

SCHEDULED TO SERVE MARCH 24:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **B. CAMPBELL**
 SONG DIRECTOR: am **B. CAMPBELL**
 pm **Ju. RICE**
 PRAYER: am **JR. DAUGHERTY**
 pm **Da. HOOD**
 READING: **M. HOOD**
 WAIT ON TABLE **H. JUNG**
D. MELOTT
 SERVE CONGREGATION **B. REED**
T. FOSTER
 CLOSING PRAYER: am **B. GRIM**
 pm **G. DURIG**

Wednesday Invitation: March 20, 2024
Justin Rice

PREPARE COMMUNION—March 2024
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MESSENGER

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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
 March 10

Bible Study	36
AM Worship	54
PM Worship	33
Wednesday	29

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

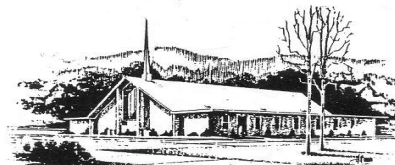
Acts 2:38 1 Peter 3:21

There Must Be **CHRISTIAN**

GROWTH and **FAITHFULNESS**

1 Peter 2:2 Rev. 2:10

2 Peter 3:18



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PAUL'S EXAMPLE

The apostle Paul praises the younger preacher Timothy writing: "Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!" (2 Tim. 3:10-11).

It is important that we follow examples, in particular the ones who are worthy of imitation such as the ones of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi saying: "Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" (Philip. 3:17). When the apostle of the Gentiles wrote to the church in Corinth, being mindful of his responsibility to set an example for them, he commanded: "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

Timothy was told to follow Paul's example and to be also "an example of those who believe" (1 Tim. 4:12). He learned from Paul, and he was to conduct himself in such a way that others could learn from him as well. The same is true for us. We need to set a good example for others, which includes following the example that Paul set for Timothy in the following ways.

Paul's Teaching – "Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church" (1 Cor. 4:16-17). Paul's preaching and teaching was the same, everywhere he went. As Timothy followed Paul's example, he would also be teaching the same message. Our message must not change based on what people want to hear; instead, we must simply "preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2-5).

Paul's Conduct – "For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you" (2 Cor. 1:12). Paul lived a holy and godly life, maintaining a good conscience and not following worldly wisdom. In the same way, our conduct must be in harmony with the word of God. We must "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed" according to the will of God (Rom. 12:2).

Paul's Purpose – "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me" (Col. 1:28-29). His purpose was to lead people to Christ. This was why he did what he did despite the difficulties that he faced. Our purpose also is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccl. 12:13).

Paul's Faith – "For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). Paul was convinced that the Lord would protect him and reward him in the end despite his sufferings. Our faith should allow us to look past any present difficulties and focus on the reward God has promised us: "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). We must look past this life to our hope of eternity.

Paul's Love – "But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us" (1 Thess. 2:7-8). Paul was willing to give his life for his brethren. The attitude of putting others ahead of oneself is the basic biblical definition of love. This love leads us to "regard one another as more important than [ourselves]" and to "look out for . . . the interests of others" (Philip. 2:3-4).

Just as Timothy was to follow Paul's example (who was following Christ's example), we must do the same. Every area of our lives needs to be under the will of Christ.

Paolo Di Luca



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

"Walking With The Lord"
March 24, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING
March 17--23, 2024

Sunday, March 17--Judges 1--2
Monday, March 18--Judges 3--5
Tuesday, March 19--Judges 6--9
Wed., March 20--Judges 10--13
Thursday, March 21--Judges 14--17
Friday, March 22--Judges 18--21
Saturday, March 23--Ruth

KEEP IN PRAYER

Family:

Joyce Campbell--Multiple Sclerosis
Rona Grimm
Clair Twyman
Danny Goff & family
Wilbur Dawson
Joyce Greathouse
Bill Caputo
Tony Williams
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
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
Janice Graham--J. Campbell's sister
Zack Lamp--Sue Skinner's nephew



I want to thank everyone for their concerns and prayers. Praying I can be back with everyone soon.

*In Christian Love,
Lorene Eddy*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**SPRING GOSPEL MEETING WITH
SCOTT JUDGE--APRIL 14TH--17TH.**

ORDINARY PEOPLE

Hebrews 11:1-40 provides a list of what is commonly called "The Hall of Faith," or the "Honor Roll of Faith." These people found favor with God because they lived by faith.

It can be easy to read through the names found in this chapter and become intimidated. It can be tempting to view these people as biblical "super-heroes" who were flawless. This is far from the truth! These people were no different than us. They were ordinary people who made many mistakes throughout their lives.

I. They were sinners.

- Paul's words in *Romans 3:23* also applies to those included in "The Hall of Faith."
- Abraham lied (*Gen. 12:13; 20:2*).
- Noah was involved in drunkenness (*Gen. 9:21*).
- Moses murdered an Egyptian (*Ex. 2:12*).
- Rahab was a harlot (*Heb. 11:31*).
- David committed adultery and murder (*2 Sam. 11*).

II. They wavered in their faith.

- Abraham wavered in his belief that God would give him and Sarah a son in their old age (*Gen. 15:2-6; 17:17*).
- Sarah laughed at the same promise (*Gen. 18:12-14*).
- Moses came up with all sorts of excuses for why he felt he was not the right man to deliver the people of Israel from Egyptian bondage (*Ex. 3:10-13*).
- How are we going to respond when our faith begins to waver? Will we give up? Or, will we choose to overcome and press on?

III. They were blessed with God's patience.

- Abraham had many failures (*Gen. 12:1, 9-12; 16:1-16; 20:1-18*). And yet, God never gave up on him. God helped him and gave him time to grow into the great man of faith he became.
- The same can also be said about Moses, David, Samson, Sarah, and the apostle Peter.
- The Lord never gives up on His people!

IV. They grew.

- We see growth in Abraham after Isaac was born (*Gen. 22:1-14; Heb. 11:17-19*).
- We see growth in Moses, Gideon, Samson, and David when we study their stories.
- We see growth in the apostle Peter (*Acts 2:36; 1 Peter 5:1*).
- What about us? Can we look back on our spiritual journey and honestly say that we have been growing in our faith and trust in God?

These people listed in *Hebrews 11* were regular people who walked by faith. Are we doing the same?