There is an interesting application that can be made of the familiar story of the patriarch Isaac blessing his youngest son, Jacob, instead of his eldest son, Esau. Isaac was advanced in age and “his eyes were so dim that he could not see” (Gen. 27:1). He told Esau to go hunting, bring back some “savory food” that he loved, and at that time he would give Esau the special blessing that belonged to him.

While Esau was gone, fulfilling his father’s wishes and anticipating his promised blessing, Rebekah devised a deceptive plan by which Jacob might secure that coveted blessing. Rebekah prepared the “savory food” for Jacob to take into Isaac (posing as Esau), but Jacob was concerned. “Perhaps he will feel me” (27:12), for Esau was “a hairy man” and Jacob “a smooth-skinned man” (27:11). To clinch the deception, Rebekah “put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and …neck” (27:16). Now Jacob would “feel” like Esau.

When Jacob went to his father, Isaac was confused. The voice he heard was Jacob’s voice (he knew the voice), but the words suggested it was Esau. Isaac summoned Jacob to come near, “that I may feel you” (27:21). “So Jacob went near to Isaac his father and he felt him and said, ‘The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau’” (27:22).

Isaac proceeded to bless Jacob, all the while thinking that it was Esau. His mind, when he heard the words of the man before him, believed the man was Jacob. But his feelings convinced him that what he heard was wrong. Therefore, Isaac was deceived by and acted upon his feelings, rather than relying upon what he heard.

The same thing can happen to us today. Sometimes people let their feelings get in the way of, get in front of, and lead them to act in a way that is contrary to what they have heard. Consider some examples:

Some folks can be presented with irrefutable evidence for the existence of God (i.e., their mind can hear it and understand it), but their feelings say, “I can’t believe in a God who lets bad things happen.” Some folks can be presented with indisputable Biblical testimony that baptism is essential for one’s salvation from sins (ex: Mark 16:16; Act 2:38; 22:16; I Pet. 3:21), but their feelings say, “I just feel in my heart that God is ok with me, and I don’t see what water has to do with it anyway.”

Some folks can be presented with incontrovertible facts about a number of things, but they (like Isaac) let their feelings override what their mind has heard. The Bible is God’s Word, which He gave us to hear, understand, accept, and obey. We must not trust our feelings and permit them to overrule God’s truth, which is so plain to hear when we open His book!

Written by David Sproule, Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, August 2014
2016 Theme:
Seek ye out the old paths... Jeremiah 6:16

To our Visitors:
We welcome you here this morning and hope that you will make plans to come back at your earliest convenience. Presently, our congregation has no minister, elders, or deacons. We are prayerfully working toward that goal. We do not go beyond the limitations and instructions set forth for the one and true Church.
If you have any questions as to our practice or beliefs, please do not hesitate to ask any of the men of the congregation. We will be happy to answer any and all questions you may have. We hope that your time here with us will be pleasant and uplifting.

For today:
A.M. Adult Bible Study: Bryan Hartman (The Kingdom)
A.M. Assembly: Bryan Hartman
P.M. Assembly: Craig Ross
Wednesday Bible Study: Jeff Moore (Yearly Bible Reading)

Announcements:

- Ashville Food Pantry: Our congregation is collecting Vienna sausages, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, and crackers/cookies packs for school lunches. Our congregation has also committed to collect a total of 250 cans of canned fruit to be distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas to families in need. **We need approximately 120 more cans by November.** If you have any questions please see Paul Wooldridge.

- The Ashville Food Pantry will need volunteers from Heritage on **Sept. 22** from 2 – 4 p.m. Three or four people are needed. If you have any questions, please see Paul Wooldridge.

- The new men’s service schedule is on the table by the office. There is also a service schedule survey to help plan for next year for the men to fill out.

- There are several Ladies Day signup sheets on the new bulletin board. Please stop by to see how you can get involved, & sign up! One sheet is for the men to sign up if they can help serve that day.

- There is a teacher signup sheet if you wish to teach Fall Quarter.

- Please help yourself to the new issues of the Gospel Advocate & the Spiritual Sword magazines!

- A thank you note has been received from **Linda Wooldridge.** It is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

- **The Great Debate will be held on Tuesday, September 27, between Alexander Rosenberg, an atheist, and Ralph Gilmore, a Christian Theist, from Freed-Hardeman University.** This debate will be held on the Ohio State University Campus in Mershon Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but seating is limited. **This will be a formal debate concerning the existence of God between two high profile academics. To reserve your seat, go to [www.TheGreatDebate16.com](http://www.TheGreatDebate16.com).** Several of our members plan to attend.

- Please take a moment to review those friends/loved ones on our prayer lists. If anyone needs to be removed, let Lisa Curry know as soon as possible. We are trying to update our information on those who are listed.

**Upcoming Events**

- Hike around Hargus Lake today after morning services! Be sure to pack a lunch.
- **Sept. 20** – Ladies Bible Study – 6:30 p.m., at Chris Evans’ home
- **Sept. 27** – The Great Debate – OSU campus
- **Oct. 1** – Ladies Inspiration Day here at Heritage; the theme is ‘Jesus: THE Light in the Storm’

**Yearly Bible Reading**

**Week 38:**

- Isaiah 64-66
- 2 Cor. 2-6
- 2 Kings 21-23
- 2 Chron. 33-35
- Psalms 171, 149, & 73
- Nahum
Prayer List

Prayer Requests

*Brian Henderson*, brother-in-law of Craig Ross, unexpectedly passed away this week from a ruptured iliac artery. His funeral was in Huntington, West, Virginia, on Thursday. He leaves behind 3 children under the age of 12 and 2 step children in high school.

*Walley Williams*, former minister at the Circleville congregation, is in the OSU James Cancer Center. He is presently on a ventilator and not doing well.

*Zach Carpenter* left recently to join the Marines. He is in basic training in Parris Island, South Carolina. We will have an address for Zach in the bulletin next week. **Zach and Brianna (Lyons)** asked for prayers earlier this month, confessing sin in their lives. Please continue to pray for them & support them over the next several months.

*Patty Lutz*, a friend of Melissa Arledge, has stage 4 cancer and has not been given much longer to live. Melissa has been attending here with us recently.

*Chris Harrell* has been diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, Stage 2B. He began his chemotherapy this week. Several of us know him through the Circleville congregation.

*Julia Pickering* had her heart tests on Thursday and Friday.

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Please join us for the wedding of
Kimberlee Jo Estep and Christopher Isaiah Harding
October 15, 2016
3:30 p.m.
Circleville Church of Christ
1555 North Court Street, Circleville, Ohio
Reception to Follow: The Knights of Columbus Hall
2489 North Court Street, Circleville, Ohio

(There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend the reception.)

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Those dealing with Cancer:

Continued prayers for healing and strength:
Regina’s friend Emily, Thomas Pickering, Troy Murphy, Drew Murphy, Linda Woodruff, Jim & Martha Smith, Brenda Simpson, Brianna Lyons, Jennette Wiley, Max Damron, Mark Sandy (awaiting a heart transplant), Family of Sandra Buckta, Wilda Martin, Rod Sears, David Brooks & Karen Smith (Kidney Donor), Sam Waller, Kany Rutherford, Tim Krebs, Adam Sharp, Bryan Howell, John Williams, John Wright, Eileen Jacobs, Gavin Norris, Tucker Woods, Kristin Smith, Les Cline, grandson of Richard Wertz, Chris Dunlap, Violet Keene; Bob Hendrickson

Our Missionary:
Terry Smith

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:6-7
### Serving Schedule

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**
**Morning:**
- **Speaker:** Bryan Hartman
- **Scripture:** Jacob Bowe
- **Opening Prayer & Announcements:** Jason Wohnhas
- **Singing:** Levi Ross
- **Table:** Jeff Moore
- **Bread:** Michael Forrester
- **Cup:** Levi Ross
- **Ex Serve:** Keegan Murphy
- **Usher:** Brett Triplett
- **Closing Prayer:** Paul Wooldridge

**Evening:**
- **Speaker:** Craig Ross
- **Opening Prayer and Announcements:** Jason Wohnhas
- **Singing:** Levi Ross
- **Table:** Jeff Moore
- **Usher:** Brett Triplett
- **Closing Prayer:** Jacob Bowe

**Wed. Sept. 21, 2016:**
- **Announcements:** Jason Wohnhas
- **Invitation:** Jeff Moore
- **Singing:** Craig Ross
- **Usher:** Brett Triplett
- **Prayer:** Greg Murphy

**Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016**
**Morning:**
- **Speaker:** Mark Meadows
- **Scripture:** Noah Fisher
- **Opening Prayer & Announcements:** Brett Triplett
- **Singing:** Roger Cooper
- **Table:** Richie Bowe
- **Bread:** Jacob Bowe
- **Cup:** Keegan Murphy
- **Ex Serve:** Trey Murphy
- **Usher:** Craig Ross
- **Closing Prayer:** Bryan Hartman

**Evening:**
- **Speaker:** Craig Curry
- **Opening Prayer and Announcements:** Brett Triplett
- **Singing:** Jason Wohnhas
- **Table:** Richie Bowe
- **Usher:** Craig Ross
- **Closing Prayer:** Keegan Murphy

**Wed. Sept. 28, 2016:**
- **Announcements:** Brett Triplett
- **Invitation:** Michael Forrester
- **Singing:** Drew Murphy
- **Usher:** Craig Ross
- **Prayer:** Jason Wohnhas

### Weekly Memory Verse:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

II Cor. 5:17