

NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 17, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am
 Bible Classes - 10:45 am
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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Who Is To Blame?
 by Mark Aites



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"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else." – John Burroughs

This is certainly the generation that loves to blame others for their shortcomings. It may be a parent, a neighbor, an acquaintance, a teacher, a preacher, a politician, a friend, etc. No one wants to accept responsibility for their actions.

As we well know, the blame game is such a big part of biblical history as it started in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve sinned, and God spoke with Adam, instead of taking responsibility Adam blamed Eve, and in part God Himself! "Then the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:12). Of course, Eve followed suit. "And the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:13). With attention then drawn to the serpent is the old joke, "And the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on."

The practice of pointing the finger at others is a common practice especially for today's youth. They can steal, assault people, and even commit murder. And society propagates this foolishness of "it wasn't their fault" by helping families to win the court of public opinion blaming someone or something. In this age of political correctness, it is not kind to place the blame upon the individual guilty of a certain action.

It is hard to get people to see the ugliness of sin when they won't admit that they have sinned! How can you get someone to repent when they place the blame on someone or something else? It is like the old Flip Wilson line, "The devil made me do it."

Until people own up to their actions and admit their sin, only then will a true repentance follow. Then they can echo the words of the tax collector, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

On the Day of Judgment, when we stand before God to give an account, the only person we can blame if we are not prepared is ourselves!

AREA EVENTS

Ohio Winter Lectures: January 26 & 27, 2024 Church of Christ, Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio. More information on the bulletin board.

Ladies Inspiration Day: April 27, 2024, Camden Ave. church of Christ, speaker: Hannah Colley

Youth Events

Traveling Youth Group: December 31st, Barlow Vincent church of Christ, Vincent, OH - 5:00 pm



WTAP - Sunday, 7:30am

December 17 - When Your Heart Breaks

December 24 - With Christ

OUR GROWTH FOR 2023

Baptisms.....2
 Request for prayers, Restored.....6
 Placed Membership.....10

Our Record	Dec. 10	Average 2023
Sunday AM Worship	144	139
Sunday Bible Class	106	111
Sunday PM Worship	101	102
Wednesday Bible Class	95	104

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
Announcements	Meredith	Grose
Song Leader	Vaughan	McIntire
Opening Prayer	Mathers	Clark
Scripture	G. Kupfner	Maze
Lord's Supper	Butterfield	Heaney
Usher - Auditorium	Warne	Cox
Usher - Foyer	Sailor	B. Kupfner
Usher - Security	J. Miller	Egnor
P.A. System Audio	E. Kupfner	G. Kupfner
P.A. System Video	E. Grose	T. Jones
Pick up cards	Duncan/Duncan	Miller/Miller
Pick up cards	Cook/Vaughan	Duncan/Duncan
Door Greeters	Eaton	Heaney
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Ullom	Vaughan
Song Leader	Vaughan	McIntire
Opening Prayer	Kerns	Dean
Scripture	Hoschar	Cooper
Closing Prayer	Oblisk	Ja. Eaton
Lord's Supper	Ferrebee	Ullom
Door Greeters	G. Kupfner	C. Miller
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Announcements	Ullom	Vaughan
Song Leader	Ja. Eaton	Je. Eaton
Opening Prayer	Ullom	Vaughan
Invitation	Aites	McIntire
Door Greeters	Petty	West

If you are unable to serve call Dave Butterfield at 304-482-8917

*Those serving as ushers, PA and pick up cards are only shown on AM, but they are the same for PM & Wed.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Chance Gordon (grandson of Ken & Parma Heaney)
 Chandler Hamilton (grandson of Jeff & Mary Smearman)
 Allen Hardbarger (nephew of Ruth Dickson)
 Nicholas Linville (grandson of Jim Kerns)
 Andrew Miller Jr. (grandson of Curtis Dickson)
 Dustin Miller (brother of Chris Miller)
 Nate Ruble (son of Patty Ruble)
 Josie Thomas (sister of Jen Miller)

Prayer List

Our Members

Mark Berry
 Karen Blair
 Richard & Eva Cook
 Cathy Clegg
 Curtis & Ruth Dickson
 Fran Egnor
 Van & Ronnie Ferrier
 Ken Long
 Sue Mahan
 Ethel Mathers
 Helen May
 Lana McFee
 Marvin & Joan Petty
 Sharon Pugh
 Leonard Shears
 Mary Rose Talbott
 Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Christian Bradley (*Dickson*)
 Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)
 Wilda Clark (*Clark*)
 Steve Johnson (*Malone*)
 Sandra Keith (*Dickson*)
 Yvonne Keith (*Dickson*)
 Mack Kupfner (*B. Kupfner*)
 Mike Morlan (*Morlan*)
 Pat Morris (*Long*)
 Don Ogden (*Eaton, Ogden*)
 Isaac Patterson (*Patterson*)
 Tony Police (*Carter*)
 David Rice (*B. Kupfner*)
 Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
 Gary & Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)
 Ayden Seagraves (*C. Miller*)
 Brian Sims (*Smearman*)
 Elsie Smith (*May*)
 Fred Steed (*Steed*)
 Chris & Jessica Tuley (*Clark*)
 Mark Welch (*Duncan*)
 Brent West (*West*)

Remember In Prayer

Van Ferrier recently had a procedure on her kidney. She is doing much better and is resting at home. Van wants to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

Joan Petty has an appointment in Morgantown on December 20th for a CT scan and biopsy.

Cindy Bell, niece of Ruth Dickson, is now home from the Pittsburgh Burn Center. She will need to return for more skin grafts. Ruth thanks you for your prayers and asks for continued prayers for Cindy.

Fred Steed, son of Winona Steed, is dealing with many health issues and is in need of our prayers.

Steve Wilson, brother of Joan Petty, has been diagnosed with cancer and is waiting to learn of treatment possibilities.

~~~~~ Questions Regarding Your Faith

We are told in 2 Corinthians 13:5 that we are to examine ourselves as to whether we are in the faith. To help us do this, may I offer the following questions for you to answer. Be honest and deeply examine yourselves.

- Am I growing spiritually?
- Am I able to truly forgive others when asked?
- Am I always looking forward to coming to worship and working with the church?
- Am I really concerned about lost souls?
- Am I excited about going to heaven – even today?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, then maybe you should take a closer look at your faith and where it is possibly headed.

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Announcements

Attendance Cards: Members, fill out a tan attendance card. Visitors, fill out a blue card. Please pass them to the aisles.

Sermons: Mark’s lesson titles for today are: AM - “Hate Evil, Cling To What Is Good” PM - “Three Mistakes Of Ahab”

Elder/Deacon Meeting: There will be an elder/deacon meeting today at 5:30 pm. Please meet in classroom two.

Business Meeting: A business meeting for the men of the congregation will take place tonight following evening services. Please meet in classroom two.

Opportunity Cards: Group three will pick up their opportunity cards today. Send a card, make a visit, or a phone call.

College Age: There will be a game night, for those of college age, at the home of John and Megan Duncan on Thursday, December 21st at 6:00 pm. Appetizers and desserts will be provided.

Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of, *jelly, canned fruit, canned meat, pasta, pasta sauce*. These items can be placed in classroom two.

Secret Sister: Any ladies interested in participating in the Secret Sisters program for 2024, can fill out a form (located on the table in the foyer). These need turned in by December 24th to Lisa West.

Coats For Kids: Adam Hoschar is participating in a coats for kids drive for a community outreach program for his college ambassador position at WVUP. *New and gently used coats, hats, hoodies, scarfs and gloves* are being collected and will be taken to The Latrobe Street Mission. The pick up date is January 14th. There is a barrel in the foyer for the items.

Thank You: I am grateful for the many cards, prayers, and well wishes during my recent surgery and recovery. God bless you all! Thank you, *Doug Jones*

Thank You: Thank you so much to you all who put together the college care packages. I love each of you dearly, and your thoughts mean the world to me. Thank you for your unending Christian support! Much love, *Haylee Smith*

Elders

Mark Berry
 Kevin Grose
 David Hamm
 Randy Meredith
 Harvey West

Elder Meetings

December 17 - 5:00 pm

Deacons

Dave Butterfield
 Ron Cook
 Harley Cox
 John Duncan
 Ken Grose
 Jim Kerns
 Josh Kupfner
 Dan Lyons
 Dennis Miller
 Mike Oblisk
 Jim Ullom
 C.J. Vaughan

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Today’s Scripture

AM ~ Romans 12:9-13

PM ~ 1 Kings 20:28