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**October 16, 2016**

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**NOT ENOUGH MONEY**

The love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). There is an event in the history of Israel during the forty years they spent in the wilderness that is familiar to all good Bible students. Balak, king of Moab, sought the services of the prophet Balaam. Balaam was offered a huge sum of money to curse the children of Israel. He found the offer quite appealing. The story is well known because Balaam’s donkey is said to have talked (Numbers 22:21-30).

What I find most striking about the whole incident is Balaam’s response to the messengers of Balak. He said, “Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with silver and gold, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the Lord my God” (Numbers 22:18). As the story unfolds, it becomes clear that Balaam would have liked to curse Israel, but God would not allow it. Balaam could have been bought had God not prevented it. I have heard it said that for enough money a man could be persuaded to do anything. I don’t believe it, though in Balaam’s case it was probably true!

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**SCHEDULE**

October 23, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kurt Harrison

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**

**AM:** Tom Eddy

Todd Hague

**PM:** Randy Nolan

Brad Forshey

**PRAYER**

**AM:** John Forshey

Close—Earl Schramm

**PM:** Joe Crone

Close: Greg Cline

10/26—Tom Eddy

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Tyson Brewer

**PM:** John Dollison

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Brad Pierce

**Wed.** 10/26—Brad Pierce

**STATISTICS—October 9**

Sunday Bible Class..... 92

Morning Worship..... 188

Evening Worship..... 103

Wednesday Classes..... 96

Contribution..... 4,288

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**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Jelly**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Seven Four Letter Words  
Reading: I Cor. 2:1-5

**PM:** Psalm 23  
Reading: Psalm 23

## 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: **Betty Rossiter (Susan Strauss' mother)**

**Thelma Feisley (Randy's mother)** was in the hospital and is now staying with her daughter.

## PRAYER LIST

**Hailley Parsons & Family (friends of Lou Fryman)**

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

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Christian, Rachel,** and **Isaac Bettinger** and **Ruth Dailey.**

## JOB OPENING—LOVE & CARE

Love & Care Assisted Living is currently seeking a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to add to our staff. If you are interested, please call **DeDe Cook** or **Sandy Penco** at Love & Care at 304-863-8950 M-F between 9 am—3 pm.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING

The Friday Night Sing scheduled for October 21 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the West Ripley church of Christ.

## A SHORT YARDSTICK

The story is told of an old-time general store back in the country. A government inspector came out one day, checked the yardstick and found it to be an inch short of the approved standard. It would not have done the store keeper any good to argue that an inch is a small matter and continue to use the false standard. If he would continue in his error, fines would be paid, and his reputation would be ruined. An inch can be very significant.

However, in the religious realm, folks often argue that certain things are small matters and not that important. It may have seemed to be a small matter for the sons of Aaron, the High Priest of Israel, to offer unauthorized fire before the Lord, It was fire, and what was the big deal about where it came from? No doubt they considered it to be a small insignificant thing, but they paid for their mistake with their lives (Lev. 10:1-3).

Concerning instrumental music, immersion, money schemes, and other innovations, people say, "Such are small matters; say nothing of them." But who are we to decide what is a small matter and what is a big one? Even if the storekeeper thought that one inch was a small matter, the Washington official was the one to decide. Though we may consider some things insignificant in the worship and work of the church, it is not our place to decide what is significant; the divine model given in the Bible is our only standard; we had better bury our own standards and follow the inspired one.

—H. Randall Baker

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to unlock and lock the building for the months of November and December. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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Jesus raised this question: "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:26). No amount of money can compensate for the loss of a soul! Yet, folks sometimes sell out for next to nothing. Men have ruined their lives and jeopardized their souls for a few dollars.

The Bible doesn't say that money is inherently evil. But, with wealth comes greater responsibilities and greater temptations. Timothy was told: "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hopes in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19). It was good advice then, and it's good advice now!

There is not enough money in all the world to compensate for the loss of a soul, and we would be wise not to forget it!

---Roger

## SHOPPING TRIP

A shopping trip is planned to the outlet mall in Washington, PA on October 29. If you are interested in going, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer, or **Kelly VanWey** with any questions.

## GET TOGETHER

Please mark your calendar for our Thanksgiving luncheon, Sunday, November 20, following the morning worship service. Meat and rolls will be provided. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber.**

## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **John Dollison** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Kurt Harrison** is scheduled for Wednesday evening October 26th.

I enjoyed the meeting with the church in New Philadelphia, but it is good to be back with you today. Again, my thanks to those who covered for me last week.

If you take a public role in our worship, you are asked to remain in the auditorium following our morning assemble for a very brief meeting about the use of our microphones. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

God willing, we are planning again this fall to provide new coats for needy kids in the *Marietta City School District*. If you would like to contribute toward this project, please leave your money in the office. If you would like to purchase a coat or coats for this project, leave those in the office as well. We should have some idea of the number and size of the coats needed in a few days.

The *West Virginia School of Preaching* in Moundsville will begin their annual lectureship next Sunday. The lecture program will run through Thursday. A list of speakers and topics is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Our young men will be leading our worship Sunday evening, October 30. **Brad Pierce** is scheduled to be our speaker. Please make a special effort to be here to hear **Brad** and encourage our young men.

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Mary went to visit Elizabeth while they were both expecting. How long did she stay?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **The angel told the virgin Mary she would have a son and Mary said how can this be as I have not known a man? The angel said it was from God and what did he add as proof? For with God nothing shall be impossible—Luke 1:37**