

## LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

John 5

Bill Shackle

## FACTS & FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

### ATTENDANCE:

9 AM: 29      1030 AM: 57

### GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

#### GENERAL FUND:

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,200.00
Rec'd	\$3,700.61
YTD Giving	\$29,703.98

#### MISSIONS:

Weekly Budget	\$ 192.00
Rec'd	\$358.00
YTD Giving	\$3,423.00

#### COUNSELING MINISTRY:

Weekly Budget	\$128.00
Today's Offering	\$133.00
YTD Giving	\$1,241.00

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### FEBRUARY

21	Anna Dobbins, Nicole Efaw, Sue Trotter, Charlie/Jodi Lockhart
22	Charlotte Dolak
23	Chris Allen
24	Rick/Hoa Welch
28	Liz Leach

## Fifth Street Church of Christ

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

February 21, 2021

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## Two Truths To Strengthen Your Faith

Do you believe that God exists? I'm guessing that if you are reading this you believe. If you believe in the existence of God, that means you have faith, right?

Yes ... but it's not that simple. According to the Bible's definition, if you have faith, it also should mean that you have drawn near to God, that you seek to please him, and that you value what he values (Hebrews 11:6) Is that the reality of your everyday Christian faith?

I'll be honest - I know my faith isn't always that strong. While I absolutely believe in the existence of God, there are times when I feel far from him. There are times when I only seek to please myself. There are times when I value earthly treasure more than eternal rewards.

This is so important to understand: **our Christian faith is dramatically more than just an intellectual belief.** It's not enough for your faith to simply believe in the existence of God. A strong faith should radically change your life at street-level.

So how do we strengthen our faith from where it is to where God wants it to be? There are many ways, but here are two truths that I try and meditate on all the time:

**1. God Is in control (Acts 17:26)** - It's easy for us to proclaim that God is in control; it's a lot harder for us to believe in faith that he actually is. Many of us are paralyzed by regret from yesterday. Many of us live in fear of tomorrow. Many of us are way too controlling of today's situations, locations, and relationships.

**2. God Is Near (Acts 17:27)** - If you were to study the history of mankind, almost every government leader has ruled from a distance. It was, and still is, difficult for a common person to get a personal audience with a head of State.

But not so for the Christian. Remind yourself that at any moment, you can reach out and touch the King of the universe, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. When you're in the shower, when you're driving, when you're struggling to sleep in the middle of the night, you can draw near to your God and say, "Lord, please help me. I need you."

As you face today, remember that your faith is much more than intellectual: it is deeply transformational.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Onsite: Sundays at 9 and 1030 AM (children's ministry available at 1030 worship) and online at 1030 AM.

### INTERESTED IN SERVING?

We're looking for individuals to get trained on producing our live stream broadcast. Please contact Thad Haines (740.568.8295) if you'd like to become part of this ministry.

### MEN'S DAY AT OVCA

Saturday, March 20

Featuring Denny Coburn.



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### PRAYER CONCERNS:

(Names on the list will remain a few weeks and then will be removed unless you request that they remain on the list)

Please contact Martha Mays to receive prayer concern updates or to list a concern at 740-984-2907 or

## Our church family and our friends and families:

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Barbara Beals family of - Barbara passed away Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Sarah Beardsly – she has COVID.

Nicole Efaw – she's having issues with her heart.

Heather Gould –29 y.o diagnosed with APL Leukemia. She's at James Cancer Center for the next month while receiving treatment. She has 3 kids at home.

Rick Noland – the cancer has come back on his face. According to the last information I had the Doctor had not told him what they are to do next.

Carolyn Offenberger – she has COVID and has been put on a ventilator at MMH.

Russ Samples – Russ had knee replacement surgery recently. He now has a possible infection in the site.

Kay Taylor –her cancer has re-occurred and she will have to go through chemo.

Mary Whiley –has COVID. She's Nancy Malster's sister.

Gary Wells family of – he passed away Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bob and Mickey Hopkins –are recovering from COVID  
Pam Duskey – Please be in prayer for Pam as she heals from her surgery and infection which followed.

Dianna Harper –her cancer has now shrunk throughout the treatment and only scar tissue shows in the place of the spot of cancer that was previously on her brain.

Evelyn Strauss – Pray for Evelyn, who is Lynette Snyder's mother. She is at MMH having a mass removed from her colon.

### Also please pray for:

Pray for **The Missions** which we at 5<sup>th</sup> Street are in partnership with:

**Gonaives Christian Mission** -

[www.gonaiveschristianmission.org](http://www.gonaiveschristianmission.org)

**Good News Productions** - <https://gnpi.org>

**Person to Person Ministries** – <https://www.p2pm.org/>

**OVCA –Christian Camp** -

<https://ohiovalleychristianassembly.com/>

**Christian Counseling Ministry**: Located at 226 Sixth Street, Beverly, Ohio 45715.