

I Know That God Wants To Save By Jonathan Edwards

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9 ESV)

For many people, the greatest conflict in understanding God's nature is his desire to save man, while at the same time promising that he will judge. In time, we will look at both sides of the issue. Let's first turn our attention to his desire to save.

Peter's statement above is clear. God wants no one to be lost. Paul echoed that same sentiment as he wrote, "*This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (1 Tim 2:3-4). Jesus completes that testimony with his invitation, "*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Mat. 11:28).

Could this guidepost be any more clearly marked? God wants to save you. God wants to save everyone. There has never been a person so vile, so evil as to stand outside of his desire to save. Every soul he has ever created, he views as worthy of redemption.

On a personal level, he wants to save you. On one occasion Jesus asked, "...*what shall a man give in return for his soul*" (Matt 16:26)? That question has been answered rightly only once. Only one offering could provide for the salvation of even one man. And only God could supply it. Jesus died for every man. But he also died for just you. God emptied heaven itself to save you.

This guidepost means that your life is valuable. God thought you worthy of saving. Even while you were his enemy, God loved you (Rom. 5:8-9) He has done all he can because you are his treasure. He wants to bring you home.

Sometimes life makes that hard to remember. Moral, ethic and personal failures pull our eyes away from his saving love. Fear, too, often creeps in. That's why we must never lose sight of this indicator on God's pathway. God wants to save you. Never let doubt, circumstance, or temptation convince you otherwise.

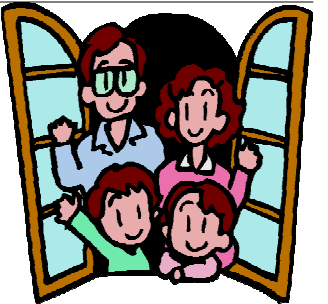
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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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9th Annual Upon The Rock Lectureship April 18, 19

"SPEAKING THE THINGS WHICH ARE PROPER FOR SOUND DOCTRINE" TITUS 2

Saturday, April 18 2009

9:00—The Biblical View Of Sound Preaching (Titus 2:1) Robert Ray

10:00—The Biblical View Of The Christian Man (Titus 2:2)
Cliff Goodwin

11:00—The Biblical View Of The Christian Woman (Titus 2:3-5)
Dick Sztanyo

12:00—Lunch provided by West Side

1:00—The Biblical View Of The Christian Servant (Titus 2:9-10)
Cliff Goodwin

Sunday, April 19, 2009

9:30—The Biblical View Of The Grace Of God (Titus 2:11,12)
Eddy Craft

10:30—The Biblical View Of The Coming Christ (Titus 2:13-14)
Eddy Craft

12:00—Carry-in dinner

1:30—The Biblical View Of Authority (Titus 2:15) Dick Sztanyo

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 22

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds
 Scripture Reading: Clayton Parker
 Sermon: Brandyn Graves
 Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Closing Prayer: Don Gaw

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side-Prayer: Howard Goodman
 Assist: Jim Clark
 East Side-Prayer: Sam Arnold
 Assist: Rick Cox

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle
 Opening Prayer: Todd Stults
 Scripture Reading: Gunnar Taylor
 (Matt. 7:21-23)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "Not Everyone Who Says
 Lord, Lord"
 Communion Table: John Schock
 Closing Prayer: Jim Smith

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR
 MARCH 29, 2009**

AM: "He Leadeth Me" (Psalm 23)
 PM: Guest Speaker

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 & Char-
 lene Huffman, Richard & Janet Messer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Danny Bayer, Maryann's brother-in-law is 40 years old, very ill, partially paralyzed and doctors can't find the source
Betty, Dana's sister
Kris Briant, Lola's daughter
Holly Chambers
Heather Chambers
Angie Dick, Julie's sister
Alex Fortriede needs our prayers. Send encouragement to www.caringbridge.org
Mimi Gerkey
Jack Knotts. Send encouragement to his home at 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Marie McBride
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Gail Parker
Rachel, Nancy's son's mother-in-law
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Jessica Smith, Jim Smith's granddaughter-in-law.
Hazel Spears, Wilma's sister is in very poor health
Mark Stewart's dad
George Welker
David Witty has found a potential donor. Keep him in your prayers.
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

Sympathy

Rose Stover, Brian's cousin passed away recently. Also Lisa's friend **Shirley Hines** passed away. Please remember in prayer the family and friends of these ladies.

**Be sure to check out
 our website at
www.westsidecoc.net**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 22—Group 3 will meet in the small classroom after evening services.
Mar 23, 25 & 27—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.
Mar 24—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.
Apr 5—Elders meet at 4:30.
Apr 8—Make plans to join us for fellowship and pizza Wednesday at 5:30.
Apr 18 & 19—Make plans to attend the *Upon The Rock* Lectureship here at West Side.
Apr 25-26—Goshen church of Christ invites all to their lecture series on the family. Speakers include Larry and Mark Reynolds, Mike Gors, and others. See bulletin board for details.
Apr 26—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30. This has been postponed one week due to the lectureship.
May 9—Camp Indogan Spring Dinner begins at 4:30. **See Lowell or Todd for tickets.** There is still a need for cooks. See Lowell if you can help.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF
 MAR 15, 2009**

Sunday Bible Study	89
Sunday Worship am	129
Sunday Worship pm	87
Wednesday Bible Study	79

**2009 UTR Lectureship
 "Speaking Sound
 Doctrine"
 April 18-19**

ROBERT RAY WRITES...

Hello my brothers and sisters in Christ. I know with the new year brings new trials and in some cases, we have not dealt with the old trials. Nevertheless, this is not a time to be discouraged, God is good and He has been very good to His people. What do you do when things get bad—trust God and stand firm on the word of His son Jesus the Christ. Do not compromise the word, your soul or your relationship with God by following after stuff and things. It is very easy to forget God when we are busy working out soul salvation from our own perspective and not remembering to looking and handling the trials from God's perspective.

Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted the prophets which were before you.

1 Peter 4:13-14 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

The first Sunday in February, 10-year-old Samantha came forward to be baptized she had been asking questions and studying on baptism for a while. She is the granddaughter of Brother and Sister Abbott. On April 18, 2009 I will be speaking at Westside Church of Christ at their *Upon The Rock* Lectureship. I am a little nervous but looking forward to the opportunity, please keep my wife and me in your prayers, and thank you for your continued support.

- Morning Bible study we had a high for the month of 17 and an average attendance 14,
- Morning worship the highest attendance was 50 but we averaged 33,
- Our best evening worship was 11 and we averaged 10 for the month,
- Thursday Bible study we had a high of 13 and we averaged 9 for the month.

Sincerely,
 Robert Ray, Minister