



## THE MESSENGER

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### REFLECTIONS FROM PREACHER JOHN How To Live Positive Lives!

The story goes like this: a family on Sunday morning heard their pastor say that in the Sunday Night service he was going to preach on the subject of "Being Filled with the Spirit." That afternoon their young boy pleaded not to make him go to church that night. He was afraid that the Spirit would turn him into others that he did not like. He said, "I don't want to wear sad expressions. I don't want to walk around as if I'm carrying the burden of the world. I don't want to look down my nose at children and shake my negative head. I don't want to be sad and unhappy like some of those I see in church."

God's nature is positive. When we get hooked on Jesus, we are to become positive people. We must get to the place where our positive actions speak louder than our words. You remember the old sage, "What you do speaks so loudly, I cannot hear what you say." So, how do we go about living really positive lives?

- I. **THINK RIGHT.** We usually become what we think, and we usually do what we are thinking about. The Bible states, "As a person thinks...so is he." Right thinking results in right acting and right living. We are to fill our mind with things that are true, honest, just and of a good report. The Bible tells us to think on these things. Our minds are like a vacuum cleaner. It sucks up all that's around it. So watch what you see, hear and experience. These can decide our thoughts and our thoughts can decide our actions. And our actions can determine what we get out of life.
- II. **BELIEVE RIGHT.** Some have said, "If you have enough faith, you can do anything." But the Bible does not say "have faith" period. It says to "have faith" in someone (Jesus Christ). Our Heavenly Father seeks to pull us up, not slap us down. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which gives me strength."
- III. **PRACTICE RIGHT.** Our parents use to say, "Practice makes perfect." So let's practice positive things. Complimenting others is positive. Helping others is positive. Loving people is positive. Our habits make or break us. Let us form those habits which contribute to our positive goals and break those habits that are negative.
- IV. **START RIGHT.** We start right now. Set a plan to reach your goals in life. Start working your plan today. Tomorrow never comes. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow." You only have today. As you start, allow flexibility. Allow for mistakes, temporary setbacks. Inflexibility and a rigid life will often lead to brokenness and failure. Never give up. Refuse to quit. If you get knocked down, get up!
- V. **LAUGH RIGHT.** "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." The best prescription of negativity is laughter. You do not get ulcers and high blood pressure by laughing. Get rid of worry and negativity. Learn to laugh at yourself. Yes, life is serious, but there is a difference between serious and sad. Learn to relax. Relaxation is a state of mind, so let down your hair and laugh. When you learn to laugh you can also relax.

So how do we go about living really positive lives? Think Right, Believe Right, Practice Right, Star Right and Laugh Right.

Your mind, heart and life will always be filled with something. So fill them with positive things like; love, joy, peace, etc. Fill them with the message of the Bible. When you meditate on the written Word of God, it will inspire you, excite you, motivate and thrill you.

Insight from Max Morris



**UMW MISSION SUPPORT FOR SEPTEMBER** will be donations to ECCHO (canned soups, canned fruit, canned meat, canned pasta, or peanut butter). Please bring donations to the church narthex or to the next circle meeting.

**ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE:** "Back to School, Back to Church, Back to Circle!!" Our September meeting will be Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Rosie Wooddell's house (3 Guyan Oaks Drive). Bring a food item for ECCHO; and we will continue our emphasis on MISSIONS, as Malinda Tennant-Ross shares with us about the mission conference she attended at WV Wesleyan this summer. Bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and rededication to service and mission.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet at 1:00 PM on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the church parlor.



**BUZZZZZZZ, BUZZZZZZZ:** Hello Church Family! We are very happy to be starting another year at The Hive! We have full classes this year and are looking forward to lots of love and laughter. Our September Bible Story is Adam and Eve and The Story Of Creation. Our Bible verse is: 1 John 1:9 "Walk in obedience to God's commands." We will spend most of this month getting used to our new teachers, our new classrooms and our new routines. We will wear red, white, and blue to celebrate our country on September 11 & 12 and have an America Parade around the church grounds. On September 18, be sure to look for us in the Barboursville Fall Fest Parade. Also, on September 18 & 19, we will celebrate the Letter F with Fancy Fun on the Farm Day, when our students can dress FANCY or dress like they are on the FARM...some students are creative enough to do both! Thank you for your continuous support through prayers & kind thoughts. We are excited to see what Jesus has planned for us during the 2014-2015 school year!



Did you know that Steele Memorial has a Sunday school class for high school graduates, 20 something's and early 30 something's? This class meets in the Seekers Sunday school room. If you are in this age group and are not in Sunday school, please consider joining this group for Bible study, fellowship, fun and making of new friends!



**ALOHA, AND WELCOME TO ARROW ISLAND!** Our Steele Memorial All Stars for Jesus Bible Club is up and running! Steele has been transformed into an island adventure...Arrow Island! We will study God's word as we learn to **CHOOSE GOD'S WAY!** Each lesson is designed to reach our students with **learning that lasts!** As we explore the Bible together, the islanders will learn how to apply the Bible verses and take action to put God's word into practice in daily life. We are not just teaching Bible stories. We are aiming at building lives by the **BOOK!** Please pray for our devoted All Stars Staff! They faithfully come out each Wednesday to make sure this awesome program happens! Special thanks to our "Church Family" and parents/grandparents for supporting us with your love and kindness! God is so good! In His Service! Ms. Becky

**GIRLS OF FAITH** met on Tuesday, August 19 to plan for the rest of the year. We have some exciting mission projects coming up and are also working on a "Road Trip!" Our devotion was about glitter and gossip. How are they related? We took the "Glitter Challenge." As we formed a circle and passed a handful of glitter to our neighbor, we quickly learned that it sticks to our hands and is hard to control. Glitter ended up on the floor and on us! Gossip is also hard to control, and it sticks! Our choice of words, whether kind or hurtful, can make a huge impact on other people's lives. Choose your words carefully! This group of girls is going to do amazing things for our Lord! I know why God chose me to lead this group of beautiful princesses. They make me a better person! Our first mission project is to host the **Barboursville Community Meal** on Saturday, September 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 at Steele Memorial. This mission was started by the **Greater Barboursville Community Outreach** group. The goal is for neighbors to help neighbors. Watch the bulletin for more information and updates.



**BARBOURSVILLE FALL FEST PARADE!** Calling all **Mermaids** and **Mermen!** Steele Memorial All Stars for Jesus Bible Club will be participating in the Fall Fest Parade on Thursday, September 18. Please let the church office (736-4583) or me know if your child is planning on riding on the float. The theme is "Under the Sea!" Ms. Becky 939-1682

**SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!** Tom and Judy Ross own **Good News Llamas** and will be visiting our church during All Stars on Wednesday, September 10. They will be bringing some Llamas, actually show us how to Llama fleece on her wheel. They not only have



and Judy will spin the spinning the farm but

also have a fiber arts studio. Tom and Judy use this opportunity to minister and share God's word. This is how they came up with their name...**Good News Llamas!** Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out this amazing ministry! A little birdie said that Lorri Turman is more excited about this than the children! Can't wait to see these peaceful creatures!



### AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

**PROGRAM:** Steele Memorial is starting an After-school Tutoring Program on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 to 5:15 PM. We need supervision for this program to work! If you are willing to help out on Wednesday, please contact the church office at 304-736-4583 or Megan Turman at 304-563-3140. This tutoring program for grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> is trying to take off in the middle of September, but we need help. You could be a math genius and would love to help a struggling student with his or her studies. If that sounds like you, call to sign-up.

### LADIES BIBLE

be starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tuesday in the Pennington 7:00 p.m. We are study, Children of the Day, from 1&2 Thessalonians. Ladies, we hope you will join us for this 9 week study. If you have not tried one, please give it a try. You will not be disappointed. The books for our study are \$14.95, but this time we are asking for you to pay \$25.00 per person, and that way we can cover the cost of the video series and not have to run it through the church budget. If you have trouble finding time to do your daily Bible study, I challenge you to try one of these studies. Do it for you and you may just find you need this time for you. If you have any questions about the study, feel free to call me. We hope you will bring a friend and join us. ~Susan Call (736-5108 or 840-3033)



**STUDY:** We will study September evening upstairs Class room at doing Beth's new

**KROGER CARES NEWS:** Kroger is in the process of changing their Kroger Cares program. August 30 is the last day you can load money to your Kroger Cares card. Any funds on your card can be spent until used up. I have sent an application to enroll in their new program. I will advise you when information is received. The Kroger Cares program has brought several thousand dollars into our church finances. Hopefully the new program will be beneficial to us as well.

Remember, the local **FOODFAIR** has a very similar program that provides refunds to our church as well. If you load money on your card in advance of shopping, the church receives 5 percent of that amount. If you have a Foodfair card and just have it scanned at checkout, we receive 1 percent of the amount you spend. This provides FREE money to our church at NO additional charge to you. If you do not currently have a Foodfair card, just ask for one at the service desk. Be sure to tell them you are with Steele Memorial United Methodist Church in Barboursville.

Thanks to all who participate in these great programs. Phyllis Griffith, coordinator

**"PATH TO THE CURE 5K WALK/RUN"** We have created a team for the "Path to the Cure 5k walk/run" on September 28th in Huntington. **ADULTS:** If you would like to join us, register before September 1st to save \$10 per person! The price after September 1<sup>st</sup> rises from \$25 to \$35 per adult. The youth pricing remains the same (\$15). Everyone should register before September 15th to ensure that you will get a free t-shirt. Registration is easy... Go to [pathtothecure.org](http://pathtothecure.org), click register, and begin filling out the information. When it asks for "registration type", make sure to select "join team." Our team name is, "Steele MUMC Youth." You'll make the payment and then you're done! The race begins at 3:00; therefore this event will take the place of evening youth. After the race, we will all meet for dinner! If you do not plan on going to the race, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange rides. If you have any trouble, let us know!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Becky Damron Nancy Lipsey	2 Verna Williams Sarah Damron	3 Connie Gesner	4 Carole Johnson	5 Anabella Godfrey Noah Hockenberry <i>Roger &amp; Delora Call</i>	6
7	8 Reba Swann Russell Prichard	9 Brian Lingenfelter Rhett Hoover	10 Megan Bannister Ann Carter Megan McKinney	11 Dianna Burton Linda Bowman	12 John Griffith Carla Snell	13
14 Karen Turman	15 Sandra Damron	16 Abby Triplett	17 Logan Lingenfelter	18 Sara Allman	19 Luke Fetty	20
21 Buena Cole Steve Triplett	22 Vickie Short	23	24 Denise Justus Jean Mays Tenny Crockett	25 Amy Reiter Amanda Holbrook	26 <i>Mark &amp; Kimberly Adkins</i>	27 Denise Eagan Jaedon Prentice
28 Charlotte Crandall	29	30 Pat Holt Devon Nease				

### PARKING LOT GREETERS

7 Mike McClung  
Larry Dickens

14 Pat Cornwell  
Kelly McGuffin

21 Tony Ryder  
Kim Stanley

28 Donnie Barbour  
Monica Jackson

**\*\*United Methodist Men Annual Gathering and Circuit Rider 26** will be held at Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV on September 5, 6, 7, 2014. For information about the schedule, cost and registration, please see the brochure on the bulletin board located near the narthex.

**\*\*Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Huntington's mayor, Steve Williams, has called upon the local churches to pause at 11:05 AM and pray for the City of Huntington and surrounding areas concerning the drug trafficking, drug dealers and drug users. Mayor Williams stated that he knows personally the power of prayer and is asking for prayer power to help with this epidemic.

## SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed for Labor Day	2 Ladies Bible Study 7PM Mission Com. 6 PM	3 All Stars 5:30 Youth 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	4	5 UM Men's Retreat at Jackson's Mill the 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 Barboursville Pageant 11 AM
7 Grandparents' Day Early Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	8 Trustee Com. 7 PM	9 Finance Com. 7 PM Ladies Bible Study 7PM	10 All Stars 5:30 Youth 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	11 Lydia Circle 1 PM Esther/Ruth Circle 7 PM Troop 88	12	13
14 Early Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	15 Admin. Council 7 PM	16 Ladies Bible Study 7PM	17 All Stars 5:30 Youth 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	18 Barboursville Fall Festival parade 6:15 PM	19	20
21 Early Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	22	23 First Day of Autumn Ladies Bible Study 7PM	24 All Stars 5:30 Youth 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	25 Troop 88	26	27 Community Outreach Dinner in NFH
28 Early Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	29	30 Ladies Bible Study 7PM				

\*\*September 7<sup>th</sup> the Thunder Tones will be singing at Barboursville Park Amphitheater. "LET FREEDOM SING" is a free event to memorialize the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy and show our appreciation to the men and women who serve as firefighters, police officers and paramedics. The event begins at 4:00 PM.

\*\*October 5<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday. It is also the day for the Church Picnic at Barboursville Park. The ballgame will begin at 4:00 PM with the picnic at 5:00 PM. The Vespers Service will follow the picnic. Make plans to attend this time of fun, fellowship, food and worship!