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West Side Window

February 7, 2021

We are honored that you have chosen to spend the morning with us in worship of our Lord. We hope you find us friendly and sincere in our wish to follow scripture and to profess the gospel of Christ. In order that we provide a safe place to assemble, we ask that you wear a mask and seat yourself a safe distance from those outside your family. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both the double doors. Thank you for protecting yourself and others while we are together. We invite you back again and look forward to getting to know you.

Looking Ahead

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

One Step Forward

Oliver Wendell Homes once said, "I find the best thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving." Personally, I like that mentality. In fact, it is very much in tune with the way our society works. There is a constant drive to move forward in every aspect of our world: technology, medicine, social programs, and financial markets. It is inherent that we make positive progress in everything we do in this life.

Yet, do you know that in religion, we often become satisfied more easily than with any other thing we are involved in? But that is not how it should be. Christianity is a constant renewal of our relationship with God through His Son, Christ Jesus. It is a lifestyle of progress and not pacification. It is a living thing that must be fed and cared for so that it will grow and thrive. Unfortunately, though, far too many are complacent and comfortable to sit on a pew a couple times a week.

John, the beloved apostle, calls our relationship with God a "*walk in the light*" (1 John 1:7). The apostle Paul describes it as a "*a race, a struggle and a fight*" (1 Cor. 9: 24, 26). I am convinced by these and other passages of scripture that Christianity is all about the direction we are going. Jesus himself said that either we are with Him or against Him (Luke 11:23). That is direction! We are either going forward with Him in faithfulness and fellowship or we are going away from Him in rebellion and separation.

I suggest we endeavor to live as Paul lived, striving forward toward a deeper, richer relationship with God realizing that we are imperfect and need to know him in a greater, more intimate way (Phil. 3:12-14). If we will do what he did, constantly strive to move forward with God, we will be on the right track and, as a result, enjoy the bountiful blessings He grants His children from the riches of His hands.

Lee Perkins
Church of Christ at Westwood



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

February 7, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Jacob Clark, *Matt. 22: 34-40*

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Love God Foremost"*

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Wednesday Bible Study, February 10th

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--

Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -

Heritage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--
Albany Health Care

Charity

"There is so much good in the worse of us and so much bad in the best of us that it ill behooves any of us to find fault with the rest of us." Unknown

The Secret to Soul Winning

Soul winning is a great joy to some but a heavy burden to man others. How many Christians feel guilty because they do not share the gospel of Jesus with others as often as they should? Instead of feeling guilty about our failures, let us search the scriptures to find out what hinders us from sharing Jesus with others. And let us start by looking at two men who boldly shared the good news of Jesus.

"We Cannot Stop Speaking: "Peter and John were told quite bluntly by the Sanhedrin Council to quit sharing Jesus with others. But the threat of punishment could not silence Peter and John for they replied, "We cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). There was no timidity in them. They had no trouble sharing Jesus. They simply could not do otherwise. But what compelled these men to speak? Let us look again at what Peter and John said, "We cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard". There it is. They were eyewitnesses of the life and the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They were speaking from personal experience. They knew personally of Jesus' love , of His divinity and of His power to save. The personal knowledge could not be withheld.

Habit: If we look at why we don't share Jesus with others is it perhaps because we have become too far removed from our Lord. Perhaps He is not part of our daily experience. If He is a distant memory, no wonder He is often forgotten in conversion. But, if you are aware of Jesus' leading every day, if you are walking hand in hand with Him through life, then you have something wonderful to talk about. If the Lord Jesus Christ is constantly on our hearts and minds, believe me, He will be on our tongues (Luke 6:45).

Ed Rehbein

Beckley, WV

Good News Abounds...

Our own Jonah and Mariah Stults will be leaving the Hoosier state late this month to take on a new preaching position with the Pike Road Church of Christ near Washington, NC. Jonah has been with Orchard Hills in Covington, IN for the last four years. The Pike Road church of Christ attendance is at about 110 and is rural with several county areas feeding into the congregation. Their new home is in the hamlet of Pantego in Beaufort County, about 45 minutes from Nags Head, NC.

They are excited and full of pep and looking forward to the work of the Lord in that area. We all join in wishing them love and God-speed.

Go Team Jonah and Mariah

On Cooperation,

It ain't the guns nor armament nor funds that they can pay,

But the close cooperation that makes them win the day.

It aint the individual nor the army as a whole

But the everlasting teamwork of every lasting soul.

J. Mason Knox

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



*Happy
Birthday*

Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Bill Smith

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

Jessica Gors' Family, Jessica's Cousin and her cousin's husband died of COVID in French Lick

John Schock, Infection in knees after surgery

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Nellie Dunscomb, Pat Ergle's granddaughter, Health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Robbie Smith, Kidney stones. Treated at IUBMH

Wanda Reed

News of Brethren from Afar

--Steve Higginbothum of Knoxville, TN, stage four lymphoma. He has recently been released from the hospital with problems related to adrenal glands.

-- Dan Winkler in TN, Surgery for colon cancer last week. The tumor was diagnosed as stage two and was found to be contained within the colon walls.

--Tom Cloninger, Sr. Lives in Sherwood, AL. Brain cancer. Now living in hospice facility and his sons and wife can visit him every day. He is becoming less responsive and the doctors feel the tumor is growing very quickly.

--Susan Cloninger, Liver cancer. Continues to take two treatment regimens, one an estrogen blocker and one a chemo pill. This is daily for the time being. She is doing pretty well with this treatment but suffers extreme fatigue.

Beautiful Pictures of the Church

Jesus said, “And I say also unto thee, Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven: (Matt. 1:18-19). In Matt. 5:13-16, Jesus compares the church to “salt and pepper”

Study how the Word of God compares the church; if you are a Christian, it will help you in having a deeper love and appreciation for the church. If you have not yet obeyed the gospel, it should cause you to have the resolve to do so. Note the following “beautiful pictures of the church”:

The Church is seen as the **House of God** (1 Tim 3:15). Jesus is our king in His kingdom (John 18:37). This kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36) and in this kingdom, we are delivered from darkness and are transformed into His kingdom (Col 1:13).

The Church is pictured as a **Flock** (1 Peter 5:1-4). Jesus is our chief shepherd; He is the good shepherd (John 10:11-14). And Christians, as sheep, should follow the shepherd. Elders are shepherds under Christ and are to feed the flock (1 Peter 5:1-2). In 1 Peter 5:3, they are not to be overlords but should watch over the flock (Acts 20: 28-31) and be examples (1 Peter 5:3).

The Church is pictured as a **beautiful Body** (Eph. 1: 22-23). While there are many members there is but one body (1 Cor. 12: 20) with the many members having different talents (Rom. 12:4-8). Yet, we are to be of the same mind (1 Cor. 1:10). This beautiful Body should weep together and rejoice together (Romans 12:15; 1 Cor. 12: 20).

The Church is seen as a **beautiful Bride**. Christians are married, spiritually speaking, to Christ (romans 7:4). The degree that Christ loves his bride is revealed in Ephesians 5:25. We should seek to be as spotless as his Bride (Eph 5:27).

-The Church is also pictured as a **Temple** (1 Cor 3:16). We must know and believe God shall destroy those who defile the temple (1 Cor. 3:17). Our personal body is also the temple of God---we belong to God and we must grow unto “a holy temple in the Lord (Eph. 2:19-22).

Last, but not least, the Church is pictured as the “**Pillar and Ground of the Truth**” (1 Tim 3:15).

What does this really mean? It means the church has a three-fold responsibility:

1. The church must uphold truth (Prov. 23:23)
2. The church must defend the truth (Jude 3)
3. The church must teach the truth to the world.

Jimmy Young

Via Jonesboro, AR.