

TEACHING SCHEDULE
Spring Quarter 2009
March - May

SUNDAY	CLASS	WEDNESDAY
Carmen Huffman Alayna Huffman	Nursery 2's & 3's	Tyann Huffman
Debbie Perry	4, 5, & K	Teresa Allison
Teresa Cox	3rd & 4th	Sue Davis
Tena Taylor	5th & 6th	Maria Hoyt
Larry Reynolds	7th & 8th	Brian Huffman
Larry Taylor	High School	Don Allison
Gary Reynolds	Adult 1	Connie Reynolds
Lowell Huffman	Adult 2	Larry Reynolds
Don Allison	Adult 3 (upstairs)	

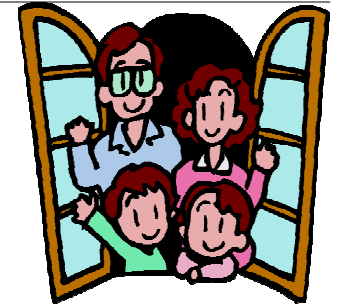
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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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GOD AND THE FATHERLESS By Jonathan Edwards

The first occurrence of the word, "fatherless" in most translations of the Bible is in Exodus 22:22. The passage reads, "You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless" (Ex. 22:22-24).

God's special concern for fatherless children is seen powerfully in the Law of Moses. In Deuteronomy 14 and again in Deuteronomy 26, Israel is given instructions for a special tithe that in part would be used to provide for the fatherless children among them (14:28-29; 26:12-14). Israel was commanded to leave portions of their fields unpicked to ensure there would be food for these children (Deut. 24:19ff). Proverbs 23:10 warns fellow Israelites not to take over the land of any fatherless child. God wanted this nation to pay special attention to these children.

Fatherless children are never far from the mind of God. They are said to find mercy in the hand of God (Hosea 14:3). God is called the "Father of the fatherless" (Ps. 68:5). He watches over them with an intense care (Ps. 146:9). He often equates the doing of righteous and justice with favorable treatment of the fatherless (Is. 1:17). With God, doing evil to these innocent people is on a level of idolatry (Jer. 7:6).

The fatherless are only directly mentioned once in the New Testament in James 1:27, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the World." But God's view of them is still evident. Pure religion is defined as visiting a fatherless child in his time of need.

The word translated "visit" in James 1:27 is made up of the Greek prefix, "epi" (upon or over) and the word "skopos" (sight). A noun form of that same root is the word which translated as "overseers" (Acts 20:28). That passage refers to the work of elders. God charged a special group of men in his kingdom with the task of looking over and caring for his church. James extends that same thought, not just to elders, but to everyone who professes a pure religion.

The Father of the fatherless has charged each faithful child of his to become an overseer of the fatherless child. Serving these most innocent and vulnerable souls is not someone else's task. It is mine and it is yours. Let us never turn our eyes away and allow these precious souls in God's sight to feel as if He had abandoned them.

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Danny Odle, Building &
Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Brandyn Graves

WORSHIP FOR MARCH 1

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman
 Scripture Reading: Bill Thornburg
 (Psalm 19:1-4)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "Do You Hear My God"
 Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Kendall Clark & Don Gaw
 East Side: Don Allison & Roger Gaw

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Mike Haviland
 Opening Prayer: Sam Arnold
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 (Psalm 24:1-6)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "The Earth Is The Lord's"
 Communion Table: Jerry Hoyt
 Closing Prayer: Lowell Huffman

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR MARCH 8, 2009

AM: "Help From The Other Side"
 (Psalm 121:1-3)
 PM: "Man Hiding From God"
 (Genesis 3:1-8)

MARCH

GREETERS:

East Door: Ginger Whitenack & Lisa Staggs
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow & Forrest Hurst

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Tyann Huffman, Kathy Murphy, Tena Taylor

BUILDING CLEANING: Lowell & Charlene Huffman, Richard & Janet Messer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kris Briant, Lola's daughter
Angie Dick, Julie's sister
Alex Fortriede needs our prayers. Send encouragement to www.caringbridge.org
Mimi Gerkey
Charles Henley fell and broke some ribs.
Shirley Hines, friend of Lisa
Jack Knotts. Send encouragement to his home at 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Gail Parker
Leroy Phillips, Shawna's dad
Rachel, Nancy's son's mother-in-law
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Hazel Spears, Wilma's sister is in very poor health
Mark Stewart's dad
George Welker
David Witty is in urgent need of a kidney donor
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

Responding to the Invitation

Mark Zeek responded Sunday evening requesting our prayers.

COMMUNION REQUESTS

If anyone knows of someone needing communion served at home, nursing home, hospital, etc. see Lowell.

Be sure to check out our website at www.westsidcoc.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 1—Elders meet today at 4:30.

Mar 1—Group 3 will meet in the small classroom after evening services.

Mar 2, 4 & 6—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.

Mar 3—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

Mar 8—Daylight savings time change. Clocks should be set forward an hour.

Mar 8-11—You are invited to Lebanon church of Christ for their Spring Gospel Meeting, "Loving God and One Another" with guest speaker Ted Kell of Brownwood, Texas. See bulletin board for further details.

Mar 11—Make plans to join us for fellowship and pizza Wednesday at 5:30.

Mar 15—Elders and deacons meet at 4:30.

Mar 20 & 21—Camp Indogan lock-in at Breeden YMCA in Angola. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Apr 18 & 19—UTR Lectureship here at West Side.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 22, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	68
Sunday Worship am	112
Sunday Worship pm	68
Wednesday Bible Study	79

VOLUNTEER COOKS

Lowell needs volunteers to help cook at Camp Indogan for the Spring Dinner on May 9. See Lowell for details.

2009 Lectureship
 "Speaking Sound Doctrine"
 April 18-19

I KNOW THAT GOD SAVES BY GRACE

By Jonathan Edwards

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

No one has ever been saved without the grace of God. Whatever else can be said about salvation, that fact cannot be changed or diminished. From the very first of God's judgments on sin down to the final judgment of God on the world, grace is always present. It has to be. Grace is a part of God's nature. Just as he is a God who is love and is holy, he is a God who is gracious. Peter even gives God the appellation, "the God of all grace" as he closes his first epistle (1 Peter 5:10). God is the definition of all that is gracious.

True grace can only be known by knowing and learning of God. The significance of that point needs to be understood. There has never been a time that God has not been gracious toward man. Adam and Eve walked out of the Garden alive only because God is gracious. The blood offerings of the Old Testament are made available to Israel only because God is gracious. That those same animal sacrifices had the power to grant atonement to God's people is an act of God's grace.

We need to be careful about how we speak of the works of God and especially of the Law of God. It is fashionable to speak of the Old Testament as a system of law and the New Testament as a system of grace. The Bible knows no such dichotomy. How could the "God of all grace" give a law to man that was devoid of grace? Grace abounds in the Old Testament. Noah was saved by grace, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Gen 6:8). Moses knew he had found grace in God's sight (Ex. 33:18ff). The Psalmist knew that the upright were blessed because of God's grace (Ps 84:11). Ezra blessed God for sparing a remnant of the exiles to return and rebuild the fallen temple through his grace (Ezra 9:8). Some are too quick to portray the law given to govern and train the people of Israel as only a vehicle of condemnation and burden to them. That is not God's nature. God gave that law because he is gracious. That law was an expression of his grace. David saw God's grace in the Law. He understood God gave the law for man's good, "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple..." (Ps. 19:7). David saw a path to revival in the law, not a vehicle of condemnation. He saw grace in God's law—too many today see only God's judgment. We must never lose sight of God's grace in his law.

That grace also permeates the New Testament. The gospel is a message of grace. We are saved by his grace (Eph 2:8-9). His word to us is a "word of grace" (Acts 14:3). The gospel is called simply the "gospel of grace" (Acts 20:24). We are told to continue in God's grace (Acts 13:43) and to grow in that same grace (2 Peter 3:18). Every part of man's walk with God is founded on grace.

I know that God's grace is foundational in my relationship to him. I know that without his grace there is no system, no law or way by which I will ever be saved. If you ever come across a teaching or suggestion that in any way diminishes the necessity of God's grace, reject it. We need to live each day knowing that every action that God has taken on man's behalf flows out of his gracious nature.