

SCHEDULED TO SERVE FEBRUARY 25:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **B. CAMPBELL**
SONG DIRECTOR: am **B. CAMPBELL**
 pm **M. HOOD**
PRAYER: am **H. JUNG**
 pm **Ju. RICE**
READING: **M. HOOD**
WAIT ON TABLE **JR. DAUGHERTY**
R. McCOY
SERVE CONGREGATION **B. REED**
T. FOSTER
CLOSING PRAYER: am **De. HOOD**
 pm **S. HOOD**

Wednesday Invitation: February 21, 2024
Justin Rice

PREPARE COMMUNION—February 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
February 11

Bible Study 29
AM Worship 40
PM Worship 26
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

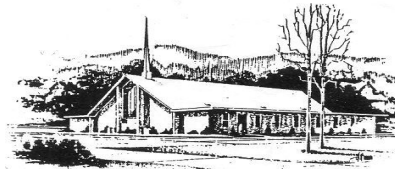
Acts 2:38 1 Peter 3:21

There Must Be **CHRISTIAN**

GROWTH and **FAITHFULNESS**

1 Peter 2:2 Rev. 2:10

2 Peter 3:18



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MESSENGER

TO FOLLOW JESUS

To follow Jesus means that we are following Him **for who He is** and not who we want Him to be. According to many people there is a *biblical* Jesus and a *worldly* Jesus. The worldly Jesus is the one who never judges, never offends, never stands up for truth, never divides, always embraces other religions, always wants to enhance the world rather than convert the person's heart, and that, at the end, will let everyone enter Heaven. This worldly Jesus is very popular and is very loved, even from decent, moral, and religious people. In reality, this is a Jesus of their making who fits well their agendas and justifies their consciences. It is a Jesus who serves them.

But what does the Bible reveal about Jesus? The Bible reveals that Jesus is God, who added humanity to Himself: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1, 14; cf. 5:18; 10:33; 20:28). He lived a sinless life (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 John 3:5), willingly went to the cross and died in our place (John 3:16; 10:14-18), was buried and rose again on the third day (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Jesus Christ is the only Savior (John 14:6), and it is by grace through obedient faith in Him that we are eternally saved (Eph. 2:8-9) because: "there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

During His ministry, Jesus became very popular with the masses because He fed them (John 6:1-14), but when they wanted to take Him by force and make Him king, He withdrew from them (John 6:15). Later, the same crowd, pursued Jesus, not because of Him or His teaching, but because they wanted another free meal (John 6:24-26), and He corrected their selfish motives: "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled" (John 6:26). Jesus was kind to the sick and helpless (Matt. 8:1-3; 20:34; Luke 5:13), yet He did not hesitate to condemn the hypocrite religious and powerful people (Matt. 23:13-36). For the most part, Jesus was rejected by the majority of those who heard and saw Him (John 3:19; 12:37; 15:24). At times He caused division (John 7:43; 9:16; 10:19), even among His own disciples (John 6:66), as well as members of a family in the same household (Luke 12:51-53). Jesus called men to follow Him (Matt. 4:18-19; 9:9; John 1:43), and He had many female followers as well, several of whom supported His earthly ministry (Luke 8:1-3).

To follow Jesus means to learn His teaching, obey His commands, and model our life after Him. Followers of Jesus were to share the gospel (Matt. 4:19), not be bound by the world's values (Matt. 8:19-22), treasure Jesus above one's profession (Matt. 9:9), be committed to Jesus above family (Matt. 10:34-38; cf. Mark 1:20), deny self and take up one's cross daily (Matt. 16:24; cf. Luke 9:23). There is no place for personal glory or selfishness in serving the Lord, as one's life is given for His glory and the benefit of others: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philip. 2:3-4; cf. 1 Cor. 10:32-33).

To follow Jesus is a lifelong pursuit.

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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

"Freedom In Christ"
 February 25, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING
February 18--24, 2024

Sunday, February 18--Numbers 16--17
Monday, February 19--Numbers 18--19
Tuesday, February 20--Numbers 20--22
Wed., February 21--Numbers 23--26
Thursday, February 22--Numbers 27--30
Friday, February 23--Numbers 31--33
Saturday, February 24--Numbers 34--36

KEEP IN PRAYER

Family:


Joyce Campbell--Multiple Sclerosis
 Rona Grimm
 Clair Twyman
 Danny Goff & family
 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
 Todd Hood--Dave Hood's brother/back surgery

Janice Graham, Joyce Campbell's sister, has returned home after being in the hospital with a blood clot to her heart, but prayers are still needed at this time.

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest."
 --Corrie Ten Boom--



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH,
THERE WILL BE A TACO FELLOWSHIP/
DEVOTION/ GAMES DAY AT THE BUILDING
1-4 PM. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BRING
ANY DESSERTS, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

"It is God to whom and with whom we travel, and while He is the end of our journey, He is also at every stopping place."
 ~~Elisabeth Elliot~~

RESPECT

God expects parents to teach their children the value of respect. This topic is addressed by the New Testament writers often. The Bible provides a list of people that requires our respect, and it even tells us what doing that involves.

I. Respect for Parents

- ◆ Respect must first be taught and learned in the home (*Eph. 6:1-3*).
- ◆ An equivalent word is "honor."
- ◆ Children show respect for their parents by obeying and submitting to their instruction.
- ◆ Those who demonstrate proper respect for their parents are likely to live long and fruitful lives.

II. Respect for Government

- ◆ Government is ordained by God (*Rom. 13:1-4; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-15*). God expects us to submit to it (as long as its laws do not cause us to compromise our obedience to Christ).
- ◆ Respect for the government involves paying taxes (*Matt. 22:21*). It is also doing things like driving within the speed limit and submitting to teachers and principals' instructions.
- ◆ It also involves praying for those in positions of government (*1 Tim. 2:1-3*). This is something we must do, not just when our political party is in power!

III. Respect for All

- ◆ The Bible gives explicit instruction for this in **1 Peter 2:17**.
- ◆ We must respect the shepherds (*1 Thes. 5:12-13*).
- ◆ We must respect brothers and sisters in Christ (*1 Tim. 5:1-3*).
- ◆ We must respect our peers, classmates, and teammates.

IV. Respect for God

- ◆ God deserves honor and respect because He is the Creator and King (*1 Peter 2:17; 1 Tim. 1:17*).
- ◆ We show respect for God by obeying Him (*John 14:15*).
- ◆ We honor God when we respect the people He has commanded us to honor.

Are you honoring God by walking in faith and submission?