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<div><div>By the Numbers:</div><div>Week of 12/8/19</div><div>Contribution – \$2187</div><div>Attendance:</div><div>Sunday Bible Classes – 36</div><div>Sunday Worship * – 54</div><div>Wednesday Night – 37</div><div>*Total for the day</div></div>	<div><div>WORKS SUPPORTED:</div><div>Ronnie Gootam - India</div><div>Marlon Retana - Panama</div><div>Brad Harrub - Focus Press</div><div>The Gospel of Christ TV Program</div><div>Sundays:</div><div>6:30am - Ch. 8.2 (CW) 7:00am - Ch. 39.1</div><div>Listen to our radio station!</div><div>FM 102.5 KCXB-LP - The Beacon of Truth</div><div>Available online 24/7</div><div>at beaconcofc.com</div></div>	<div><div>Sermon Spotlight:</div><div>AM — Where to Turn When You Don't Know Where to Turn</div><div>1. What are three things we need to remember to turn in times of trouble?</div><div>2. Why do people turn to the wrong things?</div><div>PM — The Joy of My Salvation</div><div>1. Who wrote Psalm 51?</div><div>2. Under what circumstances did he write?</div></div>
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<div><div>THE BEACON OF TRUTH</div><div>December 15, 2019</div><div>"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17</div></div>	<div><div>The Old Paths</div><div>Rick Woodall</div><div>While traveling back to West Virginia, I was filled with emotion and devotion to spend my Thursday afternoon and Friday morning with a full schedule. The fall foliage was beautiful. When one is growing up there is a lot that you take for granted. I cannot begin to tell you how beautiful the Appalachian Plateau is. Once again on my 55th birthday I traveled the back roads that were once just a way to get somewhere. As many of you know, I also enjoy the back roads here in Indiana. When one takes the time to get off the beaten path you discover the old paths. On these old paths are many blessings. It might be that you find yourself stepping inside an old iron furnace constructed at the turn of the century. You just might run into an old fishing hole under a beautiful arched rail-road crossing that looks like something out of a story book. It could be that the mountain splendor takes your mind away to a time when life was not as nerve-racking. Of all the music that I have ever listened to, there is nothing better than hearing the crystal-clear water rolling over the rocks in a mountain stream. I stood there and closed my eyes and listened.</div><div>Since I had such a busy schedule the next 3 days, it was good to take a moment to reflect back and see firsthand that time rolls on while many things stay the same. There were some changes. The things that were the same made the moment worthwhile.</div><div>"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).</div><div>Some say you can't go back. In a sense you can't. In another way you can. In the same way that I traveled the old paths that brought me back to my humble roots, we need to remember where we came from spiritually.</div><div>"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, (continued on page 2)</div></div>
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NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margie Tippen, Regina Simmons, Joy Skipper, Kaitlyn Wilson, Tim Green, Debbie Grice, Virginia Wainwright, Stetson Ortega, Bettie Young, Wendy Traweek, Dewey Young, Marcia Green, Martin Hattaway, Gayle Hopkins (traveling today), Tim Green & Family (traveling today)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Youth & Young Adults: Be on the lookout for monthly events! Our last event drew 23 people! It was a full house at Lindsey and Chase's! If you missed this one, please plan to be with us next time! If you would like to help host an event, please let Chase know!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal: 4th Sunday each month unless otherwise noted.

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but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh" (Ephesians 2:13-17).

Could it be that it's time to come home to Jesus? He is on the old path.

Pure from the Blood of All Men

Chase Green

A heavy burden to be carried by all ministers of the Gospel, and all Christians for that matter, can be found in Paul's statement in Acts 20:26: "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men..." Why was Paul pure from the blood of all men?

Before I answer that in the subsequent verses, it is important for us to consider the precarious situation of those who know the Truth but refuse to share it. Simply stated, one who knows the Truth is duty-bound by the Truth to share the Truth with others. What if the apostles had kept the Good News to themselves, rather than enacting the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20)? What if the early Christians had just shut down in the face of persecution, rather than going everywhere preaching the Word (Acts 8:4)? An essential element of the continuation of the church is that Christians continue to proclaim the Word! Jesus stated in Matthew 16:18 that the gates of hell will not prevail against His church. Sadly, I fear that in too many places, the church has self-inflicted wounds due to lack of evangelism. While it is true that the Devil will not defeat the Lord and His church, isn't it a shame how much growth has been hindered as evangelism has seemingly gone by the wayside in far too many places?

We cannot stand idly by while the church continues to shrink in this country. I'm confident that, as long as this world stands, there will always be a righteous remnant. That said, I want the Lord's church to FLOURISH, if I can help it do so! Don't you?! Let us remember that we are duty-bound to evangelize, as we recall the words of Ezekiel regarding the watchman in Ezekiel 3:17 and following. Paraphrasing that passage, the Lord reminded Ezekiel — and we need the reminder too! — that he had been set a watchman to WARN the people of their need to repent. If he succeeded in warning the people and the people still refused to repent, then the people would be punished, but Ezekiel would be spared. But if the people refused to repent, in part because Ezekiel failed to WARN them, then Ezekiel would be punished too!

Brethren, the same will be the case for us! We have the Truth! We KNOW that Jesus did not establish a single denomination! We KNOW that error is being taught regarding the plan of salvation, women's roles, worship, morality, and many other crucial doctrines, and it is HIGH TIME that we stand up and speak out! The church's survival in our generation is dependent on it!

Again, remember that Paul was pure from the blood of all men. Now notice the follow up that explains why: "For I have not shunned to declare unto you ALL the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27, emphasis mine throughout, TCG). Paul did not hold back ANYTHING that the people needed to hear! He preached it ALL! And we must do the same!

Paul then reminded the Ephesian elders that they were duty-bound to "TAKE HEED" both unto themselves and "to ALL the flock," as the Holy Spirit had made them overseers of the flock, "to FEED" it. Paul then calls the flock "the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." In just a short matter of time, false teachers would come in and tear the local Ephesian flock apart, but it would not be because Paul had failed to warn them! Their blood was not on Paul's hands! The question, though, is this — Will there be blood on OUR hands? With love, Chase

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men."
Acts 20:26