

- In Memory -

Connie Cowdery
1942 - 2017

James Beagle
1932 - 2017

WELL DONE

*Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.*

*The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
The soul is found in peace.*

- James Montgomery -

The Lord Is My Shepherd

This is the best known and most often quoted Psalm. In all literature its popularity has no equal. Its beauty is unmatched. Its comfort has no rival. This Psalm has been on the lips of countless numbers as they confidently walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Its precious words stand engraved today on a million marble shafts in the peaceful cities of the dead.

This beautiful, metaphorical hymn embraces the complete needs of man: The Lord's leadership. A life free from want where the pastures are green and the waters still. A restored soul. Paths of righteousness. No fear of death. Comfort. The Shepherd's approbation. Goodness. Mercy. A glorious certainty. And the hope of immortality.

Nothing could be dearer in life or death!

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Psalm 23

Your decision about Jesus determines your destiny.

News & Notes

CONFESSION: Mike West.

SYMPATHY: To the families of Connie Cowdery and Jim Beagle at their passing and funerals last week. Connie was a selfless caring woman. Jim served this church as a deacon and an elder. Both were faithful to the Lord in this congregation for many years. They will certainly be missed. God bless and comfort the families.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are encouraged to participate to help make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are urged to attend this class.

STUDY ON REVELATION: Each Wednesday at the 7:00 p.m. Bible study hour.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brown's home.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Feb. 4th, 8:00 a.m. at Connie's Corner in Chester.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, Feb. 5th at about noon at the Multipurpose Building. All are invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

ELDERS DATE TO SPEAK RESCHEDULED: Next Sunday evening, Feb. 5th at 5:30 p.m. Plan to be here for this annual event and learn about the church's present situation and future plans.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Tasha Hall Beatty (member at Southern Hills): 1034 Pyramus Rd., Chester, WV 26034. Imogene Aebi, (radiation treatments): 2660 Layman Rd., Vincent, OH 45784. Irvin & Barbara Gainer in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' parents).

SICK & SHUT-IN: WEIRTON MEDICAL: Jim Smith (preacher at Langeloth, PA). AT HOME: Marilyn Sprout, Dean Spencer, Janet Malcomson, Lois Hissom, Eva Stefl, Shirley Beagle, Doris Dunham, Betty Henthorne. Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister) 1211 Mound St., Salem, OH 44460. CROSSROADS: Jim Mick, CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Sarah Miller & Ella Beagle. WORTHINGTON NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, Margie Logston, 2675 - 36th St., P.O. Box 4010, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

"Don't Give Up!"

There is a painting that shows the devil at a chess board with a young man. The devil has just made his move, and the young man's queen is checkmated. On his face is written defeat and despair. One day the great chess genius, Paul Morphy stood looking at that painting. He studied carefully the position on the board. Suddenly his face lit up and he shouted to the young man in the painting, "you still have a move, don't give up, you still have a move!"



We come to those moments when it seems we are checkmated. We see no winning move we can make. Then the great Master of all life comes closer to us. He remembers one day when He prayed to be spared on the cross: "let this cup pass from me," He pleaded. The cross seemed the end of His world. But there was yet another move. Beyond the cross was an empty tomb - and victory!

That same Christ can see beyond your cross to some triumph. "Don't give up, you still have a move," He says.

- Morris Chalfant, Delta CO, via *Bulletin Digest*