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# West Side Window

March 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.*

## What About Priorities?

Twenty-one years ago, a certain wealthy businessman was sued by his wife for a divorce. She wanted almost \$28,000 to sustain herself each month. Her monthly expenditures were as follows:

Vacation...\$10,000  
Clothing... \$6,400  
Eating Out...\$2,600  
Groceries...\$1,600  
Furnishings...\$1,255  
Pet Care...\$171.00  
Church... \$20.00

Get this! Her demands are one month are as much or more than many folks made in that year. But what stands out in that list is the last entry for her church.

Have you ever stopped to examine your priorities? What is first on your list? Where on the list is God? Do you ever have the tendency to place other things higher on your priority list? It was Paul who said, "Yea, doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith?" (Phil. 3: 8, 9)

Brethren, the church will grow, families will be strong, relationships will be healthy and wonderful, physical needs will be met, life will be good, when the Father comes first! Every child of God must continually examine himself or herself to make absolutely certain that his or her life in Jesus takes priority. "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).--Terry Casey

## LEARN, BE ENLIGHTENED,

## BE ENCOURAGED AT WEST SIDE

**Sunday Bible Class** 9:30a, now studying an overview of New Testament books

**Tuesday evenings** 6p, men's Class is studying the life of Christ

**Wednesday night Bible Study** 7p

Ladies are meeting separately on Wednesday night and are studying "Everything You Need" by Courtney Kendal Steed.

**Men's adult class on Wednesday** is studying in 1 Thess.

## Around and About,

**April 11-14, 2021, Towne Acres Gospel Meeting** with Caleb Rutherford. See flyer on board # 1.

Spring Has Sprung!



## 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*

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### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Bill Winemiller

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors

Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

### *Wednesday Bible Study, March 31st*

*Song Leader: Case Reynolds*

*Devo: Mike Gors*

*Prayer: Bill Winemiller*

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

**Anna Funk--**

Morrison Woods

**Joyce Popplewell -**  
Heritage in York-  
town

**Carl Gilstrap--**  
Albany Health Care  
Health Care

**Howard Latta--**  
Elmcroft Assisted  
Ilving

### **Riddle Me This?**

**Scratch my head. What once  
was red is now black instead.**

A Match

## **Who Was the Sanhedrin?**

In the Sanhedrin, there were both Pharisees and Sadducees. The Pharisees were not a political party at all; their sole interest was in living according to every detail of the law; and they cared not who governed them so long as they were allowed to continue in meticulous obedience to the law.

On the other hand, the Sadducees were intensely political. They were the wealthy and aristocratic party. They were also the collaborationist party. So long as they were allowed to retain their wealth, comfort, position and authority, they were well content to collaborate with Rome. All the priests were Sadducees. And it is clear that it was the priests who dominated the meeting of the Sanhedrin that condemned Jesus. That is to say, it was the Sadducees who did all the talking.

They were notoriously discourteous. Josephus said of them (The Wars of the Jews 2: 8, 14): "The behavior of the Sadducees to one another is rather rude and their intercourse with their equals is rough, as with strangers." As Caiaphas said in John 11: 49, "You know nothing at all: or you are witless, brainless creatures."

If Jesus was the cause of civil disorder, Rome would descend in all her power. It never even occurred to them to ask whether Jesus was right or wrong. Their only question was "What effect will this have on our ease and comfort and authority? It is still to this day possible for a man to set his own career before the will of God. Finally, the Romans, weary of Jewish stubbornness, besieged Jerusalem, and left it a heap of ruins with a plough drawn across the temple area.

William Barclay

## Five Firsts to Success

1. Give God the **FIRST HOUR** of the day.
2. Give God the **FIRST DAY** of the week.
3. Give God the **FIRST PORTION** of your pay.
4. Give God the **FIRST CONSIDERATION** in every decision.
5. Give God the **FIRST PLACE** in your heart.



*"...whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine." Job 41:11*

Judy Stewart--March 28  
 Nancy Bateman--March 31  
 Kendall Clark--April 1  
 Lola Harrell--April 2  
 Sui Holloman--April 6  
 Seth Gors--April 9, 2008  
 Jacob Harper--April 10  
 Becky Hummel--April 10  
 Pat Ergle--April 14  
 Kara Latta--April 15  
 Sue Davis--April 20  
 Mallory Jaromin--April 20  
 Teresa Allison--April 21  
 Bill Smith--April 24  
 Brett Allison--April 29



## Please Pray for

**Alex Odle, Cancer**

**Angie Reed, MS**

**Jim & Kimi Nestle**, Pat Ergle's niece and her husband. Jim has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and Kimi is going through heart testing. Kimi is the daughter of Charlene Winsor who is Pat's sister.

**Kathy Harper**, Respiratory issues

**Nellie Dunscomb**, Health issues

**Nick Hummel**, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

**Shawna Schock**, Shawna will be going to Cleveland Clinic for diagnostic testing in near future.

**Phil Brandenosch**. Pat Lee's brother-in-law, Cancer of mouth and jaw. Lives in FL

**Susan Cloninger**, Tests proved to very favorable. Troubling area has lessened greatly and is almost unrecognizable to the Dr.

**Mike Jackson**, Son of Sylvia Carroll. Mike, age 54, was treated at emergency room after a choking incident. This led to testing which showed a blood disorder and blood transfusions during the same visit. Now facing a battery of tests.

**Tom Carroll**, Friend of Melinda. Complications after back surgery

**Tom Davis**, Lung cancer. Radiation treatment to commence in near future.

**Wanda Reed**

*"Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. ...Each day has enough trouble of its own."*



Matt. 6:28, 31

# Speak, Think, Do

*Moses was dead. Israel waited, camped in the Plains of Moab, just across the Jordan from Jericho. God commissioned Joshua to lead His people into battle to conquer the promised land and pledged to be with him every step of the way. Among other things, here is what God required of Joshua: "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then, you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success" (Josh. 1:8).*

*Note the three directives relative to God's word: **spea**k it; **meditate** in it; **do** it. By speaking it, Joshua would be teaching his people on a regular basis. Constant meditation would keep Joshua himself focused on his divinely appointed mission. But words and thoughts have no practical value without careful obedience. Faithfulness has never been merely an academic or mental exercise. God requires obedience.*

*Almost 1500 years later, Jesus commissioned His apostles to take His gospel to the world. We inherit that commission. Our sword is the Gospel of Christ; we march toward heaven, the spiritual promised land of rest. Like Joshua, we are to speak God's word. "Preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15); "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20). Christianity is a taught religion; when the teaching stops, the church stops growing.*

*Meditation also keeps us focused today on what we are supposed to be doing and teaching. After exhorting young Timothy regarding both doctrinal and practical aspects of his ministry, Paul instructed him to "meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them that your progress may be evident to all" (1 Tim. 4:5). We live in a world full of distractions; staying focused on the Lord and His work will require that we discipline our thinking.*

*Obedience may be out of sync with current notions of "toleration" and "acceptance" but God's word still mandates it. "Now by this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (1 John 5:2-3).*

*We have a commission from God. Let us preach the gospel to every creature; let us center our thoughts upon God's word; and let us demonstrate our love for God and for one another by keeping His commands.*

Joe Slater

Augusta Church of Christ

Augusta, KS

## **Where are you going?**

"TO smite the devil in his den;  
TO smite him with the strength of ten;  
TO set at large the souls of men."

**Then God go with you.**

**John Oxenham (in part)**