## Washington church of Christ

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#### **Order of Services**

#### Sunday, July 14, 2013

Song Leader Cameron Wydro
Prayer Lee Redd
Preaching Bob James

Lord's Supper

Prayer for the Bread Brian Jeffries
Prayer for the Cup Matt Grimaldi
Prayer for the Collection Pete Ferencze

Assisting at the Table Glenn Montgomery
Scripture Reading Patrick Wydro
Morning Closing Prayer David Osinski

Evening Opening Prayer Stan Thompson
Announcements Scott Thomas

#### **Schedule of Weekly Services**

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7:30 pm
Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am

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#### **BEYOND SAD**

If we understand that people are uniquely human and genetically distinct after conception why are we aborting our babies? People directly involved in the act of abortion and their supporters were given the right to life. "Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb" (Job 31:15)? They were given the right to be born. "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." (Gen. 1:28) The right to be born is a blessing from God and is sanctioned by all men who believe that, once conceived, we are equally alive and unique before our creator. Then why abort? Why, one unborn child lives and another dies? Whether motivation to kill (abort) is caused by racial bias, parental irresponsibility, ignorance, or illicit sex, lives are wrongfully taken.

Millions of beautiful human lives are being ended through induced abortion. Are you or I to arbitrarily decide who lives or dies? And what guilt do we carry, while we stand quietly by?

Man's inhumanity to man seems never to cease. We remember with justified horror the racial bias that caused the untimely end of millions of human lives in the Nazi German death camps. Those people were also uniquely human and genetically distinct just like the unborn child. German society today, with justified horror, denies their government the ungodly rights claimed by that former Nazi government.

Future generations will also look back in horror at us for our Godless efforts at rampant legal abortion of babies.

Yes, it is indeed sad... beyond sad.

Arnold Thompson

#### Our Prayer List...

For Spiritual Strength – Georgia DeLorenzo ... Sondra DeLorenzo

For Physical Healing - Larry Smith (Sharon Ferencze's brother)

**For Wisdom and Good Judgment** – The Leaders of our nation ... the leaders of our congregation

**For God's Care and Good Providence** – Our young people here at Washington ... our members who are traveling ... the men and women in military service ... our congregation.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15 NIV)

#### The Fellowship of the Ministering to the Saints...

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. (2 Corinthians 8:1-5 NKJV)

The text above is a portion of an exhortation the apostle Paul gave to the church in Corinth in which he extols, the generosity of the Macedonian saints. In this text Paul makes the point that Macedonia was not a "rich" church, and yet they gave a gift to help support Paul's evangelistic efforts that he termed to be "beyond their ability". This was possible, Paul went on to say, because "they first gave themselves to the Lord".

God continues to bless us here at Washington in many ways. And, it is because of His blessings to us that we able to provide financial assistance to some of our local evangelists.

We are currently providing financial assistance to Jon Focht, preacher to the Bethlehem, PA church, and to Tim Bunting, who teaches and leads evangelistic efforts in the New York City area.

Additionally, in our Men's Spiritual/Business Meeting last week it was agreed to also provide financial assistance to Scott Smelser, who will be starting an evangelistic effort in the Philadelphia area. The objective of Scott's work is to start a congregation in a heavily populated area that is currently without a church of our Lord.

We at Washington are not a materially rich church, but it is obvious that many among of us have given themselves to the Lord and are giving each week in the contribution in such a way that enables us to help support these men in these "good works".

I pray that God will bless the efforts of these men, as well as continue to bless this congregation with the means, opportunities, and desire to spread the Word!

... Bob

### EVENTS AND NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF ARE ...

- ▲ THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON LUNCH GATHERING TODAY AFTER SERVICES AT THE WARREN GLEN PAVILION. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ▲ THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 11AM. THIS WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF MATTHEW 5:27-48
- A THERE WILL BE A TEACHER'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 5PM. ALL TEACHERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. PLEASE LET BOB JAMES KNOW IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND.
- ▲ THE NEXT LADIES BIBLE STUDY WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7:00PM.
- THE NEXT MEN'S BUSINESS/SPIRITUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, STARTING AT 4PM.
- ▲ THE WASHINGTON LADIES' RETREAT SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH.
- △ OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING WITH JOE WORKS OF THE FAIR LAWN CONGREGATION ON OCTOBER 11TH 13TH.
- ▲ SONG SERVICE AT THE EAST ORANGE CONGREGATION ON SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 5PM.