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West Side Window

February 21, 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

February 23, 6p, Men's Class (in building)

February 24, 7p, Bible Study in person (also on line)

February 26, 7p, Ladies Study Group on line

February 26-28, CYC in Pigeon Forge, TN

March 28-April 1, 54th Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship. See brochure on board

God Can Handle Today--and Tomorrow

A 34-year-old construction worker was welding on top of a nearly completed water tower outside Chicago. According to the journalist, the worker had unhooked his safety gear to reach for some pipes when a metal cage slipped and bumped the scaffolding on which he stood. The scaffolding tipped and the worker lost his balance. He fell 110 feet, landing face down on a pile of dirt, just missing rocks and construction debris. A fellow worker called 911. When paramedics arrived, they found the worker fully conscious, moving and complaining of an aching back. Apparently, the fall did not cost the construction worker his sense of humor. As the paramedics carried him on a backboard to the ambulance, he requested, "Please don't drop me!" The worker came away from the accident with only a bruised lung.

Sometimes, we resemble that worker. God protects us from harm in a 110 foot fall but we are still nervous about three foot heights. The God who saves us from hell and death can protect us from the smaller dangers we may face this week.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?? Romans 8:32

Jacksonville Church of Christ
Jacksonville, AL



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 21, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Scripture: Bill Smith, *1 Cor. 13, 1-3*

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Love is Everything"*

Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study, February 24th

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Bill Winemiller

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--

Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -

Heritage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--

Albany Health Care

*"Never put a question
mark where
God has put a
period."*

Sometime ago, I heard Leroy Brownlow speak on the topic, "Why I am a Member of the church of Christ." Brother Brownlow was the author of the book of the same name. He was beyond three score and ten but had lost none of his power and effectiveness as a proclaimer. He always enunciated his points with clarity, simplicity, and good humor and during his remarks, he pointed out that many people are what they are religiously because they grew up that way. He said, in his case, this was not true. He and his family studied their way out of prominent denominational bodies to become New Testament Christians.

He spoke of how his father gave up his creed book when he obeyed the gospel. He carried his New Testament with him thereafter, wherever he went. He described the excitement, the happiness and joy his parents experienced in becoming members of the New Testament church. They were thrilled to wear no name but Christian, to have no creed but Christ and to hold membership in no institution except the church, as revealed in the New Testament.

A short time before his mother passed away, she began to observe the changes espoused by some within the Lord's church. One day, she stated, "Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left."

What a powerful expression for the non-denominational structure of the New Testament church. His mother had studied her way out of denominationalism, and she knew the difference. She understood what it meant to be a simple, New Testament Christian and a member of the first church as people were in the first century.

When we see denominational trends and modernistic departures taking place around us, let us remember the fervent entreaty: "Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left."

"Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein." Jeremiah 6:16

Good News Abounds

Wanda went through several tests after a suspicious area was found. She went back for follow-ups and was told the area was not a threat, perhaps scar tissue build-up and no worry for her. Even her blood test showed good improvement--such good news that she and Joe are about to dance in the snow. She wants everyone to know she is very anxious to get back to church and she loves and misses everyone so much. Joe is growing a beard and trying to keep up with Wanda's new spirit of rebound.

In Sympathy

--We all join in sending our love and sympathy to Lela Proctor who lost her son, Daniel, last week. He lived in New York City and had suffered a brain bleed, one that severely incapacitated him for many months. He was 65 years old and the father of three. While living in Indiana, he had worked as a photographer for the Indiana State House Archives and continued his work as an independent photographer when he moved east. Dan was an ardent environmentalist, loved biking, water and the outdoors. His memorial service will be held in coming months.

--With sadness, we send Tom Jr. and Susan Cloninger our most sincere sympathy and love. Tom's father, Tom Cloninger, Sr., passed away from brain cancer this past week. He lived in AR where he and his wife, Barbara, had operated a cleaning business; earlier he had worked in the food industry. He was a renowned folk-music enthusiast and able to play a number of musical instruments with great skill. He also was the author of a book entitled, "Root, Hog or Die Poor", which told colorful stories about his youthful experiences. Brother Cloninger attended Summers Ave. church of Christ in AR.

Happy Birthday

Rex Harper--Feb. 22

Cora Ann Devine--Feb. 24, age 14

Pat Kidd--Feb. 25



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Bill Smith

John Schock, Infection in knees after surgery

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Mel and Linda Botkin

Nellie Dunscomb, Pat Ergle's granddaughter, Health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Robbie Smith, Kidney stones.

Susan Cloninger, Liver cancer. Treatment ongoing. Her doctor is encouraged by her most recent bloodwork which was improved.

Wanda Reed, See item on left

Found on an Old Clock

"Lord through this hour be thou our guide; so by thy power no foot shall slide"

Let us all rejoice to be "...kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" 1 Peter 1: 5



Management or Sales?

We live in a result-oriented society. We want to see the benefit of our labors and set our own standards by which they are to be measured. We have brought this same spirit into the church. We want to see results and we are inclined to measure them only in responses, increases in membership or added souls.

These things are spiritual indicators to be sure, but they do not reflect God's point of view. In fact, in our instance on results, we sometimes find ourselves in open opposition to His will. An Evangelist wrote that it was one of the most important lessons of his life when he finally realized that God was in management and that he was only in sales. This is simply saying that he had been trying to take over the prerogative of God in deciding on the results, rather than doing his own part well. I am afraid this characteristic is too often seen in the church.

Noah preached 120 years without a response. What if you had been on the "pulpit committee"? Do you not think Noah got discouraged? In our modern way of thinking, we would have to judge him a failure, but God had a different point of view. He declared him to be a "preacher of righteousness". (2 Peter 2:5)

Paul established no congregation in Athens (Acts 17). He preached his heart out and left seemingly utterly dejected, at perhaps one of the lowest points in his career. What if you had been on the "missions committee"? Would you have not been looking for someone else to support? Yet, his sermon on Mars Hill still stands as one of the greatest sermons ever preached.

Philadelphia was a congregation without blemish (Rev. 3:7-13). She was the only one of the seven churches of Asia to receive unmixed commendations. But why: not great numbers, for all admit she must have been very small. Not because of a liberal budget or an admirable growth rate but because she was faithful. How could anyone have compared this congregation to Jerusalem, Antioch, Corinth or Ephesus? Yet, in the eyes of the Lord, the church at Philadelphia apparently was one of the greatest churches in the New Testament.

Changing our way of thinking is not going to be easy. We have been caught up on results too long. But, in God's sight, Noah was a better preacher than Apollos, when Apollos was getting all the response in Acts 18. Paula was not a failure in Athens because he was preaching the message as God wanted it preached. Philadelphia was a greater congregation than those with many times her attendance because God is more concerned with our faithfulness than with numbers.

Jack Gray

Eloquent Prayer? Not always the case. And let us be clear, eloquence is not necessarily flowery language as much as heartfelt expression. Consider this prayer of a rural country preacher in Red Rock, Mississippi.

"Oh Lord, give thy servant this morning the eyes of the eagle and the wisdom of the owl; connect his soul with the gospel telephone in the central skies; illuminate his brow with the sun of heaven; possess his mind with love for the people; turpentine his imagination, grease his lips with possum oil, loosen his tongue with the sledge hammer of Thy power; electrify his brain with the lighting of the Word; put perpetual motion on his arms, fill him plum full of the dynamite of Thy glory; anoint him all over with the kerosene oil of Thy salvation and set him on fire! In Jesus Name, Amen!

"Always laboring fervently for you in prayer that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Col. 4:12

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