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West Side Window

January 17, 2021

We are thankful for your presence today and are happy that we can provide a safe place for worship of our Lord. We ask that you please adhere to the guidelines of our governor who advises that we wear masks and distance ourselves from close contact with each other while at services. Communion packets and baskets for the contribution are at the double doors. Thank you for protecting yourself and each other while we are together.

Review, Reflect, Reset

Let Us Review! 1 Cor. 10:12-13 says, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation will also make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it.” We should be mindful of the world when it comes to entertainment, our relationships, our goals and anything that competes for space in our lives. Looking back, have we given in to temptation and moved God to second place?

Let Us Reflect! 1 John 2:15-17 says, “do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.” What do we see when we turn around and replay 2020? Did our goals our desires and ambitions cloud our walk with Christ?

Let Us Reset! Titus 1:2 speaks of the hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. We cannot change what has happened but we can change what happens next! Summarizing our year should cause us to examine our life. God has promised us eternal life. Are we going to allow our past choices to diminish our eternal hope?

Allen Jones

THE SEVEN UPS

Adverb: Toward or in a more elevated position; to be in a more erect position.

1. **WAKE UP**--Decide to have a good day. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7); Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (Phil. 4:4).
2. **DRESS UP**--The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. The Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7).
3. **BUTTON UP**--Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. He that keeps his mouth keeps his life (Prov. 13:3). He that goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flatters with his lips (Prov. 20:19). Hear counsel and receive instruction that thou may be wise in thy latter end (Prov. 19:20).
4. **STAND UP**--For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6: 9-10).
5. **LOOK UP**---To the Lord. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13).
6. **REACH UP**--For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings “High Hope”, always try to better yourself. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16).
7. **LIFT UP**--Your prayers. Be careful for nothing but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Phil. 4:6).

Selected

Services

Sunday Morning Class

9:30a

Worship: 10: 30a
(Also live-streamed)

**No Sunday Evening
Service**

Wednesday Bible Study

7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

MSOP

Cannon Taylor

INDIA

Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

January 17, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Don Allison

Scripture: Jimmy Clark, *Jeremiah 1: 5- 10*

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Called to Speak"*

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Wednesday Bible Study, January 20, 2021

Song Leader: Lowell

Devo: Mike

Prayer, Don

Hell is a Bad Sell

In an insightful article, "Whatever Happened to Hell", author Larry Dixon raises his concern over Christians trying to soft-peddle the reality of hell. He says many think fear of hell as an outdated and terrible motive for moving one toward Christ. To counter this thought, he notes, "Upon hearing the rattle of a diamond-back, who would stand and debate the persuasive power of absolute terror? If running for one's life makes sense in the presence of a snake, how should we respond to the soul-threatening reality of hell?" His point is well taken, "If we neglect the bad news, some people won't listen to the good."

"And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" -Jude 23

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Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell --
Heritage in Yorktown
Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care

Pam Smith--Waters of Yorktown Nursing Home

A Little Place

"Father where shall I work today? And my love flowed warm and free. Then He pointed me out a tiny spot and said, "Tend that for Me."

I answered quickly, "Oh no, not there. Why, no one would ever see, no matter how well my work was done. Not such a little place for me!"

And, the word He spoke, it was not stern. He answered me tenderly;

"Ah little one, search that heart of thine, Art thou working for them or Me?"

Nazareth was a little place. And so was Galilee."

Author unknown

What is Happening?

--For the present, our doors are open again to Sunday morning classes and worship and Wednesday Bible Study. If you are willing and able to come, we will be happy for your presence as we worship our Lord together.

--Newest edition of "Seek the Old Paths" is on the table

--Reminder: On the table: adult and youth forms for L2L, 2021. See Todd with questions

--Latest letter from Cannon Taylor is on the Missions Board

Reminder of Classes Beginning this Month:

1. Men's class on Tuesday, 6p with Mike Gors teaching on the "Life of Christ."
2. Women's study group, via video on Fridays, 7p studying Psalm 119

And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common...

Acts 2:43 - 44



*"Less said,
Sooner mended"*

Happy Birthday



Joe Odle--Jan 27

Pat Lee--Jan 30

Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31, age
16

Please Pray for

Angie Reed, MS

Alex Odle, Cancer

Bill Smith

Chris & Diana Schombert, Richard's daughter and her husband, COVID-19.

Dan Proctor, Lela's son in NY. Recovering in rehab from two brain surgeries.

Lowell and Charlene Huffman, Both are COVID-19 positive. Charlene is a patient at IUBMH at the time of this printing

John Schock, Knee Surgery with onset of complications. Regimen of medication prescribed for infection. John is rehabbing at home.

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Margaret Goodman

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Pam Smith, Bill received a call from the long term facility where Pam resides that she is not doing well and the family was called in. At the time of this printing, she is holding her own

Renee York, COVID 19

Rick Cox

Ruth Jones, Friend of Jonah. COVID-19 with recent diagnosis of leukemia. Lives in Danville, IL

Shirley Allison, Sister-in-law to Don, At home

Susan Cloninger, Liver biopsy scheduled Jan 19th

Tom Cloninger, Sr: Post brain surgery. 24 hour care at home

Sylvia Carrol

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation. Blisters on feet have healed. She remains very weak

Good Addiction

“Now I urge you brothers—you know the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—be subject to these and to every fellow worker and laborer” (1 Cor. 16:15, 16). Nobody in Corinth was a Christian before Stephanas and his family. And what did that family think that being a Christian was all about? They “devoted themselves to the service of the saints.” As the KJV puts it, “they devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints.” Nobody had to beg them to do good works. They served and served to the point of exhaustion but never wanted to stop. Is that the way you think about service? Take note that “service and “ministry” and “servant” and “minister” are interchangeable terms. Nobody is a minister without being a servant. And, everybody who serves is a minister. The lines drawn in religion between ministers and the rest of the church are unbiblical in that regard. Some of the best ministers would never claim that label or have it applied to them by other people. Their work may not get much attention, but God knows who they are. His work in the church and in the world depends on them (Hebrews 6:10). What should we do when we see such Christians? Be subject to them. Be like them. If they say they could use some help, jump in eagerly! Who are some fellow-Christians you know who have this good addiction?

“There is much to do; there’s work on every hand.”



Danny Boggs, Neosho, MO

Thoughts on Gambling:

1. He who gambles picks his own pocket.
2. Gambling: The sure way of getting nothing for something.

“Good better best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.”

God is for us—that is good.

God is with us—that is better;

God is in us—that is best.

A Crown to Wear

The Bible speaks of grandparents only once (2 Tim. 1; 5) but it mentions “children’s children” ten times and “son’s son” six times. Old age is God’s most honored life stage and being a godly grandparent is a beautiful crown to wear.

Some dread becoming a grandparent because they feel it moves them into the old age category—a kind of demotion—a step up from the grave. It is, in fact, a coronation; you have just been crowned (Prov. 17: 6, Psalm 128: 6). A gray head is not something to be colored or covered but cherished (Prov. 16: 31, 20:29). The older things get, the more valuable they become.

God has a purpose for grandparents. Christians don’t have to retire at 65 and this is especially applies to Christian grandparents. Let your grandchildren see you involved in the work of the church. Let them see you reaching out to people, teaching, leading singing, leading prayer, visiting the sick or helping the needy. Let them hear from your own lips what wisdom the Bible imparts.

And grow some new wood each year! When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was well advanced in years, an admirer asked him how he was able to remain so vigorous and write so beautifully. He pointed to an apple tree and replied, “That tree has been there a long time but I never saw prettier flowers on it than those it has right now. Its branches display a little new wood each year and I suppose that is what accounts for the lovely blossoms. Like that apple tree, I still grow new wood each year.”

The Bible puts it this way: “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing Psalm 92:14).

Allen Webster, adapted
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