mike Hart** (Natasha Lemasters Hart's husband). Memorial services were held Wednesday at the Hadley Funeral Home in Reno.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Lori Palmer** (Beth Arman's granddaughter). A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. at Roberts Funeral Home.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Jean Benson**. A memorial service was held Wednesday at the McClure-Schafer-Lankford Funeral Home.

## OVU GOSPEL QUARTET CONCERT

The Ohio Valley University is hosting a Gospel Quartet Concert June 4 at 4:30 p.m. at the OVU Alumni Gymnasium. Admission is \$5 at the door and free for children 12 and under. For more information, please call (304) 210-4046.

## TEACHERS

Material for summer quarter is available in the library.

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infant baptism would vanish for lack of biblical authority. There would be no more spaghetti suppers or bingo parties in the name of religion, but the Lord's work would be financed through the free will offerings of Christians (I Corinthians 16:1,2). All sectarian names would cease, and men would be Christians only (Acts 11:26). There would be no earthly headquarters for the church, and no outside control over the local congregation. Christ and His word would be our only authority (1 Peter 4:11).

Is it possible to be just a Christian? Absolutely! That's exactly what we discover as we read the New Testament. Not a single denomination is mentioned. Not one! Why should there be any today?

Would you like to be a Christian?

—Roger

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

May 9 –13—Crum Ridge church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Sam Bartrug**

May 15-19—Harmar Hill church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Ed Melott**

May 15-19—Main Street church of Christ—Various Guest Speakers

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Little Hocking church of Christ would like to invite you to their Vacation Bible School scheduled June 6-8 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Start each day with a smile. It just might be more satisfying than a big breakfast.

We shouldn't worry—because that's what people do who don't have a father like ours.

## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Today is Mother's Day. This is one holiday worthy of celebration. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, make sure she knows how much you love and appreciate her.

Next Sunday evening will be our graduate reception. Every year around this time we pause to recognize our graduates. I hope you will make a special effort to be here next Sunday for the evening assembly and the reception which will follow.

My thanks to **Tim Loughry** for filling in for me Wednesday evening. **Tim** concluded our study of 1 Corinthians. We plan to begin our study of 2 Corinthians this Wednesday evening. We would be happy to have you join us for that study.

Just so you know, we will be hosting services at the *Marietta Center* during the month of July. Those services begin at 2:00 and conclude promptly at 2:30. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. I will need someone to lead singing at each session. Song leaders, please look at your schedules and let me know which Sunday or Sundays in July you will be available.

We are also scheduled to be at the *Arbors* one Sunday afternoon this fall. The date for that service is September 18. I will have more to say about that service when the time comes.

Our annual *VBS Kid's Day* is scheduled for July 12. There will be an organizational meeting later this month in preparation for that day. Again, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them.

It is simply remarkable how the apostle Paul covered so much territory and accomplished so much without a car.