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West Side Window

March 8, 2020

Group Three Duties for This Sunday

Greeters: Annex, Carport, Front Door

Communion Clean-up:

Building Lock-up:

Trash to Curb:

Todd and Genny are Group Leaders

We Will Talk Face to Face

A line like this can make us curious: “I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face” (3 John 13-14). We can’t know for sure what else John needed to say, but we can glean some principles.

Some matters are public. The situation with Diotrephes (3 John 9) needed to be written down and handled publicly because Diotrephes’ actions were affecting the church. He not only refused to welcome brothers himself but stopped those who tried, putting them out of the assembly (v. 10). At this point, action needed to be taken to preserve the truth, not Diotrephes’ reputation.

Some matters are urgent. The brevity of the letter and the fact that John had “much to write” but didn’t take the time to do it convey a sense of urgency. John had already written one letter, and it had not been well-received (v. 9). Now, he wrote something personal to a trusted friend. He didn’t waste time with pleasantries. He focused on the urgent matter at hand.

Some matters don’t need to be known. At the end of the day, whatever John might have said just isn’t something we need to know. Curiosity can get the best of us sometimes. We can push too far, ask too many questions, and get involved where we aren’t needed or where it’s not best for us to go. It’s better to learn from what’s been said and leave what’s unsaid alone.

“Light Moment”
from the Gospel Advocate
via Graeber Road church of Christ

What is Happening Today, on March 8, 2020

4:30p, L2L Puppets

Looking Ahead

- March 10, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
- March 14, Congregational singing at Towne Acres, 6p. Fellowship and refreshment to follow. See flyer
- March 15, 4:30p, L2L speech
- March 22, 4:30p, L2L, Puppets
- March 28, Christian Focus: “After God’s Heart” at Greenfield Church of Christ . Posted
- March 29th, 5th Sunday carry-in and youth-led afternoon service to follow. No evening service
- March 29th, 4:30p, L2L Speech
- April 5, 4:30p, L2L puppets
- L2L 2020 Convention, April 9-12, Louisville, KY. See Todd
- April 19-22, Eagle Valley Church of Christ gospel meeting. See flyer



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Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Wed. 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

March 8, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Case Reynolds

John 15: 4-7

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Key to the Abundant Life” Part 2

Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Communion

West Side Outside: Steve Gors

Inside: Rex Harper

East Side Inside: Jim Clark

Outside: Jacob Clark

Evening Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Bill Smith

Romans 3: 27-31

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Under Grace”

Communion Table: Jim Clark

Closing Prayer: Richard Messer

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Serving Our Country

Zach Privett, US Army in Middle East.

Devyn Riggs, US Marines, in Pensacola, FL

Alex Odle, US Marines, in NC

Larry Greene, National Guard in Kuwait

Michelle Bess, Air Force, Deployed to Afghanistan
on Feb. 17th

On Prayer

– “Get down on your knees and thank God you are on your feet.”

Irish Saying

– “Call on God, but row away from the rocks.”

R. Young

– “Trust in God—but tie your camel Tight.”

Persian Proverb

Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:

-Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care, Yorktown

--Anna Funk

Westminster Village

--Linda Horning

Westminster Village

Bible Study March 11th

Lesson: Richard

Song Leader: Riley

Prayer: Bill W.

Attendance for Week of March 1

Morning Classes : 26

Morning Worship: 62

Evening Worship: 21

Bible Study:

News

--Kathy Owens would like to organize a team to walk in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. This year, it will be held on Sept. 12th. If you are interested in participating, see Kathy.

--Blood Drives for 2020 (West Side Parking Lot)

Saturday, April 18--8a-Noon

Saturday, August 22-8a-Noon

--Jefferson Ave. Church of Christ in Cookeville, TN has very personal ties to West Side congregation since our Sister, Roxie Stanley, worships there as well as Danny's sister. That area was hit very hard by a sudden and unexpected tornado in the night and the youth minister of Jefferson Ave. suffered the loss of his little daughter as her body was found eventually. Our prayers are with our brethren there and all the victims of the storm.

--We are now in the spring quarter of Wednesday night Bible Studies. Join us for enlightenment each Wed. at 7p.

Men: speakers are various men and youth of the congregation and the class will be held on the second floor. This coming Wednesday, Lowell will speak on "Timothy"

Women and Young Ladies: taught by Genny, Kista and Jessica on **Women of Scandal** by Cindy Colley. The class will meet in the large classroom on the ground floor.

Case Reynolds--March 25

Skylar Murphy--March 27

Judy Stewart--March 28

Nancy Bateman--March 31



Happy Birthday

In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Patient at Simon Cancer Center in Indy. Kidney Dialysis every day. Latest test showed that his blood count is improving. Plan is for him to be released to go home around March 20th

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow, Upper GI bleed. At home now after two hospital stays in IUBMH

Bill & Pam Smith

Bob Owens, Radiation treatments continue

Carl and Martha Gilstrap

Gordon Huffman, Stroke. Due to have moved home this past week.

Kathy Channel, Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

Kim Ham, Breast cancer and pending surgery. Kim is Dana Kellow's sister

Ryan Dobbs, Cousin of Skylar. Kidney transplant

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Tami Nicks, Recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Doing well

Wanda Reed, Ongoing weekly chemo treatments

Will Porter, Ziggy's great-grandfather, cancer

March: in like a lion, out like a lamb...



It Isn't Hard to Find the Flaws

Take a moment to think about what happens in the course of a typical day. The coffee's too hot (or not hot enough) or it tastes funny. The car in front of me is going too slow. The internet's malfunctioning. The waitress has forgotten me. My coworker is lazy or undependable. My spouse did that annoying thing again. I can't believe my child left that mess or didn't do the simple thing I asked. My friend was thoughtless. Think about how easy it is to become critical of everything and everyone. Basic to human nature is a tendency to point out what's wrong with something and that tendency spills into our speech (or posts).

One subject that seems to find its way into the crosshairs of critics is the church. Increasingly, we are given privy to its weaknesses, problems, shortcomings, mistakes, failures, ineptness's, inadequacies, ignorance's, and derelictions. Virtually, any facet of the church seems fair game, but church leadership, mission, purpose, and function are predictable among the topics. It might be a lengthy article or a quick, social media rant. Scroll through a news feed and do your own research. Did you find one (or a few)? Or look through private groups you are a member of. Is it even worse there? In every aspect of church life, regarding the "human side," there will always be room for improvement. The church is full of people, and people sin and fall short of God's glory. One does not have to look too far or too deep to find problems.

Each of us has work to do to be a better soul-winner, steward, visionary, time manager, encourager, servant, prayer warrior, student, etc. But it would be very cool to see a revival of communication (written and oral) that says, "Do you know what I love and appreciate about the church?" That does not mean we bury our heads, ignoring problems and especially sin. Instead, it's about challenging ourselves to be balanced. Whatever we look for, we typically find. Let's just spend more time looking for what's right and great about the Lord's Bride.

Neal Pollard

Lehman Avenue church of Christ

Bowling Green, KY

A Fifty-Year Old Decision

"People do not accidentally attend worship without missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned to always attend. Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over fifty years, and then it was because of illness. Once, I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services or not. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, not the Sunday before. That decision was made more than fifty years ago. It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted." - by Gus Nichols