

**\*\*\* If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

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**If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin weekly via email, please let Darren Parks know or send an email to**

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### **Gospel Meetings:**

**Camden Ave May 3-5 with**

**Lonnie Jones**

**Harmar Hill May 5-9 with Randy Baker**

**Beallsville Ladies Insp. Day**

**May 14th 9:30am**

**Sunrise May 7th with David Lipe**

\*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141, email at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com or drop off in box by office door.

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**The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.**

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## **Opening to Opportunity**

*Brian R. Kenyon*

When “opportunity knocks,” what is our reaction? Sometimes we are fearful. Sometimes we ignore it. Sometimes we do not even realize it is present. Unfortunately, opportunities do not always return when missed. Let us learn about opportunity from Paul’s statement to the Corinthians: “But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:8-9). The word “door” is often used as a metaphor for opportunity (Acts 14:27; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3; Revelation 3:8).

First, when opportunities come, we must make plans accordingly. Paul was willing to continue in Ephesus where the opportunity presented itself. “Pentecost” no longer carried a religious connotation for Paul, but it was a good way of marking the time of year. He would continue working in Ephesus until late spring or early summer before visiting Corinth. The reason why some Christians miss spiritual opportunities and corresponding plans to take advantage of them is they are too focused on things of this world (Matthew 13:22; Romans 12:2). The best way, then, to recognize spiritual opportunities is to be spiritually minded (Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 8:5-8). When recognized, we can make plans with God in mind (James 4:13-15).

Second, opportunities to save or to edify souls, including our own, are worth every effort. The words “great” [“wide,” NAS] and “effective” [“effectual,” KJV] indicate that Paul’s opportunity in Ephesus was tremendous. In fact, the word translated “effective” means active and powerful. It is the same word from which the English word “energy” derives. Sometimes, Christians squander opportunities because they are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary to take advantage of them (Matthew 25:1-13). However, we must realize that no matter the temporary sacrifice, the eternal blessings are worth it (Romans 8:18)!

Third, opportunities often come with obstacles. Paul had “many adversaries.” These adversaries stood against Paul as he served the Lord. The opposition against Paul in Ephesus is well documented (Acts 19:21-40; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10), but by God’s grace, he was still very successful (Acts 19:1-20)! Christians today also face opposition when they take advantage of spiritual opportunities (Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-16). In order to do our best for the Lord, we must neither fear the opposition (Philippians 1:28) nor give “opportunity to the adversary” (1 Timothy 5:14).

There is so much opportunity for Christians to grow in the Lord. Let us take advantage of each opportunity and give ourselves to His service!

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### Upcoming Events



**May 7:** Senior Saints Day at Sunrise church of Christ. Meeting in parking lot at 8am. Any questions contact Larry

Butcher.

**May 18:** GOLDEN AGERS DINNER. Sign up sheet is in the back!

**May 19:** Birthday/Anniversary Dinner after evening services. Everyone is welcome!

**May 26:** Due to graduation we will have a 5pm evening service.

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### 2019 Graduates



SMHS: Randa Fluharty

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

~Colossians 4:2



Pray without ceasing ~Thessalonians 5:17

### Prayer list



\* \*Ruth Eddy had an unsuccessful procedure done and is recovering.

\* Jean Nazelrod was in the hospital early last week. She is home and recovering.

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Faye Williams, Buzz Williams, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Ruth Eddy, Bob Nally, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Scott Judge, Betty Bills, Rhanda Archer, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Dick Hall, John Rockhold, Colleen Kiester, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Madeline McFadden, Chris Ball, Mike Fetty, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Jim Williamson.

### Church Sign:

May- Hal Powell

June- Melvin Truax

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

### Radio and TV Programs



**Good News of Peace:** Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

**Gospel Broadcasting Network:** Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg



### May 5th

#### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Door Greeters:** Ruth Ann Keith, Delores Butcher

**Ushers/Monitors:** Elmer Burns, Larry Butcher

**Communion:** Lew Wilson, Brian Mercer, Richard Davis, Rodney Ramsey, Ethan Davis, Bill Dutton

**Reading and Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Closing Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster

#### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Richard Lee Davis

**Prayer:** Caleb Parsley

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

#### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Prayer:** Clay Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Gerald Burns

### May 12th

#### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Larry Butcher

**Song Leader:** Connor Lancaster

**Door Greeters:** Richard & Brenda Davis

**Ushers/Monitors:** Buzz Williams, Richard Lee Davis

**Communion:** Dave Lancaster, Melvin Truax, Jesse Barnhart, Elmer Burns, Fred Arnett, Stephen Hays

**Reading and Prayer:** Dave Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Lew Wilson

#### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Clay Perkins

**Prayer:** Darren Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Dan Kessinger

#### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Connor Lancaster

**Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker