#### January 4, 2015

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#### WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

	Sunday	
	<u>Jan. 4, 2015</u>	<u>Jan. 11, 2015</u>
Prayer	N. Middleton	P. Danz
Scripture	M. Perry	B. Mullins
Communion	M. Davidson	P. VanHorn
Assist	D. Smith	B. Castleman
Pass	T. Jarvis	Z. Thomas
Pass	J. Fronczak	B. Smith
Usher	D. Clay	T. Brooks
Usher	A. Montgomery	D. Mandernach
Prayer	B. Morton	S. Danz
Song Leader	R. Alt	N. Middleton
Nursery	D. Lande	A. Middleton
Evening Worship		
Prayer	G. Maldonado	M. Perry
Communion	R. Coss	L. Montgomery
Prayer	S. Fiori	R. Alt
Bible Time	L. & J.	M. & L. Perry
	Montgomery	
(Midweek Bible Study)		
Wed. Ja	an. 7, 2015	Wed. Jan. 14, 2015
Prayer	S. Lance	J. Fronczak
Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery
Devotional	L. Montgomery	M. Perry
Prayer	T. Brooks	D. Smith

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

### GUEST SPEAKER: DOUG WELLS

Hello, my name is Doug Wells and I have worked at the Millersburg Church of Christ for nearly eleven years. I am currently seeking a position as a pulpit minister at a church of Christ.

I'm the husband of a beautiful wife and the father of three little blessings from God. I care very much about serving in a place where they can grow and see the grace of God in action. Where God is truly and spiritually worshipped and people are loved like Jesus loved us. Where the leaders equip fellow servants to serve God and many acts of ministry are joyfully done by the entire body. I'm aware that these are lofty goals but I am convinced that they need to be our goals. Why, you ask? Because you can find them in God's Word! (See Matthew 28:19-20, John 4:23-24, Matthew 22:37-38, Ephesians 4:11-13, Peter 4:11)

As for me personally, I'm just a servant who tries to do his duty. I want to serve in a place where I am building on the right foundation. Jesus said if I don't my house will fall down. Paul said you better build on the right foundation, and even then you have to be careful to keep your work from being burnt up. So does the church that meets in your area have a good foundation? Page 2

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS		
SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am - All ladies are welcome		<b><u>CONGRATULATIONS</u></b> : Louis and Butchie Montgomery are proud grand- parents again.
<b><u>BIBLE TIME</u></b> : For children in Kinder- garten through the 5th grade. Teach- ers: Louis and Butchie Montgomery <b>JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE</b> :	ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING: Sun- day, January 11 at 4:30 p.m. HELPING HANDS: Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am	NEW BROTHER IN CHRIST: MATTHEW NASCEIF was baptized on Sunday, December 28. We rejoice with Matt and his family.
<ul> <li>1/4</li> <li>AM worship: Doug Wells</li> <li>PM worship: Russ Bone</li> <li>1/11</li> <li>AM worship: Wissam Al-Aethawi</li> <li>PM worship: Deron Smith</li> <li>1/18</li> <li>AM worship: Wissam Al-Aethawi</li> <li>PM worship: Patrick VanHorn</li> <li>1/25</li> <li>AM worship: Doug Edwards (C of C care center</li> <li>PM worship: Tyler Brooks</li> </ul>	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT: All Middle School age and older youth are invited to stay after church on the 4th Sun- day evening of each month for a fel- lowship. Watch for more information to come. Contact Cheryl Alt or Suz- anne Smith if you have questions. YOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please sign the lists at the back of the audito- rium if you can help with Communion prep, Baptismal clothing care, or Closing the building in 2015.	<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> : Arianna Oliver (3rd - 5th grade class) memo- rized 12 out of 13 memory verses for the fall quarter. Kaitlynn and Zachariah Thomas (6th- 8th grade class) memorized all 13 memory verses for the fall quarter.

#### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

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# RON WITHEY



#### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Lilly Bumpus, Elaine Dimtson, Al Hutchinson, Ed Ingle, Yolanda Joiner, Dianne Lande, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Don and Rosie Mandernach, Randy Matthews, Trudy McCain, Sarah Milantoni, Marie Miller, Bob Mullins, Jeff Nelson, Erma Noe, Pat Pugh, J.D. Roberts, Bill Saylors, Scotty Smith, Val Toby, Valerie Tomaszewski, Leila Wallace, Karen Ward, Linda Weick, Kim Williams, Jami Willingham,

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# ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND

# ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

# BLOOD - The Liquid of Life

For Christmas this year, Diane bought me this shaving system that resembles a" Barber's Close Shave." It has its own brush, shaving cream and pre-shaving oil. This article caught my eye and I would like to pass it on to you my church family, not so we shave closer, but that it's all in the blood of spiritual life. Love, Chuck

Blood always has been a curious substance whose vast mysteries and capabilities have yet to be fully explored. Doctors in the twenty-first century transfuse it, draw it, separate it, package it, store it, ship it, and sell it. And, although modern-day scientists have not uncovered completely all of the wonders of blood, they have discovered that it is the key to life. Without this "liquid of life," humans and animals would have no way to circulate the necessary oxygen and proteins that their bodies need in order to survive and reproduce. Hemoglobin found in the red blood cells carries oxygen to the brain, which in turn uses that oxygen to allow it to control the entire body. A brain without oxygen is like a car without gas or a computer without electricity. Blood makes all of the functions in the body possible.

In the past, ignorance of blood's value caused some "learned" men to do tragic things. For instance, during the middle ages, and even until the nineteenth century, doctors believed that harmful "vapors" entered the blood and caused sickness. For this reason, leeches were applied to victims of fever and other illnesses in an attempt to draw out blood containing these vapors. Also, the veins and arteries located just above the elbow were opened, and the patient's arms were bled to expunge the contaminated blood. George Washington, the first President of the United States, died because of such misplaced medical zeal.

Maybe you have seen a red and white striped, twirling pole at the entrance to a barbershop. In the middle ages, barbers did much more than cut hair. They also performed minor surgeries (such as tooth extractions). One of their most frequent feats was bloodletting. Barbershops generally kept on hand a fresh supply of leeches—stored in a basin on top of the pole.

But what does all this have to do with the Bible? Thousands of years before the lethal practice of bloodletting was conceived, mankind had been informed by God that blood was indeed the key to life. In Leviticus 17:11, Moses wrote: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." Because red blood cells carry oxygen (due to hemoglobin in the cells), life is made possible. In fact, we know today that human red blood cells carry approximately 270,000,000 molecules of hemoglobin per cell. If there were any less, there would not be enough residual oxygen to sustain life after, say, a hard sneeze or a hefty pat on the back.

Today, we understand completely the truthfulness of Moses' statement that "the life of the flesh is in the blood." But how did an ancient shepherd like Moses come to know such information? Just a lucky guess? How could Moses have known almost 3500 years ago that life was in the blood, while it took the rest of the scientific and medical community thousands of years (and thousands of lives!) to discover this truth? That answer, of course, is that Moses was guided by the Great Physician—and therein lies the difference between life and death.

Kyle Butt

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

### PANTRY NEEDS

Hearty soups

Canned tuna and chicken

Complete meals in a box

Canned fruits and vegetables

#### CONTRIBUTION

BUDGET \$3,400

- 12-07-14\$3,13112-14-14\$4,89212-21-14\$6,375
- 12-28-14 \$4,308

# **SERVICES** Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm



# SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY

Communion Preparation: Kim Landry

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Kim Landry

Closing the Building: Chuck Middleton

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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**Chuck Middleton** Patrick VanHorn Christine Rowell Denise Bone 15 Tiffany Lezotte 17 Elaine Danz 18 Iris Howard Anna Brooks

Gilbert & Glenda Maldonado	12
Dennis & Mary Jane Johnson	16
Fred & Kim Landry	20
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Taken from "Traditions of Men vs. the Word of God" by Alvin Jennings				
PENTECOSTAL TRADITION	WORD OF GOD			
6. Instruments of music are used to "glorify" God in worship.	<ul> <li>6 a. True worship is according to "Spirit and truth." John 4:24.</li> <li>6 b. The words of Christ (not Moses, not our own feelings, emotions, and preferences) shall judge us in the Last Day. John 12:48.</li> <li>6 c. Vocal music was repeatedly specified as the kind enjoined in Christians' worship. Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19.</li> <li>6 d. Christians "abide in the teachings of Christ." 2 John 9-10.</li> <li>6 e. Christians follow the pattern given by God, Hebrews 8:5, without adding, subtracting or altering according to our own desires or opinions.</li> </ul>			

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### THEME FOR 2015

Sweet Year of Fellowship