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**September 4, 2016**

**ELDERS**

John Dollison  
Kurt Harrison  
Roger Rush

**DEACONS**

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

**MINISTER**

Roger Rush

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

Harry Ogletree

**FAMILY VALUES**

Few would dispute the fact that marriage, home, and the family have been under assault of late. The breakdown of the home is one of the most significant problems we face. There was a time in our history when family ties were close and solid, but that time has passed for many families. This is a problem we cannot afford to ignore.

What has caused the disintegration of the American family? Several factors are involved. Among them are: 1) the high divorce rate, 2) acceptance of alternate life styles (living together outside of marriage, homosexual unions), 3) rampant sexual immorality, 4) the mobility of society (the average family moves once every five years), 5) materialism (the belief that we need to have more has pulled young mothers out of the home and into the work force), and 6) the breakdown of traditional religious values. These factors and others are combining to destroy the traditional American family. Can anything be done?

The only solution is a return to the Biblical framework for marriage and family. The home was the first institution ordained by God, and it was

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**SCHEDULE**

September 11 , 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tim Loughry

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**

**AM:** Joe Crone

Earl Schramm

**PM:** Harry Ogletree

Brad Forshey

**PRAYER**

**AM:** Todd Hague

Close—Les Mills

**PM:** John Forshey

Close: Kurt Harrison

9/14—John Dollison

**SCRIPTURE READER**

**AM:** Bill McFarland

**PM:** Colton Eddy

**SONG LEADER**

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** Brad Pierce

**Wed.** 9/7—Colton Eddy

**STATISTICS—August 28**

Sunday Bible Class..... 99

Morning Worship..... 219

Evening Worship..... 102

Wednesday Classes..... 92

Contribution..... 3,374

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**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Syrup**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Labor Day Lessons  
Reading: II Thess. 3:6-15

**PM:** Malachi's Message  
Reading: Mal. 1:1-5

## 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: **Kenny Born**

**Carol Mincks** was in the hospital and is now at Belpre Landing.

**Don Otto, Buddy Elders, and Betty Rittenhouse (Sharon Anderson's sister)** are now at home.

## PRAYER LIST

**Ben Holloway (Kristin Talley's cousin)**

**Romona Hosey (Ida's great grandson)**

**Dave Huron (friend of Carla Baldwin)**

Added to prayer list: **Hailey Russell (Dorothy Wilkinson's great niece)**

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Eddy** who passed away August 24. A private memorial service will be held by the family.

## THE STORMS OF LIFE

*"For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward" (Job 5:6-7), NAS).*

Man lives in a world filled with troubles, as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble-filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. Even Christians are not immune to such problems. As Christians we do have some special blessings from God. Likewise, God cares for His own in a special way. Unfortunately though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's. But as Christians, we are admonished to "think so as to have sound judgment" (Rom. 12:3). Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off than we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet. Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluded with, "Lord, forgive me when I whine."

I read some time back of some devastating cyclones which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother—a total of 31 family members (16 were members of the Lord's church). This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. But Job survived, and so can we. Regardless of the extremity of any problems you might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for yourself, just remember a few basic facts:

1. Others have worse problems
2. Things could be worse
3. Usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad
4. Count the blessings that you have

In every tragedy you can look at what you've lost and be hateful, or you can look

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meant to be lasting (Genesis 1:28; Matthew 19:9). The home should be the center for spiritual, emotional, and physical growth. It should be the place where love is nurtured and cultivated. It is the place where values are instilled. It is in the home that respect for God, country, and fellow human beings is learned. Home is the heart of society. The ties that bind us to home and family must be strong and lasting. Couples must bring commitment to marriage. Children must be seen as precious gifts from God, and parents must make the sacrifices of time, talent and resources necessary to insure that they have a solid foundation upon which to build. How can we expect our children to have values if we have none?

There are no real government solutions to this crisis. In fact, part of the problem stems from the belief that it is government's role to baby sit, feed, clothe, educate, and provide health care for our children. What we really need is not more government programs, but more individual responsibility and accountability. In essence, what we need are parents who will be parents and raise their children to be productive citizens. The church can help in that regard, but not even the church can replace the home.

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote: "And where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts. The chain may lengthen, but it never parts." May God help us to build better homes.

---Roger

## BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Answer next week/Answer to Last week's question: **An angel told Zacharias that he and his wife Elizabeth would bear a son and what were they to name him? John—Luke 1:13**

## THE STORMS OF LIFE (con't)

at what you have left and be grateful. May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life.

## RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our *2016 Summer Series* is now history, and from my perspective it was one of our best. Our thanks to **Rodney Bettinger** for serving as our guest song leader Wednesday evening as our series concluded.

With the beginning of a new quarter in our Bible School program, **Tim Loughry** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Les Mills** will have the devo on the 14th.

I hope you enjoyed the start of our new study on ancient geography and modern history, and that you will make a special effort to be here each week. We are looking at current events in the context of the history and geography of the Middle East.

The office will be closed tomorrow for the Labor Day holiday. As always, should you need anything, do not hesitate to call my home or cell phone. If I am not available just leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Our congratulations to **Marjorie Stacy** on the occasion of her 90th birthday (September 19). As you know, a reception is planned immediately following our morning assembly today in honor of this special milestone in **Marj's** life, and you all are invited to stay for a light lunch and share in the celebration. It is especially good to have all her family with us this morning.

This coming Wednesday evening we will return to our study of 2 Corinthians, and we will all be sitting in the back section of the auditorium. This week we will review what we have learned thus far, and the following week we will pick up where we left off in the spring. Handouts will be available Wednesday evening for chapters 7 and 8.

God willing, September 18 I will be with the church in Spencer, WV for a gospel meeting. **Harry Ogletree** will speak at our morning and evening assemblies that Sunday, **Kurt Harrison** will teach my Sunday morning class, and **Tim Loughry** will teach my Wednesday evening class. My thanks to each of these men for their willingness to fill in for me!