



January Birthdays:

Gary Lucas Jr 01/03, , Melanie Beeson 01/09,
Gary Lucas 01/10, Owen Sherman and Rick
Hamilton 01/20, Cole Palmer 01/29

Duty Roster	Sunday AM	Sun PM	Wed PM
Announce	Rick Lucas	Rick Lucas	Zach Leach
Open Prayer	Josh Eagon	Eric Kernen	Rick Lucas
Song Leader	Darren Leach	Dale Leach	Jared Kernen
Preside Table	Matt Palmer	Rick Lucas	
Bread Fruit of vine Offering Bulletins	Jake Leach Wesley Lewis Jeremy Hall Adam Palmer		
Script Reading	Jared Kernen	Gary Lucas Jr	
Lesson / Inv.	Ty Leach	Zach Leach	Jake Leach
Closing Prayer	Jeff Lewis	Jim Thornburg	Dale Leach



Building Lockup: Matt Palmer & Jeremy Hall

Meeting Times

Sunday: Bible Study – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am
Sunday Evening: Worship: 6:00 pm
Wednesday: Bible Study & Worship – 7:00 pm

Anyone wishing to be baptized please contact one of the
elders or deacons .

01-28-2024

WEST MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

237 West Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio 4371305

West Main Anchor

*Hebrews 6:19a Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both
sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil*

Today's Lesson:



Eph 4:9-13

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also
descended to the lower, earthly regions[c]?10 He who
descended is the very one who ascended higher than all
the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So
Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the
evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his
people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may
be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the
knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

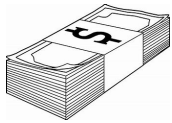
WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:



Cindi Messenger & family mourning the
loss of Vivian Anderson, Gary Lucas,
Jared Kernen, Ida Blatt, Allen Withrow.

Study the Bible

*Would you like to be more familiar with the scriptures?
Ask us about our Bible correspondence program.*



Paid in Full

By Joe Chesser

Years ago, when the final payment was made on an installment loan, the bank would stamp in large letters on the original application "Paid in Full!" In this electronic age I don't know if financial institutions still do that, but even if we don't get a piece of paper with the "Paid in Full!" stamp on it, when a loan is finally paid off, it sure feels good. Making that final payment and having a debt "Paid in Full!" is just plain exciting.

Jesus told a story about a man who owed such a huge debt that he could never have paid it off (Matthew 18). I mean he owed a man millions of dollars, and that was in the 1st century! When the debt came due, all the man could do was fall on his knees and beg for mercy. Try that at your bank. It doesn't work. But that time the unheard of happened. The man felt sorry for the one who owed him so much and stamped the parchment (or whatever) "Paid in Full!" He cancelled the entire debt! The balance was now \$0.00. If that had been you, how grateful would you have felt?

And that's just about money. We owe a debt that we can never pay. Even if we have millions of dollars, billions of dollars, we could never pay the debt we owe. It simply is not within our power to pay off our debt because our debt is not

about something as frivolous as money. Our debt involves sin, which by nature makes us objects of God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3). And yet, because of the love and mercy of God, our enormous debt can be stamped "Paid in Full!"

I said "can be" because not everyone's sin debt will be cancelled. The other day I heard someone say that, although everyone will die with their debt of sin entirely paid, how sad it is that most will die without having their personal debt cancelled by Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14). The cross has the potential power to cancel every sin committed by every person who has or will live on this earth. Unfortunately, only a relatively few will accept the offer of forgiveness and obey the gospel to access this grace. While the cross "Paid in Full!" the sins of everyone, only those "in Christ" (see Galatians 3:26-27) receive the actual cancellation of the debt of sin: "in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us ..." (Ephesians 1:7-8). I dare say that no one would refuse to have their mortgage paid off by doing something as equally simple as God offers us to have our sin debt "Paid in Full!" by obeying the gospel. It is shocking what we will do for a few dollars and won't do for forgiveness of sins!

But for those of us who choose to see the bigger picture, for those of us who do know that saving our souls by the blood of Jesus is the most important thing we can accomplish in this life, how very grateful we should be that Jesus was willing and able to cancel our debt and mark it "Paid in Full!" We cannot thank him enough. But we can keep him the focus of our present life and the hope of our future life. And we can do whatever we can to help as many other people come to know the awesome blessing of the cross. The Big Question...Will We Do It?

The Elders: Jeff Lewis – 425-9269, Darren Leach 238-1370 & Rick Lucas 782-1748
Deacons: Mike Anderson, Ty Leach & Matt Palmer,

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Meeting Room

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