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Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes: Listen up



Gear up,

Study up,

The tests are coming, so get ready:

February 21st: Bible Bowl Quiz, 7:00-8:30p

February 22nd: Quiz on Pearls, 2:00-3:30p

Good wishes to students and Mentors

Be sure to join our pitch-in dinner on February 14th at 5:30–9:00p. Bring any dinner item that you wish: we will eat at 5:45. Fun and games will follow the food. See Don Allison if you have any questions.

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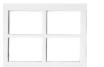
Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:13,14) "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Second, He makes a glorious offer (v. 9). "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." The glorious offer of salvation awaits the one that would enter the door of the sheepfold. It is sin that separates us from God. It is a wall of sin that is separating God and man. If there is no way over the wall then our only hope is for some way through the wall. God provided "the door" that would allow the lost to come to Him and enjoy salvation. But please notice in verse 9 that Jesus said "if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." Christ forces no one to enter. It is your choice and my choice if we will enter the door. It is there, but we must walk through it. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Our eternal destiny comes down to this point, who will we follow? Jesus said, "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. (John 10:8-9) Will you and I obey God and hear His voice and enter through the only door?

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JESUS, THE ONLY DOOR By Larry Reynolds

The book of John is sometimes called the "Gospel of Belief" and rightly so. Its purpose and design is to help us believe. (John 20:30-31) "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name". In John chapter ten, Jesus makes two "I AM" statements in which He clearly states for the people in general and the Pharisees in particular what a "true" Good Shepherd should look like. He states that "I AM" "the Door of the sheep" (v. 10) and "I AM" the Good Shepherd" (v. 11). These statements are made in view what took place in the previous chapter. You may remember early in chapter nine when the blind man was confronted by Jesus, and Jesus became the deciding factor and turning point in the blind man's life. In the process of being healed the blind man believed and worshiped Jesus (John 9:38). The blind man became a follower of Jesus after being cast out by the Pharisees, he now stands with Jesus. He is now about to learn more about Jesus as he listens to Jesus teach about being the "only door".

First, He presents an exclusive claim (10:7) "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep". The whole point of this story is that there are two kinds of sheepfolds – the first type was large enough to hold several flocks, it was fairly substantially built, and was cared for by a porter or gate keeper. The second kind was often little more than a rough circle of stone and the shepherd himself lay down across the opening and entrance into the sheepfold. The shepherd was the door. No sheep could get out and no enemy could come in except over his body. In a very literal sense, the shepherd was the door. There was no way in or out except through him.

There is a certain exclusiveness about "the door." In our time, it is not politically correct to maintain that there is but one door into the kingdom of heaven. The world does not like these words of Jesus that say, "You must enter my way or stay outside! You cannot demand another door!" Jesus is not suggesting that there are several doors to salvation and that he is but one of them. He says that he is "the" door. We are not to think of many ways of coming to God. Jesus is saying He is the one way, the door by which all sheep to enter. Yet, we are hearing more and more that there are many ways that lead to salvation and we have the right to choose the way we want to go. This is being said even in view of the different ways the Bible tells us that Jesus and His way is the only way. (Cont. on page 4)

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Michael Gors Gary Reynolds Larry Reynolds Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison Fellowship

Kendall Clark Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-Media

Volker Jaromin– Communication and Advertising

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Christ
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WORSHIP FOR February 8, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt 1st Prayer: Howard Goodman

Scripture: Steve Gors

Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon: Larry Reynolds

"Growing Churches"

Closing Prayer: Jonah Stults Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Outside: Carl Gilstrap
Inside: Todd Stults
East Side- Inside: Adam Gors

Outside: Jim Clark

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture Reading: Rex Harper

Luke 12:1-7

Sermon: Larry Reynolds

"The Fear of Men" vs "Trust in God"

Communion Table: Bill Winemiller

Closing Prayer: Chad Bobo Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

GROUP 2 DUTIES, FEB. 8 & 11

<u>Group 2</u> is responsible for door greeters, locking the building, communion clean-up.

Group Two Leaders are Lowell & Charlene Huffman.

Communion Prep for February is Ann Witty.

Remember in Prayer

Ashley Shouse, daughter of co-worker of Jennifer Clark. Ashley's unborn baby has been diagnosed with heart problems

Beth Rumfeld, Broken pelvis. In-law to Richard Messer

Brett Rutherford, Missionary. Lesions on brain.

Doug & Sally Anderson

Herb & Betty Smith

Jim & Mary Lou WItth

Jerry Anderson, Uncle of Doug Anderson. Heart blockage **Judy Schuck**, Radiation treatment for cancer. Charlene's

cousin

Kennedy Zade, Dorothy's granddaughter

Kristi Tesmer, Shirley Durnal's daughter

Lanier Bailey, Elder at Towne Acres. Now residing at ParkerHealth Care

Linda Bigler, Brain cancer. Surgery with one large tumor removed. Smaller tumors remain.

Lisa Staggs, Due to be released from Indianapolis hospital
 this coming Mon.

Les & Sara Bonham, Brother and sister-in-law to Pat Kidd
 Margaret Huffman, Admitted to Bethel Pointe for rehab for
 1-2 week stay. Foot injury after a fall. Visitors welcome.

Marie McBride, Residing at Golden Living Center for rehab
 would love visitors

Marshall Staggs, At home after having pacemaker implanted
 Mike, Gary, Mark & Norman in their travels and work in
 India

Rosemary Summers. Stroke. Appreciates cards
 Rodney Lawson, Lung Cancer. Now residing at Signature
 Health Care. Cousin of Kathy Harper



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Visits and Prayer:

Bill Gaw—Westminster Village

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft

Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft

Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care

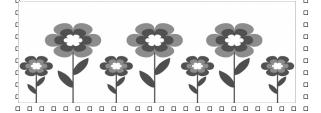
Vada Zeek-Willow Bend

Midweek Bible Study February 11th

Devotions: Don Allison
Song Leader: Adam Gors

Prayer: Bill Winemiller

"Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of how things turn out."



Happy Birthday

Genny Stults—Feb. 13
Jonah Stults—Feb. 13

Sean Bobo—Feb. 8

Jim Smith—Feb. 15

Margaret Goodman—Feb. 18

Lowell Huffman—Feb. 19

Dana Shaw—Feb. 19

Bryce Bayer—Feb. 19

Today.....

4:00 Girls' Song Leading Coming Soon.....

Feb. 10, Men's breakfast at IHOP 8:00a

Feb. 10, Women's breakfast, IHOP at 10:00a

Feb. 14, Bible Bowl, 2:00-3:30p

Feb. 14, "Pitch-in" dinner, 5:30-9:00p. Dinner served at 5:45p and we will play games afterward.

Feb. 15, Boys Song Leading, 3:00p

Feb. 15, Girls Song Leading, 4:30p

Feb. 19, High School & College Devo at Towne Acres, 7p

Feb. 21, "Ladies Learn-to" cookie swap; Chat & Chew, 1:00p

Feb. 21, Bible Bowl Quiz, 7-8:30p

Feb. 22, Pearls Quiz, 2:00-3:30 p

Feb. 26, Ladies Deep Bible Study, 7p

March 14, Ladies Learn-to Class: Lessons on self defense will continue. 10a-12noon.

April 10-12, Upon the Rock Lectureship

May 15-16. Family Seminar

For the pantry: canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly

Baptism.....

Our hearts rejoice that Nickolas Ruckel was baptized into Christ on Tuesday evening at the building. Nick has been attending West Side for several months and is the friend of Cassidy Reynolds. He is from the New Castle area and works as a nurse in the emergency room at BMH. Nick, we fall join in welcoming you into the Body of Christ and into our hearts at West Side.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

11 Corinthians 5:17