

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR—(ROMANS 10:17; MATTHEW 7:24-27)

BELIEVE—(HEBREWS 11:6; MARK 16:15-16)

REPENT—(ACTS 2:38; 17:30; LUKE 13:3)

CONFESS—(MATTHEW 10:32,33; ACTS 8:36)

BE BAPTIZED—(ACTS 2:38; GALATIANS 3:27)

LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO DEATH—(REV. 2:10)

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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.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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A Failing Faith

James 4:1-5

Since time began, God, who is the epitome of love, wants us to be a people who exhibit a genuine love. Love for God, love each other, and love for humanity. We have been taught the greatest gift of all is love, 1 Corinthians 13:13. We have been taught by Jesus himself that the greatest commandment is “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all of your soul and with all of your mind”. The second is similar to it, being “Love your neighbor as yourself”. Not only have we been clearly taught to love, even, commanded to love (John 13:34, 35). Yet, fighting and bickering has always seemed to plague us. Starting in Genesis and moving forward we can clearly see that being able to love has been a problem. Adam and Eve failed to love God when they rebelled against God’s law to NOT eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Cain did not love his brother, Abel, as he should have, but instead murdered him because of envy. Abraham and Lot and their respective herdsmen were fighting amongst themselves and had to go their separate ways; Jacob and Esau had their differences; and who can forget about the hatred of Joseph’s brothers toward him. The examples of difficulty and strife among brethren could go on and on to this very day. Why? Why is it that we can’t get along? Why do we seem to always be at odds with one another? As we continue our look at the practical teaching of James, he addresses the heart of the issue as to why brethren, that is to say God’s people, are continually at odds with each other.

Sensuality (4:1-2a) James addresses the heart of the issue with the question “where do wars and fights come from?” “Wars” would describe one faction or clique fighting against another faction or clique within the church, where as “fights” would describe skirmishes between cliques and/or individuals who could not get along (i.e. the two sisters in Philippians 4:2). This warring and fighting among brethren in the church come from the “desires for pleasure” with which we wrestle within ourselves (James 4:1). A lust or coveting for power, position or privilege or to have control (James 4:2a). When our lives, our hearts and thoughts are not in alignment with God and His will, everything becomes about me and what “I” want. We no longer seek to know or follow God’s will and we then fight for and lust after what we want. The Apostle Paul put it this way for the Corinthians: “**for you are yet carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you are you not carnal and walk as mere men?**” (1 Corinthians 3:3)

Stupidity (4:2b) It is the desires with which we wrestle deep within our hearts and minds that lead us to want something and when we cannot obtain it, the fleshly works take over. Namely, anger and rage which leads us to murder, to utterly destroy a brother or sister. Through gossip, rumors and lying, we drag their names and reputations through the mud to destroy them in hopes of getting them out of the way as we pursue the things that we want! James gives them the real reason they cannot obtain the things they want “*you have not because you ask not*”. (Cont. page 3)

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison- Advertisement/Communication
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin- Education
Larry Reynolds- Evangelism
Todd Stults- Finance, Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes

MISSION WORKS

Tanzania, Africa

Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students

India

Scott Richards
Russia & India
Mark Reynolds
Memphis School of

Preaching

Armand Wine
Southeast School of
Biblical Studies

Josh Taylor
Lake Regions church of
Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR February 9

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Howard Goodman
 Scripture Reading: Matthew Terrell
 James 4:1-10
 Song Leader: Gunnar Taylor
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: "Teaching them to observe all things"
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Jim Smith
 West Side—Outside: Rex Harper
 Inside: Todd Stults
 East Side— Inside: Sean Bobo
 Outside: Chad Bobo

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gunnar Taylor
 Opening Prayer: Jay Kellow
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 James 4:11-17
 Sermon: Mark Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: India Presentation
 Communion Table: Rex Harper
 Closing Prayer: Joe Reed
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

February

DOOR GREETERS: Group 2
COMMUNION: Prep: Kista & Elayna
Clean-up: Group 2
BUILDING CLEANING: Kendall, Jane ,Joe, Wanda, Brian, and Tyann

Wednesday Night Devotionals

February	March
12-Mike Gors	5-Gunnar Taylor
19-Don Allison	12-Lowell Huffman
26-Sean Bobo	19-Larry Reynolds
	26-Gary Reynolds

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Clendenon, Marie McBride's sister-in-law is not doing well.
Emma Gors
Brenda Huffman
Margaret Huffman
Brad Hoyt, Jerry's cousin cancer in kidney had surgery.
Walter Nash, Chad Bobo's uncle.
Marie Owens, Kathy Murphy's aunt is in rehab center in Florida recovering from leg injury.
Gail Parker
Ronda Parker, R. L. Ogletree's daughter.
Theresa, Lela Proctor's sister.
Waldo Robbins, Gail's father.
Shawna Schock
Ashley Shaw
Belinda Smith, Jim and Marjorie Smith's daughter-in-law has cancer.
Marjorie Smith
Gaynelle Stewart, Mark's mom.
Donnita Ward, friend of the Gors has breast cancer.

Shut-Ins:

Lana Blanchard -Albany Health Care.
Juanita Broderick -Woodland Trails.
Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft
Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

Visitors—We are so thankful to have you with us today. We hope that you feel comfortable and welcome here at West Side. Please stay a few minutes after service so that we can meet you personally. If we can answer any questions or if you have the need for prayer or the desire to study God's word. Please let us know how we may serve you. We encourage you to come back again for our next assembly.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF February 2, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	66
Sun. Worship am	95
Sun. Worship pm	56
Wed. Bible Study	—

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 11—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
Feb 11—Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
Feb 13— Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.
Feb 18—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
Feb 18—Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
Feb 16— Carry-in dinner with early evening service.
Feb 20— Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building
Feb 22—Blood drive, 9a-1p
Feb 27—Ladies bible study, 7p at the building.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Genny—Feb 13
 Jonah—Feb 13
 Naomi—Feb 14
 Jim S—Feb 15
 Margaret G-Feb 18
 Bryce—Feb 19
 Lowell—Feb 19
 Dana—Feb 19

(Continued from page 1) Simply put they forgot God. Consider what the Psalmist wrote: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." It is possible to hijack the Christian name and in the name of religion pursue your own desires but they will fail. If we will look to do God's will because we love and pursue the things that God loves, THEN he will give us the desires of our hearts. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble! (James 4:6)

Selfishness (4:3) There will be those who say that they do pray. James is teaching us to check the motives of our prayers, the Israelites both fasted and prayed (Isaiah 58) but God turned His face from them, why? Because the motives of their hearts was all wrong (Isaiah 59:1,2) **"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures"** James 4:3. It is here acknowledged that they do pray and they do ask but their motives are all wrong. Their impure hearts lead to impure motives. They, like spoiled children, ask God to give them what they want and it must specifically fit their wants NOT God's will! What is the motive behind our prayers? Are we seeking God's will or our own?

Separation (4:4,5). Their hearts were filled with lust and selfishness, and as a result, James calls them what they were **"Adulterers and Adulteresses!"** They were unfaithful in all things. They wore the name of Christ but followed the ways of the world. James says they were enemies of God because they loved and pursued the ways of the world!

If we are going to love like Our God wants us to we are going to have to resolve in our minds to be faithful to him and separate ourselves from a strong affection for the world and set our affections on things on high where Christ sits on the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1,2). We are going to have to learn to pray with a pure heart and pure motives, only seeking God's will that he may give us the desires of our hearts. WE are going to have to love and respect our brothers and sisters who are after all made in the image of God too. We are going to have to pursue the things that are spiritual and not carnal, otherwise our faith has failed! **MJG**

What's happening here...

Food Pantry—Items needed...Everything! Stock depleted from holiday baskets. Monetary donations are always accepted. If you know of a family in need, let the committee know. See Kendall Clark if you have questions. Please check expiration dates. We cannot distribute dented or expired cans.

All sermons are recorded- to request a copy fill out information card with date of sermon and your name. A basket is located on the table below bulletin board with blank cards.

Members—Please be sure to check the bulletin board's weekly for updates, information, and letters from the works we support. Please utilize the request forms for any of the following; Prayer, Announcements, Place in Bulletin, Purchase Requests, Building and Van Usage.