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West Side Window

January 31, 2021

Don't Join Any

All up and down this troubled land
Confusion reigns today;
As honest folks on every hand
In doubt are heard to say;

"I cannot tell which church to join, there are so very many."
To whom we offer this advice: you never should *join* any!

You cannot join the church of Christ,
No man can vote you in.
The Lord himself will add you
When He saves you from your sin.
Then take no chances, neighbor;
This race but once you'll run.
A church you'd join would be of man
And not the proper one.

Beware a church you cannot find within the scared pages;
Be safe, dear sinner, rest your soul
Upon the Rock of Ages.

Be added to his blood-bought church
And drink salvation's cup. For every plant God planted not,
It shall be rooted up. No mourner's bench on Pentecost,

The inspired Peter fitted
But said, "Repent and be baptized,
That your sins may be remitted,"
The Lord, who saved and added those
Who did, that day, his will;
Will do the same for you, dear friend,
For He is adding still.

Let not false teachers lead you wrong,
Nor close your eyes in slumber;
When Jesus said He'd build his church,
'Twas not in plural number!
No choice of churches, neighbor mine,
Is found beneath the sun,
Though men may have ten thousand
Our Savior had but one

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47)

Selected

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 2021**

****Family Seminar, February 19-20**

**Shelbyville Rd. church of Christ
Indianapolis, IN**

See Flyer on Board # 1

****54th Memphis School of Preaching
Annual Lectureship**

March 28-April 1

In Person

See Brochure on Board # 1

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.

Latest edition of India newsletter is
on Missions Board

Copies of "Leaders in Worship", February 2021,
are on the table

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 31, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Scripture: Case Reynolds,

Lord's Table: Bill Winemiller

Sermon: Mike Gors,

Closing Prayer: Bill Smith

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Wednesday Bible Study, February 3, 2021

Song Leader: Adam Gors

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

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

Anna Funk--

Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -

Heritage in York-
town

Carl Gilstrap--
Albany Health Care

*"Stand by the ways and
see and ask for the an-
cient paths, where the
good way is and walk in
it and you shall find rest
for your souls."
Jeremiah 6: 16*



Sound Fishy

I hate to **CARP** at you but I hope you give me a **Herring** while I exhort you a little. Please tell your **Big Mouth** to let everyone to know the gos- pel. Don't **CLAM** up! **PERCH** on some doorstep and keep inviting people until they say **YES!** If a woman shows the slightest inclination to come, **SNAPPER** up at once. Especially work on the men because most **NINNOW** that they should be studying the scriptures. If those you ask act **CRABBY** or **CATTY** and say they have a **HADDOCK**, just give them a couple of aspirins and tell them to come on anyway. We have plenty of room for everyone--we won't be packed in like **SARDINES**. So, stop **FLOUNDERING** around and ask someone to come to worship and Bible class. It will be very good for everyone's **SOLE**.

(PS, if the above sounds a little **FISHY**, I did it on **PORPOISE**.)

*"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me and I will make you to
become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).*

Check Yourself



A young boy walked into a drug store and asked to use the telephone. He asked the operator to give him a certain number. "Hello Dr. Anderson. Do you want to hire a boy to cut the grass and run errands for you? Oh, you already have a boy. Are you completely satisfied with the boy you have? O.K., then good bye, Doctor."

The boy thanked the druggist and the druggist said, "Wait a minute, son, if you are looking for work, I could use a boy like you."

The boy replied, "Thank you Sir, but I already have a job."

"But, didn't I just hear you trying to get a job from Dr. Anderson?"

"No," said the youngster, "I'm the boy who is already working for Dr. Anderson and I was just checking up on myself."

It might do us all good to check up on ourselves once in a while to see if God is pleased with our attendance, our giving, our worship and all the work in His vineyard.

Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, TN

Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31, age 16

Danny Odle--Feb. 5

Janet Messer--Feb. 7

Bill Winemiller--Feb. 7

Tammy Nicks--Feb. 11

Genny Stults--Feb. 13

Jonah Stults--Feb. 13

Andrew Ferguson--Feb. 14

Jim Smith--Feb. 15

Dana Shaw--Feb. 19

Lowell Huffman--Feb. 19

Bryce Bayer--Feb. 19

Rex Harper--Feb. 22

Cora Ann Devine--Feb. 24, age

Pat Kidd--Feb. 25

Happy Birthday



Please Pray for

Angie Reed, MS

Alex Odle, Cancer

Bill Smith

Dan Proctor, Had a set-back with elevated fever .

Jessica Gors Family in French Lick

John Schock, Infection in knees after surgery

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Lowell & Charlene Huffman

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nellie Dunscomb, Pat Ergle's granddtr. Health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Rick Cox

Family of Ruth Jones , Friend of Jonah. COVID-19 with recent diagnosis of leukemia. Passed away

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

Susan Cloninger, Diagnosed with liver cancer. Has begun new treatment regime

Tom Cloninger, Sr., Brain cancer. Residing in hospice care facility with no further treatment to be pursued

In Sympathy

Our hearts are filled with sadness as we mourn the loss of our Sister-in-Christ, Pamela Smith, age 71, who passed from this life on Jan. 23. Pam had been in declining health for the last few years. She was the wife of Bill, the mother of three children, the grandmother of three and the great grandmother of one. She was known as a gentle and kind soul, always bent on helping who ever crossed her path. She was also known as a favorite beautician for over 50 years in the Yorktown area. We will miss her radiant smile and her graciousness to all, a listener rather than a talker and one who was immediately trusted. Our love and sympathy goes out to Bill and his extended family in their loss. Services will be held on Feb. 3 in Muncie.

"Those who trust in the Lord cannot be moved but abide forever." Psalm 125:1

Bearing the Burdens of Life

I recently saw a t-shirt with the words, "Life is Good" written across the front. There is no question about it; life is good for the Christian because he has fellowship with God, all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3) and the hope of heaven in his heart (Titus 1:2).

Nevertheless, even for the Christian, there will be many burdens to bear. Scripture affirms, *"Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble (Job 14:1)*. In this life, there will be terminal illnesses, tragedies, family and marital trouble, many heart-aches and death.

However, God has promised that with each burden, He will provide the strength to sustain His children: *"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22)*. The following are some scriptural ideas that will help us deal with the burdens of life:

Remember to take it "one day at a time." No one can live for tomorrow until it comes so one might as well live for today. Jesus taught us to do this, *"Take therefore no thought for the morrow for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matt. 6:34)*. Do not worry about tomorrow or next week or next year, just make it through the day or even the hour.

Depend on family and friends for encouragement and comfort. Christians are to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). In time of trials, having a spiritual family to depend on is indeed a wonderful blessing.

Get closer to God. It is possible for one who is suffering to get bitter and turn from God. The Christian must have the faith to hold on to God and know that He is *"a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1)*. By prayer and reading God's word, we can get close to God. We talk to God and He talks to us. His word will comfort us in times of despair. Paul wrote about *"the comfort of the scriptures" (Romans 15:4)*.

Be assured that there is a better world to come. Jesus said that in His Father's house are *"many mansions" (John 14: 1-3)*. The "house" of which Jesus spoke is, of course, Heaven. It is a place where there will be *no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Rev. 21:4)*. In view of these beautiful verses, the Christian can look forward to a better world to come, a world free from the cares, burdens, and trials of this life.

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