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West Side Window

February 28, 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

March 2, 6p, Men's Class (in building)

March 3, 7p, Bible Study in person (also on line)

March 5, 7p, Ladies Study Group on line

March 28-April 1, 54th MSOP Lectureship. See brochure on board

Don't forget that we are now meeting for Bible Study Class before worship each Sunday morning. The topic of study is an overview of 1 and 2 Timothy. Join us for insight and increased depth of knowledge of the scripture.

"...let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24, 25

The Shady Dozen

"I heard..."

"They say..."

"Everybody says..."

"Have you heard..."

"Did you hear..."

"Isn't that awful..."

"People say..."

"Did you ever..."

"Somebody said..."

"Would you think..."

"Don't say I told you..."

"I think it is terrible..."

"A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter...The words of a talebearer are as wounds and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly --Proverbs 11:13; 18:8

Don't Read this Unless You want to Smile

A class of high school sophomores had been assigned a term paper. Now the day of reckoning had come; the papers were due to be handed in. The teacher knew that a particular student named Gene had not been working steadily on his paper as others had in the class. He was prepared for some sort of excuse. When the teacher went to collect the papers, Gene said, "My dog ate it." The teacher, who had heard them all, gave Gene a hard stare of unbelief. But Gene insisted and persisted, "It's true. I had to force him, but he ate it".

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

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Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

February 28, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Don Allison

Scripture: Bill Winemiller

Lord's Table: Volker Jaromin

Sermon: Mike Gors,

Closing Prayer: Todd Stults

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

Wednesday Bible Study, March 3rd

Song Leader: Lowell

Devo: Mike

Prayer: Gary

**Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins**

Anna Funk--

Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -

Heritage in York-
town

Carl Gilstrap--
Albany Health Care

*"He that never changes his
opinion and never corrects
his mistakes will never be
wiser on tomorrow than
he is today"*



Ever Grab a Dog's Ears?

I am a huge fan of dogs: big ones, small ones, tall ones, fat ones. I love dogs. They are friendly, loyal, fun, loyal, hard working, loyal, furry and loyal. But as friendly and obedient as dogs can be, only a complete idiot would try to pick up a dog by his ears. That's a vivid image, isn't it? Care to hold a Doberman by those short little ears? What about swinging a full-sized Lab by his big floppy ears? We instinctively know better. To grab a dog by his ears is to guarantee pain and injury - and not to the dog! Solomon plays off this easy-to-see picture to forcefully remind us to mind our own business . . . "He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a dog by the ears" (Proverbs 26:17). Fooling with someone else's problems, butting into others' arguments, meddling in others' affairs is just not smart. In fact, it's just about as smart as grabbing a dog by his ears. When I see some folks in a big wrangle and I'm tempted to step in and get everyone straightened out I just need to think about those canine ears. Then I will be reminded how my interference is not wanted or needed.

- by Mark Roberts

Buzzards, Bats and Bumblebees

If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that if they look up, they'll find the answer.

*via Fairview church of Christ
Fairview, TN*

Happy Day to All

Jay Kellow--March 5

Case Reynolds--March 25

Skylar Murphy--March 27

Judy Stewart--March 28



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Barbara Cloninger, Death of spouse

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Linda Horning, Cancer

Nellie Dunscomb, Pat Ergle's granddaughter, Health issues

Norma Perry, Tests scheduled

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Robbie Smith, Kidney stones.

Susan Cloninger, Liver cancer. Treatment ongoing

Prayer is the Key

Why does it seem

We often give in

To temptation that comes our way?

It's often so hard

To say "no" to the flesh

Though we try, we forget to pray--

For this is the key

To unlock the door,

To overcoming temptation and sin,

We must keep in God's Word

And diligent in prayer

And remain faithful unto Him.

Author unknown

**The words of the wise heard in quietness are better
than the shouting of a ruler among fools. Ecc. 9:17**

Life As a Teacher

The Bible is God's curriculum for educating His people. The Scriptures are "inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God's word is our primary source of information in the classroom of the Lord.

But, there is another form of learning that must take place in the life of every disciple. It is coming to know the truth through consistent application. This is what James calls being "an effectual doer" rather than "a forgetful hearer" (Jas. 1:25). We call it life-application. In a manner of speaking, life becomes our teacher, providing opportunities for us to put into practice the principles we have learned from God's word.

The apostle Paul "learned to be content" regardless of circumstances (Ph. 4:11). But, he did not learn such contentment merely by studying the Scriptures. Scripture is foundational. But, Paul did not learn to be content until life afforded him opportunity to experience "having abundance" and "suffering need" (vs. 12). After having experienced both extremes, Paul could look back and say that he had learned contentment. His spiritual growth was the result of taking advantage of life's opportunity.

We also have opportunity to learn great lessons from everyday circumstances. Even our Lord "learned obedience from the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8). However, there are no short-cuts. Nor can we expect to draw proper evaluations independently from God's word. In these difficult times, we may grow discouraged. But, keep in mind that this may be God's opportunity for us to learn, through life-application, some of the greatest lessons we will ever learn. One day, along with Paul, we may confidently say, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Ph. 4:13).

—Glen Elliott—

When Church is Boring...

What do you do when you find that church is boring? It's time for a change! Now the question is, change what? Many folks think the answer is to change the church. I just read an article about a new church created for men only, men who find church boring. Discarding more traditional environments, they meet in a gymnasium one Saturday evening a month. A rock band provides entertainment. The preacher speaks in front of the scoreboard, with the clock running. He guarantees to have them out in one hour! Some might not go that far, yet they still insist on change. Contemporary music, drama, and short sermons that are little more than pep talks are the order of the day. Celebration and praise are the buzzwords. Malachi lived at a time when people found "church" boring. Speaking of Israel's worship, God said through the prophet, "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it" (Malachi 1:13). God proposed two changes in these who turned up their noses at His worship. One was to just stay home (1:10). The better solution - the change He preferred - was to repent (2:2). Notice what God did not approve of: changing the structure or activities of worship to accommodate individual tastes. The preacher or the one who leads the prayer can give more thought to what he says and the song leader can try to select more meaningful hymns. But when worship as God directed is boring, the main change that is needed is in the heart of the worshiper.

by Frank Himmel

A Pardon Rejected

During the presidency of Andrew Jackson, George Wilson robbed a federal payroll from a train and in the process killed a guard. The court convicted him and sentenced him to hang. Because of public sentiment against capital punishment, however, a movement began to secure a presidential pardon for Wilson, and eventually Jackson intervened with a pardon. Amazingly, Wilson refused it. Since this had never happened before, the Supreme Court was asked to rule on whether someone could indeed refuse a presidential pardon. Chief Justice John Marshall handed down the court's decision: "A pardon is a parchment whose only value must be determined by the receiver of the pardon. It has no value apart from that which the receiver gives to it. George Wilson has refused to accept the pardon. We cannot conceive why he would do so, but he has. Therefore, George Wilson must die." "Pardon," declared the Supreme Court, "must not only be granted, it must be accepted." George Wilson, as punishment for his crime, was hanged. Likewise, God, through His mercy, has provided every human being pardon from their sins. However, that pardon must be accepted in the way God has ordained. Those who do not accept the pardon will perish.

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