

Worship Service for March 2009

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Morning Worship

Song Leader	Gary Reynolds	Dwayne Odle	Jerry Hoyt	Lowell Huffman	Don Allison
Prayer	Lowell Huffman	Volker Jaromin	Richard Messer	Gary Reynolds	Danny Odle
Scripture Reading	Bill Thornburg	Mark Stewart	Nick Qualkenbush	Clayton Parker	Todd Stults
Announcements	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman
Closing Prayer	Rick Cox	Jerry Hoyt	Volker Jaromin	Don Gaw	Richard Messer

Communion Table—Please have song between communion and collection

West side	2	Kendall Clark	Kendall Clark	Jim Clark	Jim Clark	Jim Clark
	1	Don Gaw	Don Gaw	Howard Goodman	Howard Goodman	Howard Goodman
East side	1	Don Allison	Don Allison	Sam Arnold	Sam Arnold	Sam Arnold
	2	Roger Gaw	Roger Gaw	Rick Cox	Rick Cox	Rick Cox

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Mike Haviland	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds	Dwayne Odle	Mike Haviland
Prayer	Sam Arnold	Jim Smith	Mark Stewart	Todd Stults	John Schock
Scripture Reading	Kendall Clark	Jim Clark	Larry Terrell	Gunnar Taylor	Clayton Parker
Communion Table	Jerry Hoyt	Kendall Clark	Jim Smith	John Schock	Gary Reynolds
Closing Prayer	Lowell Huffman	Richard Messer	John Schock	Jim Smith	Mark Stewart

Ushers and Front Door Greeters: Jay Kellow & Forrest Hurst

East Door Greeters: Ginger Whitenack & Lisa Staggs

Communion Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman

Communion Clean up: Tyann Huffman, Kathy Murphy, Tena Taylor

Please remember to call Kendall Clark at 741-8985 (cell 716-7411) if you cannot serve at your appointed time.

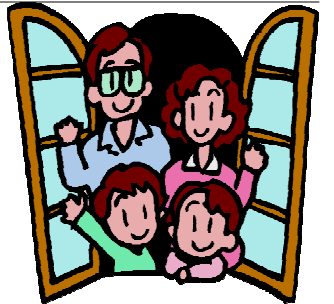
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Brandon Britton, Pulaksi, TN

Recently a friend of mine read me some of the saddest and most terrifying words I have ever heard. The words were from an obituary for a funeral he was about to preach. The obituary told of a woman who lived an active, good life. She had a loving family and a good job, but it was the closing statement that cast a shadow over the summary of her life. “She was a **former** member of the church of Christ.” If a person understands that salvation is in the church/body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23), there are no more tragic words. I was immediately reminded of the words of Jesus when He said, “*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*” (Matthew 16:26). I could not help but think of the time when, “*many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him*” (John 6:66) after He had done so much for them. Obviously heartbroken at the departure of so many former disciples He turned to the apostles and asked, “*Will ye also go away?*”, to which Peter replied, “*Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life*” (John 6:67-68). Therein lies the tragedy of the statement “a former member of the church of Christ.” When one goes away from the Lord, there is nowhere else to turn for eternal life and they forfeit the only way to heaven (John 14:6).

I do not profess to know the reason this lady was a “former” member of the church of Christ. It may be that she joined a man-made church, a denomination. It may be that she abandoned her faith and left the church. Regardless of the reason, the word “former” says it all.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy is that this is not an isolated incident. This woman is just one of many throughout the centuries who have fallen away. I have no doubt that we can all recall those in the congregations we attend who have left their first love. The Lord and His inspired preachers warned of the danger of leaving Him and rebuked those who had.

“*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, and unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*” (Hebrews 10:25,26,29). “*For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world*” (2 Timothy 4:10).

While admittedly I cannot pass judgment on how or why this person became a former member of the church of Christ, I feel confident in saying that it was likely a gradual drifting, rather than an abrupt turning away. The Bible warns us, “*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip*” (Hebrews 2:1). The American Standard Version translates the last part of that passage, “*lest haply they should drift away.*” I have yet to meet a single Christian who woke up one day and just decided on the spot to abandon his faith. I have, however, met dozens who little by little began drifting farther and farther from the Lord, only to finally abandon their faith altogether.

If all of the former members of the church of Christ were to return this Sunday our buildings could not hold them. Please do not let your obituary say you “were a former member of the church of Christ, “ but a “faithful member.”

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Danny Odle, Building &
Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Brandyn Graves

WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 22

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
 Scripture Reading: Jim Clark
 (Genesis 2:15,16)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "I Don't Want To Do What God Says"
 Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Clayton Parker & John Schock
 East Side: Mark Stewart & Gunnar Taylor

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Don Allison
 Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds
 Scripture Reading: Todd Stults
 (Luke 1:13-17)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "There Are Opportunities To Serve"
 Communion Table: Richard Messer
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR MARCH 1, 2009

AM: "Do You Hear My God"
 (Psalm 19:1-4)
 PM: "The Earth Is The Lord's"
 (Psalm 24:1-6)

MARCH

GREETERS:

East Door: Ginger Whitenack & Lisa Staggs
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow & Forrest Hurst

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Tyann Huffman, Kathy Murphy, Tena Taylor

BUILDING CLEANING: Lowell & Charlene Huffman, Richard & Janet Messer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kris Briant, Lola's daughter
Angie Dick, Julie's sister
Alex Fortriede needs our prayers. Send encouragement to www.caringbridge.org
Mimi Gerkey
Charles Henley fell and broke some ribs.
Shirley Hines, friend of Lisa
Maria Hoyt
Jack Knotts. Send encouragement to his home at 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Gail Parker
Leroy Phillips, Shawna's dad
Rachel, Nancy's son's mother-in-law
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Mark Stewart's dad
George Welker
David Witty is in urgent need of a kidney donor
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

Responding to the Invitation

Holly Chambers responded Sunday evening requesting our prayers.

COMMUNION REQUESTS

If anyone knows of someone needing communion served at home, nursing home, hospital, etc. see Lowell.

Be sure to check out our website at www.westsidecoc.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 22—Today is our carry-in lunch with early evening services at 1:30.
Feb 22—Group 2 will meet in the small classroom after evening services.
Feb 23, 25 & 27—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.
Feb 24—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.
Mar 1—Elders meet at 4:30.
Mar 8—Daylight savings time change. Clocks should be set forward an hour.
Mar 8-11—You are invited to Lebanon church of Christ for their Spring Gospel Meeting, "Loving God and One Another" with guest speaker Ted Kell of Brownwood, Texas. See bulletin board for further details.
Mar 11—Make plans to join us for fellowship and pizza Wednesday at 5:30.
Mar 15—Elders and deacons meet at 4:30.
Mar 20 & 21—Camp Indogan lock-in at Breeden YMCA in Angola. Sign up on the bulletin board.
Apr 18 & 19—UTR Lectureship here at West Side.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	94
Sunday Worship am	126
Sunday Worship pm	87
Wednesday Bible Study	78

VOLUNTEER COOKS

Lowell needs volunteers to help cook at Camp Indogan for the Spring Dinner on May 9. See Lowell for details.

2009 Lectureship "Speaking Sound Doctrine" April 18-19

A PLEASURE TO SERVE

By Larry Taylor

What a pleasure it is to be able to serve God. What an honor it is to be able to call God "Father." When we think of everything we have, things that no material wealth can buy, things that God has provided; the avenue of prayer, forgiveness of sins, the opportunity of eternal salvation, how thankful does it make you feel?

Hopefully when we meditate on these things we are fully aware of the price that was paid. Jesus died and provided precious opportunities for us that if we lived to be older than Methuselah we could not repay.

So what is there that we can do to be pleasing to God, to show we appreciate the precious gift and the opportunities he has given us? "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:20) There are numerous good works one can do to show God that we love Him. There has to be an action involved in the "works" process. Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13 in Mark 7:6 saying "...this people honors me with their lips but their heart is far from me." I'm sure we have heard it said, "Actions speak louder than words." Have you recently read the account of the narrow way in Luke 13:23-27? Jesus says in verse 24 "...many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able".

In the end good intentions and 'wanting to,' will not gain entrance into heaven. Matthew 5:16 states "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

SOMEONE NEEDS YOU

If you're feeling sad and lonely,
 There seems nothing you can do,
 Just take courage and remember
 There is someone needing you.
 You were created for a purpose.
 For a part in God's great plan,
 Bear ye one another's burdens.
 So fulfill Christ's law to man.

Are you father, son or daughter?
 You've a work none else can do.
 Are you husband, wife, or mother?
 There is someone needing you.

If perhaps in bed you're lying
 You can smile or press the hand
 Of the one who tells his story;
 He will know you understand.

There are many sad and lonely,
 And discouraged, not a few,
 Who a little cheer are needing,
 And there's someone needing you.

Someone needs your faith and courage;
 Someone needs your love and prayer;
 Someone needs your inspiration,
 Thus to help their cross to bear.

Do not think your work is ended,
 There is much that you can do.
 And as long as you're on earth,
 There is someone needing you.