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**November 27, 2016**

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**MONEY PROBLEMS**

Someone has suggested that there are two basic causes for trouble in marriage: “not finding in marriage what one expected to find, and not expecting what one actually finds.” The fact is, no marriage is trouble free. In the best of marriages there are ups and downs. Couples generally expect to find three things in marriage - stability, security, and predictability. There are times in every marriage when one or more of these expectations will not be realized.

What is often the cause of marital problems? One might think it is sexual incompatibility, infidelity, or in-law trouble, but financial worries are the root cause of the greatest number of marital disagreements. Family conflict, interpersonal strife, anger, and frustration are all related directly or indirectly to the pursuit and management of money. Money is not the problem, but rather our attitude toward money, and our inefficiency in handling it wisely. Learning how to set up and stick to a budget can go a long way in building a meaningful and lasting marriage.

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**SCHEDULE**

December 4, 2016

**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  
12/7—Earl Schramm

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Perry Varnadoe

**PM:** Joe Crone

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Tim Wells

**Wed.** 12/7—John Forshey

**STATISTICS—November 20**

Sunday Bible Class.....	88
Morning Worship.....	185
Evening Worship.....	100
Wednesday Classes.....	78
Contribution.....	5,735

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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 — Crackers**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** The Power of Words  
Reading: James 3:1-12

**PM:** The Signs of Apostasy  
Reading: Acts 20:25-32

## 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

**Ethel Hendershot** was in the hospital and is now at Heartland.

**Marilyn Kirkbride** is at the Marietta Center.

## PRAYER LIST

**Charles Tomas** (Melinda Calvert's father)

**Joan VanFossen** (friend of Dorothy Wilkinson)

**Zachary VanTassel** (Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson's son-in-law)

## IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS

This past Thursday many in our nation celebrated a national holiday called "Thanksgiving." When one listens to some of the media reports about America, one is made to wonder if they will be thankful for anything this week. The question is, did Thanksgiving find you truly thankful?

Christians are to live a thankful life. Paul writes, "In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

Thanksgiving is according to the will of God. The text states it very clearly, the Christian's thanksgiving rests on "the will of God." Why should a Christian not want to be thankful when he or she considers

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the bountiful blessings we enjoy in life? Besides, the Christian has before him in Christ the supreme example of doing God's will (Heb. 10:7). God's will is known, desirable and practical.

Thanksgiving is universal in sphere. The text says, "in every thing" we are to give thanks. There are no exceptions. The Christian has so much to be thankful for if he would only stop and think! We ought to be grateful for the privilege of our existence in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-27). We ought to be thankful for continued grace that is ours by being in Christ (I Thess. 1:1; Eph. 1:2). We ought to be thankful for our opportunities for spiritual growth in Christ (II Peter 3:18) as we produce the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). We ought to be thankful for the hope that anchors our soul as we move toward heaven (Heb. 6:19).

Thanksgiving is located in the sphere of Christ. The divine text states, "in Christ Jesus concerning you." This represents the sphere in which the divine will is known. In Jesus Christ, we have One who strengthens us so that we can do all things (Phil. 4:13).

Thanksgiving is a quality of the Christian's inner life. The Christian life does not depend upon how many material things we possess (Luke 12:15), but rather the Christian life depends upon the inner riches of one's life with God. This is why Paul writes, "But my God shall supply all you need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Thanksgiving results from one's strength in Christ. As we walk faithfully with Christ, we will be more grateful daily. Moses said, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). As Paul learned this lesson, so should we. He wrote of his strength in Christ, "my grace is sufficient for thee: my strength is made perfect in your weakness" (II Cor. 12:9). God made us, God loves us, and God saves us through His strength from God and His Word ought to make us eternally grateful. His strength enables us to live joyfully and to handle our problems because with Him we live strong lives.

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It is not money, but the love of money which the Bible says is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Money should be seen as a gift from God to be used wisely and managed carefully. What we have is not ours, but belongs to God. It has been loaned to us that it might be used not hoarded. The Bible offers many warnings regarding our attitude toward money and the things money can buy (Matthew 6:19-21; 16:26; 19:16-26; Luke 12:13-21; 16:19-31).

A marriage will have far fewer problems where money's proper place is clearly defined. From a Biblical perspective, money should be gained honestly (Proverbs 28:20), invested carefully (Matthew 25:14-30), spent realistically (Romans 13:8), and shared joyfully (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Credit can be a marvelous thing when handled wisely, but can wreck a marriage when carelessly used. At all cost, try to avoid money problems. Get the facts regarding your income and expenditures. Establish realistic goals. Set priorities. Make a budget and stick to it. Following simple Biblical principles regarding money management will go a long way toward building a stable marriage.

---Roger

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Fill in the missing words from this verse in Proverbs. \_\_\_\_\_ goeth before destruction, and an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit before a fall.

Answer next week/Answer to last week's question: **Simon and other fishermen had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them to try again and what happened? There were so many fish in their net that it was breaking—Luke 5:5-6**

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## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Tim Loughry** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Brad Pierce** is scheduled for Wednesday evening December 7th.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday. I regret that **Diane** and I were unable to attend, but we thoroughly enjoyed our time away with our kids and grandkids. It is, however, great to be back with you today.

Again, my thanks to **Harry Ogletree**, **Kurt Harrison**, and **Tim Loughry** for filling in for me.

Ladies, don't forget our *Thursday Ladies Class* will resume this week.

Because I have been away for three Sundays this fall, our Sunday morning Bible study on *Ancient History and Modern Geography* will continue into the month of December, but we will be wrapping it up soon. I have not yet determined what will follow, but will be making that decision in the near future. If you have a suggestion, let me know as soon as possible.

Again this January we plan to assist with the **Hope for Haiti's Children Medical Mission**. We will be supplying 1154 pens for the kids. If you would like to help, please place your donation in the container in the foyer. **Adam** will transport them to Haiti for us. If you would like to assist with money to help provide a breakfast snack when the children arrive, as well as a lunch (primarily of beans and rice) each day, leave your money in the office or give your check to one of the elders. **Adam** tells me that almost all the children complain of stomach aches, for the most part because they have not eaten before he sees them. Also, we do not contribute to **Adam's** trip. He funds that entirely by himself. All we give goes directly to the kids.

## BABY SHOWER

A baby shower is planned for **Isaac Bettinger**, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. If you would like to contribute towards gifts, please see **Barb Hickman**, **Pat Ralson**, or **Glenda Stanley**.