

SCHEDULED TO SERVE FEBRUARY 18:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **B. CAMPBELL**
 SONG DIRECTOR: am **M. HOOD**
 pm **Ju. RICE**
 PRAYER: am **J. RICE**
 pm **De. HOOD**
 READING: **Jo. RICE**
 WAIT ON TABLE **B. CAMPBELL**
H. JUNG
 SERVE CONGREGATION **W. GEHO**
G. DURIG
 CLOSING PRAYER: am. **JR. DAUGHERTY**
 pm **R. McCOY**

Wednesday Invitation: February 14, 2024
Bruce Grim

PREPARE COMMUNION—February 2024
Stacey Brown

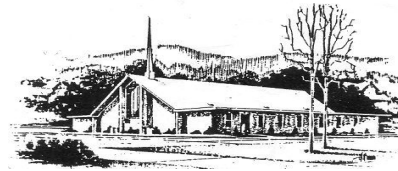
WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sunday
 Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Week of
 February 4

Bible Study	33
AM Worship	45
PM Worship	25
Wednesday	25



February 11, 2024

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MESSENGER

TREATING ONE ANOTHER WITH DIGNITY

What does it mean to treat one another with dignity? Dignity, most commonly, refers to the honor we confer on other people. The Bible commands us to "Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17). The word *honor* translates a Greek word which implies the idea of showing high regard for someone, to honor and revere such important individual. As Christians, we are called to honor all people because they are made in the image of God (cf. Gen. 1:26-27). God requires us to honor those who are in authority because their office is appointed by Him, so to be ministers of righteousness (cf. Dan. 2:21; Rom. 13:1-4). However, above all, we are commanded to honor God: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. . . . He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion!" (1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16).

Dignity can also refer to the character or the accomplishments of someone. Paul told Titus: "in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified" (Titus 2:7). The word *dignified* refers to the pattern of moral behavior that warrants praise from other people. In this sense, honor is not fitting for a fool: "Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool. . . . Like one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool" (Prov. 26:1, 8).

The noble woman in Proverbs 31 is described as wearing dignity like clothing. The passage reads: "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue" (Prov. 31:25-26). "Strength and dignity" are the established attractive qualities of her character, which are obvious to others who hear her words of "wisdom" and "the teaching of kindness" that flows from her lips.

There is also a dignity that is due to people because of their status in society:

- ◆ The aged: "You shall rise up before the gray headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD" (Lev. 19:32),
- ◆ Parents: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you." (Ex. 20:12),
- ◆ Widows: "Honor widows who are widows indeed" (1 Tim. 5:3),
- ◆ Church elders: "The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17).

Obviously, honor and respect are not the same. In fact, we may not respect the values and actions of some people, yet we can honor them as parents or public officials. At the most basic level we can dignify people by recognizing their value as human beings made in the image of God and able to reason, feel, and make moral choices (Gen. 1:26-27). We treat one another with dignity when:

- ◆ we "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law." (Rom. 13:8),
- ◆ we "do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" (Gal. 6:10),
- ◆ we "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves" (Philip. 2:3),
- ◆ we "do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philip. 2:4).

This was Jesus' attitude! (Philip. 2:5).

Paolo Di Luca

God's Plan for Man's Salvation

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30

The Gospel Must be **HEARD**

Rom. 10:17 John 8:32

The Gospel Must be **BELIEVED**

John 8:24 Mark 16:16

Sins Must be **REPENTED OF**

Luke 13:3, 5 Acts 2:38

Christ Must be **CONFESSED**

Matt. 10:32-33 Rom. 10:10

There Must Be **BAPTISM**

(Immersion) for the Remission of Sins

Acts 2:38 1 Peter 3:21

There Must Be **CHRISTIAN**

GROWTH and **FAITHFULNESS**

1 Peter 2:2 Rev. 2:10

2 Peter 3:18

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We are honored to have you with us today. Please return this evening (6:30) and Wednesday evening (7:00) for our mid-week Bible Study.

If you have any questions about what we do during worship, we invite you to speak with our minister. His name and contact information is on the back of today's bulletin.



Power Country 99.5 FM(radio)--7:30 am
WTRF 7(TV)- Wheeling, WV--6:30am
WTOV 9(TV)- Steubenville, OH--10:00am

"A Sin-Sick Soul"
February 18, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING
February 11--17, 2024

Sunday, February 11--Leviticus 21--22
Monday, February 12--Leviticus 23--24
Tuesday, February 13--Leviticus 25--27
Wed., February 14--Numbers 1--4
Thursday, February 15--Numbers 5--7
Friday, February 16--Numbers 8--11
Saturday, February 17--Leviticus 12--15

KEEP IN PRAYER

Family:

Joyce Campbell--Multiple Sclerosis
 Rona Grimm
 Clair Twyman
 Danny Goff & family--Parkinson's disease
 Wilbur Dawson
 Joyce Greathouse
 Bill Caputo
 Janelle Antill & family
 Tony Williams
 Naomi Noland
 Ed Ford
 Lorene Eddy

Friends:

Sean Klug--Health issues
 Glendora Ellas (Cumberledge's niece)
 Lucille Haught (Carla Haught's mother)
 Kim Haught (Carla Haught's sister/health issues)
 Carl Haught (Carla Haught's father)
 Terry Varner
 Ray Zagorski (G. Zagorski's cousin)
 Julie Philips (friend of Bruce & Carmen Grim)
 Lorene Eddy's son, Danny
 Cindy Di Luca's brother, Mike Inman
 Scott Johnson (Sandy Geho's brother)
 Byron Henbest (Potter Children's Home)
 David Hamilton (Potter Children's Home)
 Jeff Harris--Chemo treatments
 Nursing Home Residents
 Zack Lamp--Sue Skinner's nephew

Janelle Antill's son, Trenton, was admitted to Camden Clark earlier in the week, but was able to return back home Wednesday.

Tony Williams, Lisa Rice's brother, had eye surgery on Wednesday. Everything went well. They will know more about how successful it was as time goes on, but things look promising right now.

Todd Hood, Dave Hood's brother, recently had back surgery and is home. He will be doing rehab.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

THERE WILL BE A TACO FELLOWSHIP/ DEVOTION/ GAMES DAY AT THE BUILDING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 1-4 PM. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER FOR SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT FOR TACOS. DESSERTS ARE ALSO WELCOME!!



Congratulations to Tom & Bonnie Foster on the birth of their new grandson, Ayden Brian Strother. He was born February 9th weighing in at 7 lbs.11 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Mother and son are doing well. Please keep Tom & Bonnie in your prayers as they are traveling there to be with them.

DO NOT BE WORRIED

Have you ever struggled with worry? Are you worried about something right now? I think it is safe to say that every person has dealt with worry before. It is a common struggle that can debilitate us in our lives. Thankfully Jesus gives some solutions to the problem in *Matthew 6:25-34*. Consider four things that the Lord says we must do to combat this problem effectively.

I. Check your priorities (Matt. 6:25).

- ◆ Is Jesus saying that all worrying is wrong and sinful? No. Some things having concern over can be a sign of spiritual maturity.
- ◆ Jesus is not saying we need to be lazy and have no concern over our financial future (*Prov. 6:6-11*). He is not saying that we should not have anxiety over the spiritual welfare of weak brethren (*2 Cor. 11:28-29*) or that we should not worry about our souls if we are currently living in sin (*Ps. 51*).
- ◆ In *Matthew 6:25*, Jesus is speaking of worry that leads to us being consumed with the things of the world and becoming unfruitful in the service of God (*Matt. 6:19-24; 13:22*).
- ◆ Are we doing what Jesus says in *Matthew 6:33*? Or, are we like those in *Matthew 6:32*?

II. Put your trust in God (Matt. 6:26-31).

- ◆ If God will take care of the things of nature, how much more will He take care of us? Consider the birds of the air (*v. 26*). Consider the lilies of the field (*vv. 28-29*). Consider the grass (*v. 30*).
- ◆ Do we believe in the promises of *Matthew 6:33* and *Proverbs 3:5-6*?

III. Understand that worrying will not change anything (Matt. 6:27).

- ◆ Has worrying ever made your life better? All it does is eat up the limited time we have on this earth (*James 4:14*).
- ◆ Instead of being consumed with worry, we need to pray to God (*1 Peter 5:6-7; Philip. 6-7*). We also need to trust Him and count our blessings! Doing these things will help us keep a proper perspective on life.

IV. Take life one day at a time (Matt. 6:34).

- ◆ Before dealing with tomorrow, we first have to get through today!
- ◆ We need to challenge ourselves to "stop and smell the roses." Life is too short not to savor the good things God provides.
- ◆ We need to understand that there is only so much we can do in a day.
- ◆ We need to use today to do the things most important (*Matt. 6:33*).

Remember, if you are not right with God, you need to be worried about that. In fact, beyond being worried, you need to do something about that right now!