Heritage church of Christ

Schedule of Services Sunday Bible Classes: 9:00am

Worship Services: 10:00am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00pm

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Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

Psalm 119:111

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2018 Theme:

"One in the Spirit" – Psalm 133:1

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 with us will be pleasant and uplifting.

By David Sproule (Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ)

The following question was submitted:

"How do we stay encouraged in a world full of struggles and letdowns?"

It is easy to become discouraged, if we allow the trials and circumstances of life to determine our outlook and our level of joy and peace in life. The devil would enjoy nothing less than to watch us wallow in the cares and troubles of life and avoid all the contentment and encouragement that the faithful Christian can enjoy.

So, how can the Christian stay encouraged in our world today? Many thoughts and principles could be shared, but let us limit our scope to the ones emphasized by Paul in his letter to the Christians in Philippi. If there was anyone who could have allowed the "struggles and letdowns" of this world to get him down and keep him down, it was the apostle Paul. Nonetheless, writing from prison in Rome, Paul penned a masterpiece of encouragement. Let us examine some of the key principles set forth in this book to keep us encouraged.

Focus on others before self! Read the first twelve verses of Philippians. For someone who was suffering wrongfully at the hands of his enemies, Paul did not focus on himself and his problems. Thirteen times in those first twelve verses of the book, Paul used the pronouns "you" or "your." Mediate further on verses 3 and 4 of chapter 2: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Paul was focused on his brethren more than he was on himself, and he stayed encouraged.

Focus on the gospel! When bad things happened to Paul, he looked for how good things might be forthcoming (not for himself) for the sake of the gospel. Paul emphasized the "fellowship in the gospel" that Christians enjoy (1:5), the work in which he was engaged in "the defense and confirmation of the gospel (1:12, 17), and how Christians "strive together" when they "serve" and "labor" in the gospel (1:27, 2:22; 4:3). He focused on how the gospel might be furthered more than on his own personal struggles and letdowns, and he stayed encouraged.

Focus on Christ! Paul was "hard-pressed between" life and death, for being in the custody of the Romans they easily could have put him to death. While the threat of harm and death would monopolize our attention and worry our hearts, Paul set his focus on the Lord and His cause. "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death; for to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (1:20-23). To focus on Christ (and stay encouraged) includes:

- Bearing fruit for Christ (1:11, 22-26). This will help you stay encouraged.
 Learning to think like Christ (2:3-5). This will help you stay encouraged.
- Remembering the sacrifice of Christ (2:6-8). This will help you stay encouraged.
- Rejoicing in Christ (3:1, 3; 4:4, 10).

There are too many to enumerate, but find these principles of personal encouragement:

- Focus on working for Christ (2:12-13).
- Focus on being positive rather than complaining (2:14-15).
- Focus on shining as a light in the midst of darkness (2:15).
- Focus on the future reward rather than the past (3:7-14).
- Focus on living as a citizen of heaven (3:20-21).
- Focus on trusting God and praying to Him about everything (4:6-7).
- Focus on the strength that Christ provides to do all things for Him (4:13).

True encouragement in life comes when one refuses to allow his level of joy to be set by the world and chooses rather to "rejoice" in his relationship "in the Lord" (3:1, 3; 4:4, 10).

October Birthdays:



Jodi Ross - 10/08 Donna Moore – 10/09 Slade Forrester -10/11 Shelvyjean Wohnhas -10/18 Craig Curry – 10/27 Nicole Lyons – 10/29 Jacob Bowe - 10/30

October Anniversaries:

(None at this time)



God's Plan of **Salvation:**

Hear God's Word: Rom. 10:17

Believe the Gospel: John 20:30-31

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3

Rom. 10:9-10

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Live Faithfully: Rev. 2:10

Announcements:

Ashville Food Pantry: Heritage is actively involved in our local food pantry. The item requested from our congregation for the holiday distribution is 410 cans of fruit. So far we have collected 144 cans. You may also continue to bring in any other items to help.

Weekend packs Ministry: We have begun the weekend pack ministry for the 2018-2019 school year. Based on current resources we will be providing weekend food packs to 20 students at Ashville Elementary. We have the option of increasing this number if we have additional food or financial donations.

Blessing Box: Our Blessing Box ministry is going very well! Be sure to check it and add non-perishable food items/hygiene items as needed. Suggested items to be placed in it include canned pasta, fruit, and vegetables, canned meats, all with the pull-off tabs, granola bars, and cereal. Be cautious so as to not put in items that could easily spoil or attract insects. There is a small box by the copier that contains items specifically for this work.

***Several of our men have met with Mark Bass and the elders at Alkire Road to discuss the possibility of Mark and his wife Joanna working with our congregation. We have invited them to be with us today, and we extend a warm Heritage greeting! Mark will be teaching class and delivering the message for the morning assembly. We will also have a potluck together in order for the congregation to meet them. Please stay and enjoy the food and fellowship!

***An Edification Suggestion Box has been placed on the tract rack until the first of October. If you have any ideas for next year that you would like to share, please place them in the box.

***Copies of the October worship schedule are on the table by the bulletins.

***There will be a cleaning/decorating day here at the building on Friday, October 5, in preparation of our Ladies Day on Saturday. Someone will be here at the building most of the day. Please come and help out in any way you can!

Mark Your Calendars!

*October 6 – 4th Annual Ladies' Day from 9:00 – 1:00. Our speaker this year is Terri Gampp from the Pickerington congregation. (Registration/breakfast begins at 8:30.)

Confess faith in Jesus: *October 19 - Bonfire at Jeff Moore's home (more details to come soon!)

Fifth Sunday Contribution Today

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. The first \$1,400 contributed goes toward reducing the mortgage on the building. Any contributions over and above that amount will be used toward the weekend packs. Additionally, if anyone would like to contribute directly to the weekend packs, please indicate that on the memo line of your check.



Prayer Requests:

- *Kip Lyons had surgery on Friday.
- *Janie Bowe was to receive a new experimental treatment a couple of weeks ago and may posssibly undergo more radiation.
- *Karen Miller had testing done recently; all went well. She goes back in November for her next recheck.
- *Ruth Ptomey was discharged from the hospital. Additional testing will need to be done, and she will be undergoing chemo and radiation.
- *Jim Martin, Debbie Murphy's dad, may have to undergo chemo again. He will be undergoing a biopsy in the near future.
- *Please continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Florence.



In Sympathy:

*Alison Crawford, Meredith's cousin, passed away. Meredith's great uncle, Ed Beagle, also passed away. Their services were held this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Ladies Day Sign Up Sheets & Information

There are sign-up sheets on the board by the office for the men who wish to serve lunch at Ladies Day, a sheet for the breakfast food sign up, and for the ladies who wish to order t-shirts. You may give your t-shirt money to Chris Evans.

Those dealing with

Cancer: Barrett Boardman, Nathan Oda, Chera Duvall, Ruby Watson, Dan Markle, Jenny Maxwell, Melissa Zacour, Arlene Rife (Greg's aunt), Allen Carse (Meredith Forrester's dad), Debbie Murphy's cousin Becky, Carol Ann Perks, (Debbie's aunt), John Burke

Continued prayers for healing and strength:

Mark Sandy, Lacey Garrett & twins, Nathan Braden, Evelyn Willison, Jack & Kathy Abels, Luke Stout and family, Roger Cooper, Sr., Jackie Cooper, Jennette Wiley, Mr. Rhodes' granddaughter Leslie, Ray Hess and family, Cody Carse, Ricky Holland (kidney transplant), Melissa Arledge's granddaughter Emberlyn, Bobby Wooden, Evelyn Harding, John Cassady, John Williams & Karen Mosher (grandparents of Chris Harding), Evonne Larck-Smith (friend of Debbie Murphy), T.J. Ison, Josh Angles, Lucy Stevens, Jim & Martha Smith

Serving our country:

Zach Carpenter - Marines

Sean Sullivan (son of Mary's boss) – serving overseas

Sean Davis (nephew of Lisa Curry) – Marines

Trenton Dunlap - (Reserves)

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

Statistics:

9/23 Bible Class: 35 **9/23 A.M. Service:** 47 **9/23 P.M. Service:** 32 **9/26 Midweek:** 36

9/23 Contribution: \$1,479.00 **Weekly Budget:** \$1,400.00

Weekend Packs: \$0.00 Blessing Box: \$0.00 Mortgage Reduction: \$0.00

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Morning:

Speaker: Mark Bass

Opening Prayer & Announcements:

Craig Ross

Scripture: Trey Murphy Singing: Roger Cooper Table: Paul Wooldridge Bread: Craig Curry Cup: Levi Ross

Ex Serve: Keegan Murphy **Usher:** Brett Triplett

Closing Prayer: Bryan Hartman

Evening:

Devotional: Bryan Hartman

Opening Prayer & Announcements:

Craig Ross

Singing: Jeff Fisher
Table: Paul Wooldridge
Usher: Brett Triplett
Closing Prayer: Jeff Moore

Wed. October 3, 2018

Devotional: Jeff Fisher

Opening Prayer & Announcements:

Craig Ross

Singing: Drew Murphy **Usher:** Brett Triplett

Closing Prayer: Richie Bowe

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Morning:

Speaker: Roy Rogers

Opening Prayer & Announcements:

Richie Bowe

Scripture: Chris Harding Singing: Greg Murphy Table: Craig Curry Bread: Michael Forrester Cup: Keegan Murphy Ex Serve: Drew Murphy Usher: Jeff Fisher

Closing Prayer: Jeff Moore

Evening:

Devotional: Michael Forrester **Opening Prayer & Announcements:**

Richie Bowe Singing: Craig Ross Table: Craig Curry Usher: Jeff Fisher

Closing Prayer: Greg Murphy

Wed. October 10, 2018

Devotional: Brett Triplett

Opening Prayer & Announcements:

Richie Bowe **Singing:** Jeff Fisher **Usher:** Bryan Hartman **Closing Prayer:** Craig Ross **Building Clean-up for October:**

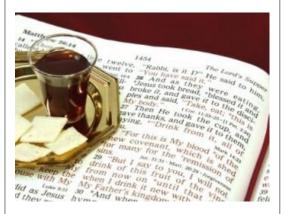
Hartman families

Communion Preparation/Clean-up for

October: Chris Evans

Congregation/Men's Meeting

Coordinator: Craig Ross



Weekly Memory Verse:

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."