

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR—(ROMANS 10:17; MATTHEW 7:24-27)

BELIEVE—(HEBREWS 11:6; MARK 16:15-16)

REPENT—(ACTS 2:38; 17:30; LUKE 13:3)

CONFESS—(MATTHEW 10:32,33; ACTS 8:36)

BE BAPTIZED—(ACTS 2:38; GALATIANS 3:27)

LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO DEATH—(REV. 2:10)

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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## An Empty Faith James 2:14-17

My dad always said “Son, saying and doing are two very different things. If you ‘say’, you are going to ‘do’ something then do it, because no one is interested in lip service, and if you fail to follow through then your name and reputation lose all credibility”. Also, Jesus is not interested in lip service; *“This people draw near to Me with their mouth and honor me with their lips but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they do worship me...”*, Matt. 15:8, 9. If we make the claim that we are Christians then it behooves us to live like Christians. Consider the Holy Spirit’s admonition through the pen of John, *“...Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him”*, 1 John 3:18, 19. As we continue our look at the practical advice of James, he warns us of an empty faith that offers lip service and lacks in performance.

**Empty Communication (2:14), “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says they have faith but does not have works?”** If we say “I am a Christian”; “I believe in Jesus”; “Jesus is Lord” but do not demonstrate that faith or demonstrate we believe or actually live as if Jesus rules our lives then we offer empty words of lip service and do a disservice to God and His people. When we say we will do something and then do not do it we violate the scripture that tells us to *“let our lights so shine before men, that they may see you’re your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven”*, (Matthew 5:16). An empty faith offers lip service but a full faith follows through.

**Empty Cabinets (2:15), Full of faith but destitute of food.** Here James describes for us “brothers and sisters” who have very little in regard to food and clothing. Just because we are in Christ does not mean the windows of heaven open up and suddenly we become materially rich. There will always be some in the church/ the family of God who go without some basic needs. There are many “brothers and sisters” here around us and around the world, as we sit and read this very article, that live in poverty and wonder if they will eat today, where they might sleep tonight, and that what they are wearing may be the only clothes they have. As one reads this verse he can’t help but think of Jesus saying, ‘I was hungry and you fed me, naked and you clothed me’. Then Jesus reminds us that the righteous will answer, ‘when did we see you hungry and naked and feed and clothe you?’, Matthew 25:34-40. You see, Jesus teaches us that the righteous are not about lip service, but about serving others. How about us? Is serving others natural to us? Is it something we do just because it is who we are in Christ? They were brothers and sisters who had faith, but no food. Would those brethren who had such things and food, clothing and shelter take them in and care for them?

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### SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —  
9:30 am  
Worship — 10:30 am &  
6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study —  
7:00 pm

### MINISTER

Michael Gors

### ELDERS

Brian Huffman  
Herb Smith  
Larry Taylor

### DEACONS

Don Allison- Advertisement/Communication  
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation  
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds  
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/ Widowers  
Volker Jaromin- Education  
Larry Reynolds- Evangelism  
Todd Stults- Finance, Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes

### MISSION WORKS

#### Tanzania, Africa

Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students

#### India

Scott Richards  
Russia & India  
Mark Reynolds

#### Memphis School of

#### Preaching

Armand Wine  
Southeast School of  
Biblical Studies

Josh Taylor  
Lake Regions church of  
Christ  
The Belanger family

### WORSHIP FOR January 19

#### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Larry Taylor  
Opening Prayer: Joe Reed  
Scripture Reading: Steve Gors  
James 2:1-13  
Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
Sermon: Mike Gors  
Sermon Topic: "Let us enter into God's rest"  
Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

#### COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Lowell Huffman  
West Side-Outside: Jacob Martin  
Inside: Adam Gors  
East Side- Inside: Bill Smith  
Outside: Richard Messer

#### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
Opening Prayer: Gunnar Taylor  
Scripture Reading: Nick Qualkenbush  
James 2:14-26  
Sermon: Mike Gors  
Sermon Topic: "Un-defiled, Unselfish, Un-spotted"  
Communion Table: Rex Harper  
Closing Prayer: Joe Reed  
Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### January

**DOOR GREETERS:** Group 1

**COMMUNION: Prep:** Norma Perry

**Clean-up:** Group 1

**BUILDING CLEANING:** Lisa, Nancy-Cindy, and Dana

#### Wednesday Night Devotionals

January	February
22-Adam Gors	5-Larry Reynolds
29-Kendall Clark	12-Mike Gors
	19-Don Allison
	26-Sean Bobo

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Sue Clendenon**, Marie McBride's sister-in-law is not doing well.  
**Howard Goodman**  
**Emma Gors**  
**Brenda Huffman**  
**Margaret Huffman**, recovering from a fall.  
**Angel Jackson**, a friend of Joey Harper's will have brain surgery.  
**Walter Nash**, Chad Bobo's uncle.  
**Marie Owens**, Kathy Murphy's aunt is in rehab center in Florida recovering from leg injury.  
**Gail Parker**  
**Ronda Parker**, R. L. Ogletree's daughter.  
**Dorothy Potter**  
**Theresa**, Lela Proctor's sister.  
**Waldo Robbins**, Gail's father.  
**Shawna Schock**  
**Ashley Shaw**  
**Belinda Smith**, Jim and Marjorie Smith's daughter-in-law has cancer.  
**Marjorie Smith**  
**Gaynelle Stewart**, Mark's mom.  
**Donnita Ward**, friend of the Gors has breast cancer.

#### Shut-Ins:

**Lana Blanchard** -Albany Health Care.  
**Juanita Broderick** -Woodland Trails.  
**Evelyn Vannatter** -Elmcroft  
**Vada Zeek** -Willowbend.  
**Bill Gaw** -Westminster Village

**Visitors**—We are so thankful to have you with us today. We hope that you feel comfortable and welcome here at West Side. Please stay a few minutes after service so that we can meet you personally. If we can answer any questions or if you have the need for prayer or the desire to study God's word. Please let us know how we may serve you. We encourage you to come back again for our next assembly.

#### ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF January 12, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	79
Sun. Worship am	119
Sun. Worship pm	72
Wed. Bible Study	60

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Jan 21**—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.

**Jan 21**—Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.

**Jan—23** Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.

**Jan 28**—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.

**Jan 28**—Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.

**Jan 30**—Ladies bible study, 7p at building.

**Feb 1**—Men's fellowship workshop at 9a.

**Feb 2**—Bethel Pointe nursing home service, 2p.

**Feb 4**—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.

**Feb 4**—Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Darren—Jan 19  
Becky—Jan 20  
Carmen—Jan 20  
Pat Lee—Jan 30  
Jackson—Jan 31

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**Empty Charity (2:16), Full of food but destitute of faith.** The story of the rich man and the beggar (Luke 16:19-31) comes to mind. The rich man was blessed by God. He had plenty and wanted for nothing. Meanwhile a beggar who was destitute of daily needs sat right outside the rich man's gate. The rich man who had plenty could not find it within himself to help a man sitting right outside the gate. He did not emulate the love or light of God's goodness. He was "full of food" and material wealth but destitute of faith and love. How about us? Everything we have comes from God (1 Chronicles 29:12-16). Is it possible that we could be guilty of the same thing as the rich man? Living our lives blind to the people around us who are in need? As God has blessed us richly and abundantly do we in turn bless others around us who are in need? "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.", Proverbs 21:13

**Empty Confidence (2:17), "...Faith by itself is dead, if it does not have works".** As if the rest of the text was not clear, James does not mince words in verse seventeen. Faith standing alone, void of action is dead! Faith without demonstration, like a dead body lies motionless and has no use and has become altogether unprofitable to God. True faith is filled with love, light, compassion and pity toward fellow man which is driven by his faith, love and reverence for God His Son and His Word. One who truly believes in Christ will be "selfless" not "selfish".

Our faith is to be alive, vibrant and active. It is to be selfless, not selfish. Our faith will be clearly demonstrated in words and in deeds alike, as it was said of Jesus in Acts 10:38, that he "went about doing good...". The same could be said and must be said of those who do not have an empty faith. **MJG**

#### What's happening here...

**Food Pantry-Items needed...** Everything! *Stock depleted from holiday baskets.* Monetary donations are always accepted. If you know of a family in need let the committee know. See Kendall Clark if you have questions. Please check expiration dates. We cannot distribute dented or expired cans.

**All sermons are recorded-** to request a copy fill out information card with date of sermon and your name. A basket is located on the table below bulletin board with blank cards.

**Members**—Please be sure to check the bulletin board's weekly for updates, information, and letters from the works we support. Please utilize the request forms for any of the following; Prayer, Announcements, Place in Bulletin, Purchase Requests, Building and Van Usage.

We the Elders would like to begin meeting with each of the families/ members here at our congregation. We want to get to know each of you a little better so that we may shepherd and serve your spiritual needs and growth. The meeting can be here at the building or in your home whichever is more convenient for you. Sign-up sheet is located on the information table.

The Saturday morning men's fellowship will be held on the first Saturday of every month beginning February 1, 2014 at 9AM -?? Every theme revolves around "developing". Saturday February 1, 2014—"Developing Bible Authority" Speaker is Larry Reynolds. Saturday March 1, 2014—"Developing a Servants Heart" Speaker is Pat Powers