



West Side Window

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The Common People Heard Him Gladly

When Jesus taught in the temple "the common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37). The gospel of Christ is God's power to save all who believe (Romans 1:16), but those most receptive to His message have always been commoners. Jesus even gave thanks to God, saying "that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes" (Matthew 11:25). Salvation is not reserved for the college educated, for captains of industry, or the crowned heads of Europe. The word of God is most appealing to those who prefer simplicity. Paul remarked, "not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (1 Corinthians 11:26). That common people could hear Him gladly indicates the Lord spoke to them in a way that was simple to comprehend. He didn't dumb it down for them, but neither did he speak over their heads. The message is meant to be understood, which is why God commanded the prophet Habakkuk to "Write the vision and make it plain" (Habakkuk 2:2). When the people of Judah returned from captivity and restored proper worship, Ezra's assistants "read distinctly from the book, in the law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). Sound doctrine doesn't impress the audience with the preacher's eloquence (1 Cor. 2:1-5); it just communicates God's word in a straightforward fashion. When this is accomplished, common people will gladly hear it.

Bryan Matthew Dockens

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you have been enriched by what you have heard and seen here. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. You will find masks, communion packets and contribution baskets at each double door. Visitor cards can be found on each aisle. If you have questions or concerns, the Elders would be glad to meet with you.

Coming Up

- Tuesday, January 25th, Men's Class at 6
- Wednesday Bible Study at 7p each week
- March 5, Auglaize County COC Ladies Day 2022
Flyer posted

Next Sunday Evening...

on January 30th

West Side will be hosting the 5th Sunday Singing at 6p. Won't you join us for singing and a devotional

We will meet afterward for food and fun and fellowship

Food sign-up sheet is posted on board # 2

Services

**Sunday Morning
Class, 9:30a**

Worship: 10:30a
(Also
livestreamed)

**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**



Love. Grow. Serve.

We Have a Name

Concerning the church at Sardis the Lord said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Revelation 3:1). Now think, where did they get that "name"? "Name" is here used in the sense of reputation the popular opinion. But the smallness and insignificance of the cause of Christ in the world at that time negates any suggestion that this was a "name" in the world's Hall of Fame. The world couldn't care less. Yet, someone had to give them that name, and give it such general acceptance as to warrant significance. The Lord certainly did not sanction this appraisal. So, we are forced to conclude that their peers, or social circle, gave them their "name". Other churches, others of their professed "kind", must have talked of their "good works", "wonderful spirit", "liberal contributions" or whatever that generation considered great. It is apparent that brethren of that age were no more qualified judges of what God approves than their current counterparts. Doesn't it shake you? They had a good reputation they got it from their own brethren, and it did not amount to a hill of beans. No wonder Paul said those who "measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves, are not wise". For the Lord said of Sardis, that Big Name Church, "thou art dead". What remained was "ready to die". The "few names in Sardis" who had not defiled their garments must have stood out from the rest like a sore thumb - a few cranks or "fanatics" who would not line up with the majority. Perhaps those "on the march" wished them gone in order to remove that source of criticism and embarrassment, not realizing that they were the last bit of salt in the whole stinking mess. The majority "had a name" - and it seems the "name" was more valued than the truth. Well, we all have a name - of some sort - with both God and man. Our concern for what men thinks often blinds us to what God thinks of us - and that's what I'd call real near-sightedness. Man, a good reputation is not enough. We've got to consider who gives us our "name".

by Robert Turner

The word "impossible" is black.
"I can" is like a flame of gold.
No whining, heart! Eyes! look not
back;
Be strong, O Will! and bold.

W. Stitch (in part)

A loving welcome to Brother Brian and Sister Tyann Huffman who have placed membership with West Side. We look forward to many years of working together for the good of our Lord's church and enjoying the love and fellowship of kindred spirits.

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Bill Winemiller,
1 John 2: 4-11

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors,
*"Saying and Doing are
Two Different Things"*

Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, January 26th

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Devo: Don Allison

Prayer: Lowell Huffman

*Remember Our Shut-ins
with Cards and Calls*

Norma Haffner—Bethel Point

Happy Birthday

Joe Odle--Jan 27

Pat Lee--Jan 30

Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle & his fiancée

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Cliff Nicks Family, Cliff continues to rehab from heart surgery with added effects of Covid

Damon Summers

David Sharp, Mr. Sharpe passed away. Our love and sympathy goes out to Betty in the loss of her brother

Estes & Betty Gregory

Gordon Huffman. Covid. He and Brenda have been moved to separate rooms

Holly Huffman, Bronchitis

Kendall Clark, Blood clot in leg

Kay Wall, Recuperating from broken hip. Now at home

Lisa Harmon, Breast Cancer. Wife of Brian's friend. Improvement shown

Mia Allison, Recuperating from 2nd knee surgery

Rex Harper

Richard Messer Family, Richard's sister, Clara, and her husband, Bill, are hospitalized with Covid. Not doing well

Wanda & Joe Reed

Forget

It is better to forget the things that hurt us
And to live each day and take whatever comes
With the hope that by tomorrow
There will come a balm for sorrow
And help master life's important sums!
There is a strength comes to us every time we suffer,
And our will grows stronger every time we fight,
Let us then be doubly grateful
For the things that disappoint us,
They only work to lead us to the light.

Public Corrections

When Johnny is sitting at his desk at school and writes with his pencil " $2 + 2 = 5$," the teacher may look over his shoulder and privately call attention to his error. Johnny can, almost unnoticed, take his eraser and rub out his mistake. The class may never know that Johnny mis-added " $2 + 2$." But if Johnny writes " $2 + 2 = 5$ " on the chalk board, and all the class is watching, the teacher does not really correct the error if she says nothing to the class, pats Johnny approvingly on the head, and then later takes him aside and explains his mistake privately. Nor can Johnny, upon discovering the error himself, sit and correct privately at his desk with a pencil eraser the mistake he made publicly at the chalk board. "Two plus two is four, Johnny," says the teacher before the whole class, and the mistake that was made at the chalk board is corrected at the chalk board. "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. When I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all..." (Galatians 2:11-14). "Them that sin rebuke before all..." (1 Timothy 5:20). Private sins and personal differences are properly to be corrected privately. Nothing is gained by publicity. But public error is properly to be corrected publicly. Remember, the mistake that is made at the chalk board before the whole class is not fully corrected with a pencil eraser at the desk after school. - by Jere E. Frost

Absence Is A Symptom

Fever is an easily discernable symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be a hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it was in an advanced stage. The presence of fever, however, reveals that the infection exists. The fever is a symptom of an underlying cause. This does not lessen the significance of fever. Hospitals check a patient's temperature every few hours because the temperature gives such insight into the condition of the body. Sometimes a patient is kept in the hospital several days after he feels well because of a lingering fever. The fever indicates that "feeling well" can be deceptive and may not reflect a person's true condition. Unnecessary absence from worship services is a fever-like symptom. It invariably is an indication of a more basic spiritual infection or disorder of some kind. The primary problem may be deeply hidden. As a fever may possess a man who does not know what causes it, even so a man can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that cause him to do so. He can easily camouflage his lack of concern for worship by involvement in his work, his family, or some other interest. This is especially easy when his other interest is a worthwhile one. He is then better able to rationalize that his neglect of worship is reasonable behavior under his circumstances. Deliberately missing a worship service is always spiritually significant. It is significant because it reveals the presence of a wound, an infection, a depression, or some other primary spiritual disorder. Furthermore, the fact that a person "feels well" about his spiritual life is not a guarantee of spiritual health. Although the church should be more interested in causes than symptoms, it cannot avoid the implications of continued absence from worship services. This would be like a parent ignoring a high fever in his child. The fever is a symptom, but the primary cause may take the child's life if the fever is ignored. Absence may take a spiritual life if it is ignored.

- selected

Old Age Compensation:

"Some people speak from experience and some, from experience...don't speak."

Rose Sands

Riddle -Me-This

Went to the woods and got it. Got it and didn't want it. Looked for it and couldn't find it. So...I took it home.

A splinter