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West Side Window

January 24, 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.

Decide to be Happy



She was fully dressed by 8a. Her hair was fashionably coifed. She had on her make-up. She was legally blind. She is 92 years old. Her husband of 70 years had passed away and she was waiting to be admitted to the nursing home. As an employee, I was walking to the elevator with her to be admitted when she stated, "I love it!"

That was before she had ever seen her new room. I must have looked surprised and she noticed. "Oh, Whether or not I like my new room is arranged in my mind already. It's how I arrange my day. I have already decided to love it. To be happy is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice: I can spend the day in bed fretting or I can get out of bed and be thankful for my parts that still work. Each day is a gift and as long as my eyes open in the morning, I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away just for this time in my life."

What a beautiful attitude. May we all learn from this person whether we are an octogenarian or a young student or a middle aged working person or a retired person or a person consumed with worry and burdens and debt.

Let us greet each day with a decision to be happy!

Author Unknown

What is Going On?

At West Side

Tuesday Nights:

Men's Class on "The Life of Christ" @ 6p,
(in the building)

Wednesday Evenings:

Bible Study, 7p (in the building)

Friday Evenings:

Ladies Study Group on Psalm 119, 7p
Go on-line to Facebook and then access
West Side Ladies Class

Live-Streamed on U-Tube

Fishinger Road Church of Christ
Winter Lectures, Sermons and Education
Jan 29-30

Columbus, OH

See Brochure on Board # 1

54th Memphis School of Preaching Annual Lectureship

March 28-April 1

In Person

See Brochure on Board # 1

Family Seminar, February 19-20

Shelbyville Rd. church of Christ

Indianapolis, IN

See Flyer on Board # 1

But the Lord was my support. He also brought me forth into a broad place; He rescued me because he delighted in me. The Lord has rewarded me accordingly to my righteousness. 2 Sam . 22: 20-21

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 24, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Jacob Clark, *Jeremiah 2:10-13*

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Broken Cisterns that Hold No Water"*

Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study, January 27, 2021

Song Leader: Don Allison

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Mike Gors

**Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins**

Anna Funk--

Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -

Heritage in York-
town

Carl Gilstrap--
Albany Health Care

**"He who serves his brother
best gets nearer God than
all the rest." Alexander Pope**

Why We Need Each Other

The sole business of the church is souls. The church is souls in love with God and one another. The church is souls weeping and rejoicing together, laughing and praying together, eating and singing together. The church is souls looking upward, in praise, inward in penitence, outward in practice, and forward in promise. The church is hearts knit together whose spirits share together. The heart of the church is the heart of life.

The word "church" in the Greek New Testament literally means "assembly" which indicated "community and brotherhood." The church must live up to its name by its practice. The church does not exist to beautify the neighborhood, but to personify brotherhood. The church is not a physical building of brick or wood, but a spiritual house of men and women in fellowship with God and one another.

The huge redwood trees of California amaze mankind. They are the largest living things on earth and the tallest trees in the world. Some of them are 300 feet high and over 2,500 years old. One would think that a tree so large must have a tremendous root system that reaches down hundreds of feet into the earth. But not so! The redwoods have a very shallow root system. If one was to get down on his knees and examine the redwoods root system he would find that all the roots intertwine. They are locked to each other. When the storms come, the winds blow, and the lightening flashes, the redwoods still stand. They are not alone for all the trees support and protect each other. Each tree is important to all the other trees in the grove.

This vivid illustration should teach us the necessity of meaningful involvement with each other.

The church is souls in fellowship. Without Christ, the church is nothing, and without fellowship, the church is useless. By our love, we must show the world what a difference Jesus makes!

*Calvin Warpula via Nettleton church of Christ
Jonesboro, AR*

Virtual Baby Shower Invitation

Baby shower for Rachel and Josh Taylor

When? January 29 at 3p

See the details of the visit and of the registrations in place on board # 2

Also, feel free to message Hannah Hoyt Graves with any questions you might have.



News of Our West Side Brotherhood,

--We had word about Anna Funk from her daughter Daphne Dickey. Anna was due to see her doctor this past week; first time she has been out of the building in one year. She greatly enjoys getting mail and cards and her daughter looks up in the directories who the writer is and, that way, Anna can enjoy her cards to the fullest. She is not using her phone for outside calls because it proves puzzling to her how to use it. She has a special-made phone for Alzheimer's patients and those in the military who suffer post traumatic stress. So you can see how important your cards are.

--Call from Wanda this week. She is struggling with the weight of the treatments and the isolation from church and friends and also welcomes cards. She has her usual wit and sense of humor handy at all times and hands her "keeper and love, Joe" credit for her well being. Let us all be aware of how such a simple gesture can bring solace.

Happy Birthday

Joe Odle--Jan 27

Pat Lee--Jan 30

Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31, age 16



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Dan Proctor, Lela's son in NY. Recovering in rehab

Jesscia Gors, Jessica is with her family this weekend in French Lick. Her cousin has recently died of COVID and the cousin's husband died last week from COVID.

Let us keep Jessica and her extended family in our hearts and prayers as she administers to them.

John Schock, Infection in knees after surgery

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nellie Dunscomb, Pat Ergle's granddr. Health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

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, Diagnosed with liver cancer. Family is very hopeful since Doctors have devised a treatment plan which has proved successful in past use

Tom & Susan Cloninger
114 Bayonne Cove
Maumelle, AR 72113

Tom Cloninger, Sr: Medical plan for Brother Tom, Sr. includes no further treatment to be pursued. In-home hospice has been arranged.

Tom & Barbara Cloninger
PO Box 6571
Sherwood, AR 72124

In Sympathy

Our love and prayers go out to Bill Smith and his family. Bill received word yesterday that Pam had passed away in the nursing facility. Bill is at his home and on quarantine status due to COVID. We all join in "putting our arms around" Bill in brotherhood until we can do more to help him through this crisis.

The North Star

Many years ago, a great meteor shower could be seen from the southeastern US. Nothing like this meteor shower had ever been witnessed by those that had the privilege to see it. In fact, it scared people. People that saw this great event and began thinking that the world was about to end. They thought the skies were quite literally falling out of the heavens. On one boat, an old, grizzled captain told his men not to worry. He told them that he had his eye on the North Star and that as long as it was in the sky, they would be O.K. This old captain had come to rely heavily on the North Star to guide his ship safely across the seas. He put his faith and his trust in that star and he knew he was safe as long as that particular star could still be seen.

This old captain can teach Christians an important lesson today. As long as *our* great star is still standing, we have nothing to fear. I do not think we have to ask ourselves who the great star is. It is Jesus Christ. As the North Star pointed the way for sailors, Christ is directing our path home (John 14:1-6). As the North Star stands out in the night sky, Christ stands apart from all other men that have ever lived on this earth (Heb. 4:14-16). As the North Star is constant and immovable, Christ remains the same in a world full of change (Jude 3).

Recognizing Christ in this way is easy. However, it is not to simply recognize Christ as our great guide in heaven; we must be willing to put our entire faith in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the World. Imagine the amount of faith the old captain in our story had in the North Star. When others believed the entire world was collapsing down on them, he knew things were O.K. because of the one star. In today's world, Christians can become overwhelmed by the things that confront us. Often, Christians lose their faith when things begin to crumble around them. When fear and desperation are taking root in your heart, it is vital that you take a lesson from an old captain trying to re-assure his crew during a great meteor shower...Keep your eye on **THE STAR**. (Phil. 4:6-9).

Walter Rayburn, Owl Hollow church of Christ
Winchester, TN

The Second Coming

Let me ask you a question: do you believe that Jesus Christ will come a second time? I recently saw the results of a survey in which people who professed to be Christians were asked if they believed that Jesus Christ would one day return. The results were staggering. Less than one-half of them believe in the second coming of Christ. The results showed that only one-half of the gospel preachers who took part in the survey, believed that Christ would return. **My** Bible teaches me that Jesus will return a second time (John 14:1-6; Acts 1:11), among many other scriptures.

Even though I find myself in the minority of believers that Jesus Christ will return, I fervently believe that He will return to claim His own. It may not be within the next one thousand years but if He delays His coming for a million years, not one word of scripture is proved wrong and the promise of the Lord to return still stands certain. God is above time and is not controlled by the clock or the calendar. When He decides it is time, Christ will return.

Why do I believe this? Brother Cisco Fitzgerald offers reasons why we should believe this doctrine:

**Jesus taught that He would return to judge all humanity (Matt. 16:27).

**The angels promised that Christ would one day return (Acts 1:11). Was this false hope that the angels promised to the apostles?

**Without exception, all the New Testament writers affirm that Jesus will return (Heb. 9:27-28; 1 Thess. 4:16; James 5: 7-8; Jude 14:15; Rev. 1:7; 2 Peter 3:3-13; Luke 21:25-28; Mark 13:26-27). Is it possible all these writers were misguided in their thinking? Or did the Holy Spirit lead them astray?

Rest assured that Jesus Christ will come back one day. The question is not **when** but **will** I be ready when He does? Are you ready for His return?

Robert Lambert, Adapted
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