

NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 10, 2024

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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Sweet Innocence by Mark Aites

"When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind." - Partick Rothfuss, *The Name of the Wind*

"The most sophisticated people I know - inside they are all children." - Jim Henson

There is such an inherent beauty in little children. Isn't it something that they can run about naked and not be ashamed? Such reminds us of Adam and Eve at their creation. "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Gen. 2:25). And after their sin, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings" (Gen. 3:7).

On one occasion, during our Lord's public ministry, we read, "At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will be no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven'" (Matt. 18:1-4).

Isn't it remarkable that Jesus would extol the virtue of a child to His disciples? That inward beauty and innocence was something which had eluded these men in their squabble for greatness. In fact, in Luke 9:26, what took place among these disciples of our Lord was a dispute (discussion or debate). We note with interest that Jesus had a response for them, telling them that to be of His kingdom it was essential that they become like little children.

Jealousy, envy, hatred, pride, and the like, are what one finds when innocence is lost. The church could certainly stand to study the little children and to see what our Lord wants of us.

People of the world today make fun of the innocent. They speak of it as though it was something terrible, when in reality, in the eyes of God, it is a blessing.



AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meeting: March 10-14, Hopewell church of Christ, Speaker: Roger Rush, 7:00 pm weeknights
Ladies Day: March 23, Sandyville Senior Center, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Speaker: Carrie Brainard
Golden Ages Day: April 6, New Concord church of Christ, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Gospel Meeting: April 7-10, Rio Grande Church of Christ, different speaker each night, 7:00 pm
Ladies Inspiration Day: April 20, National Road church of Christ, Wheeling, WV, 9:30 am
Ladies Day: April 20, Alkire Rd. church of Christ, Grove City, OH, Speaker: Brooke Pate, 9:00 am
Ladies Inspiration Day: April 27, Camden Ave. church of Christ, speaker: Hannah Colley
Mental Health Workshop: April 26-28, Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH, Speakers; Ben Hayes and Travis Creasy

Area Wide Sings

March 15 - Wingett Run church of Christ, Wingett Run, OH 7:00 pm

Youth Events

Monday Night Merge: March 11th, Lubeck church of Christ 7:00 pm
Traveling Youth Group: March 31st, Hopewell church of Christ, Washington, WV 6:00 pm
North End Youth Rally: March 15 & 16, Speaker: Matt Cook
Youth Night: March 25 - Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Rally: April 12 & 13, hosted by Sunrise church of Christ at Wood County 4H Camp



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30am

March 10 - What God Wants For Me
 March 17 - Spiritual And Religious

OUR GROWTH FOR 2024

Baptisms.....4
 Request for prayers, Restore.....0
 Placed Membership.....0

Our Record	Mar. 3	Average 2024
Sunday AM Worship	137	137
Sunday Bible Class	106	113
Sunday PM Worship	99	96
Wednesday Bible Class	102	99

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Mar. 10	Mar. 17
Announcements	Hamm	Kv. Grose
Song Leader	Smith	Je. Eaton
Opening Prayer	Cox	Dean
Scripture	Kerns	E. Grose
Lord's Supper	De. Miller	M. Aites
Usher - Auditorium	Houser	Cox
Usher - Foyer	Kidder	L. Cook
Usher - Security	Ferrebee	J. Miller
P.A. System Audio	McHenry	G. Kupfner
P.A. System Video	T. Jones	Heaney
Pick up cards	Miller/Miller	Duncan/Duncan
Pick up cards	Duncan/Duncan	Cook/Vaughan
Door Greeters	Sailor	Vaughan
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Duncan	Kerns
Song Leader	Smith	Je. Eaton
Opening Prayer	Heaney	Ferrebee
Scripture	West	Lyons
Closing Prayer	Da. Miller	De. Miller
Lord's Supper	Dean	Kidder
Door Greeters	Merrill	Eaton
WEDNESDAY	Mar. 13	Mar. 20
Announcements	Duncan	Kerns
Song Leader	Ja. Eaton	Smith
Opening Prayer	Duncan	Kerns
Invitation	Egnor	M. Aites
Door Greeters	Aites	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)

MISSIONS

North End
 Panama
 Mission

Andy Robison
 WV School of
 Preaching

West Virginia
 School of
 Preaching
 Moundsville, WV

Search TV
 Edmond, OK

Dalraida
 church of
 Christ
 Chimala

Greenville
 Church of
 Christ
 Greenville, OH

Mike Tincher
 Seth, WV

Aldrin Peter
 Anson Paul
 India

Prayer List

Our Members

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

Family & Friends

Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)
 Wilda Clark (*Clark*)
 Caren Edwards (*M. Grose*)
 Pat Morris (*Long*)
 David Rice (*Heaney*)
 Mark Riddle (*Riddle*)
 Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
 Gary & Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)
 Brian Sims (*Smearman*)
 Elsie Smith (*May*)
 Brent West (*West*)
 Steve Wilson (*J. Petty*)

Remember In Prayer

Bob Cameron is scheduled to have a heart catheterization on Monday, March 11th.

Greg Kupfner is in the hospital in Florida. He has a bone infection in his foot that required surgery to amputate his toe. He will remain in the hospital a few days. Greg and Doreen are hoping to head home by March 15th.

Jay Morlan will have shoulder surgery on Monday, March 11th.

Mission Trip: Please keep Heather Clark, Melissa Grose, Aaron Grose, Amy Hanlon, Elli Hanlon, Becky Kidder, and Mandy Kupfner in your prayers. They will be going on a mission trip to Panama on March 21st.

Eric Strothers, friend of Lisa Dalton, has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

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### 2024 North End Youth Rally March 15 & 16 "Interact"

#### FRIDAY

|              |                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:30-7:00 pm | Registration                                                |
| 7:00-7:20 pm | Announcements/Singing                                       |
| 7:20-7:50 pm | 1 <sup>st</sup> Keynote – "Jesus and His Friends" Matt Cook |
| 7:50-8:45 pm | Prayer/Snacks/Singing                                       |

#### SATURDAY

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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45-9:30 am      | Registration & Breakfast                                   |
| 9:30-9:40 am      | Welcome/ Announcements                                     |
| 9:40-9:55 am      | Prayer/Singing                                             |
| 9:55-10:25 am     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Keynote – "Jesus and Sinners" Matt Cook    |
| 10:25-10:35 am    | Singing                                                    |
| 10:35-11:05 am    | Group Activity                                             |
| 11:10-11:55 am    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Class                                      |
| 11:55 am-12:40 pm | Lunch                                                      |
| 12:45-1:00 pm     | Singing/Prayer                                             |
| 1:00-1:45- pm     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class                                      |
| 1:45-2:15 pm      | Group Activity                                             |
| 2:15-2:50 pm      | Song/3 <sup>rd</sup> Keynote – "Jesus and Satan" Matt Cook |
| 2:50-3:00 pm      | Closing                                                    |

**All are encouraged to attend**

# 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 - "A Greater Faith" PM - "Rahab, The Harlot"

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

**Monday Night Merge:** The next session of Monday Night Merge will be tomorrow at the Lubeck congregation in at 7:00 pm. Any youth needing transportation, let C.J. Vaughan know.

**Afternoon Class:** The afternoon class is no longer meeting. It will resume in the fall.

**Garage:** If you have any items in the garage, please remove them as soon as possible. The garage will be cleaned out in a couple weeks.

**Youth Rally:** Our Youth Rally is this weekend, March 15 & 16. The speaker is Matt Cook from Freed-Hardeman University. There are flyers, registration forms, and schedules on the table in the foyer. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Food For Youth Rally:** There are many items of food and drink needed for our Youth Rally. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions, see Parma Heaney

**Changes to Directory:** Make these changes in your directory. Cathy Clegg has a new phone number: 681-292-0791. Jeanette Dyer has moved into her house: 3615 Stella Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104, 681-385-0718.

**Ladies:** All ladies are invited to join the young ladies for snacks and fellowship on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 pm. See Shannon Ferrebee for any questions.

**Egg Hunt:** All children are invited to an egg hunt at the home of John and Megan Duncan. Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm. Food will be provided. Please bring desserts and drinks.

### Elders

Mark Berry  
 Kevin Grose  
 David Hamm  
 Randy Meredith  
 Harvey West

### Elder Meetings

March 17th - 5:00 pm  
 April 8th - 4:00 pm

### Deacons

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

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### Today's Scripture

**AM ~ Matthew 8:5-13**

**PM ~ Joshua 2:1-3**