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West Side Window

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Present Day News

Hello to the Lord's Family at West Side Church of Christ;

FYI

Our worship services have been paused until the end of March. This is on a tentative basis as we must all follow the guidelines set out by our government.

Mike will lead us in on-line worship and study on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening via Facebook Lifestreaming and the bulletin will be published on-line the latter part of each week.

Let us be mindful of each other and keep in contact via phone, texting, Facebook and mail. You cannot imagine how much a phone call or message might mean to one of our brothers and sisters as we sequester ourselves from face to face contact.

Cancellations

--March 28, 2020--Focus Conference at Greenfield COC

--April 29--Eagle Valley COC Spring Gospel Meeting in Indianapolis

--Ladies Tuesday Breakfasts have been cancelled for the time being.

--March 29th fourth Sunday carry-in and afternoon service led by the youth has been cancelled.

These Events are Pending

--L2L 2020 Convention, April 9-12, Louisville, KY. See Todd

--April 18, Blood Drive at West Side. 8a- 12 noon

--May 5th Sunday Carry-in and Singing at West Side

--Sept. 7th, Labor Day cook-out at Morrow's Meadow

Note from the Family of Will Porter

"Our family so appreciated all the great food that we were served and all the love your members showed us.

Thank you to all of your church for all that was done for the William A. Porter Family."

Sincerely,

The Porter's



(This is Ziggy's family through his maternal grandmother)

"...there should be no division in the body but that the members should have the same care of one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." 2 Cor. 13: 25, 26

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

Live Streamed Worship and Study for this Week (via Facebook)

10a, Sunday, March 29--"Thy Will be Done",
Matt. 6:10

7p, Wednesday, April 1--Devotional

Life Choices

"I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A quote credited to Walt Disney states that our world contains three kinds of people: "well poisoners," "lawn mowers," and "life-enhancers." Well-poisoners are the negative types who put down others and seek to discourage them. Lawn mowers maintain the status quo but seldom get out of their comfort zones. Life-enhancers are "movers and shakers" who go out of the way to enhance the lives of others and make life worth living. Walt Disney certainly had great insight, for I encounter them on a regular basis. I know "negative Nellies" who keep their poison on stand-by while opposing any and every good thing. I'm acquainted with numerous lawn mowers who do everything "by the book" but are reluctant to rock the boat or take a chance. Personally, I prefer to populate my life with life enhancers who make a positive difference and bless everyone around them. As I think about the Christ-centered life, I realize that Lord Jesus calls His people to change and enhance the lives of others. In Matthew 20:26, Jesus states that the road to greatness comes with being a servant. We all need to take the time to mow our lawns, but let us not neglect the fact that Jesus calls us to be salt and light and to minister to the world around us. Those who ridicule and oppose will never go away, but those who serve others will be first in God's Kingdom. Do you make a difference for the cause of Christ? --Kenny Westmorland (Celina, TN)

"A good listener is not only popular everywhere but after a while, he knows something."

Wilson Mizner

Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care, Yorktown

--Anna Funk

Westminster Village

--Linda Horning

Westminster Village

"Never give in--in nothing whether great or small, large or petty--except to convictions of honor and good sense."

Winston Churchill

"The Grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:8

--Polish the Pulpit (TN) is sponsoring a worship service today (central time) on Facebook and You Tube. It will begin at 10a and will include singing. Also today, Jonah is presenting a lesson on Facebook at Orchard Hills in Covington, IN.

--The best literature of the world is already in our homes just waiting to be read and studied. It never disappoints and never changes and never tells us anything but the truth straight from God's hand. Let it comfort you and divert your mind and energy from Coronavirus.

Happy Birthday

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

Teresa Allison--April 21

Bill Smith--April 24

Brett Allison--April 29



In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, At home with dialysis 3x wkly.

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow, Betty has received blood transfusions and released to go home. Cards are most welcome.

Bill Bess, Father of Jennifer Clark. Patient in ICU at IUBMH

Bill & Pam Smith

Bob Owens, Radiation treatments continue

Carl and Martha Gilstrap

Carl Lafferty, Grandfather of Thomas Williams (Bethany's husband). Mr. Lafferty has leukemia and recently diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. *Cora Devine*, Auto immune disorder

Gordon Huffman, Stroke.

Joe Odle

Kathy Channel, Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

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

Sasha Harper, Newborn great granddaughter of Rex and Kathy. Released to go home and is doing better.

Susie Long

Wanda Reed, Ongoing weekly chemo treatment

"God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can and the wisdom to know it's me." Read Matt. 7:3-5

"Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for."

R. Boorstin

Whom do You Trust?

Scottish novelist George MacDonald said, "To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved" (brainyquote.com). That's true. Jesus teaches us to love everyone – even our enemies. But whom can you trust? The Pharisees "trusted in themselves, that they were righteous" (Luke 18:9). Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector to quash that notion. Paul was once a Pharisee, but he learned that neither his righteousness nor his strength was from himself; so he trusted "in God who raises the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9). Unfortunately, self-trust is still with us today. The Pharisees' self-trust also involved trusting in their ancestry. "Abraham is our father," they bragged to Jesus (John 8:39). Paul could have out-boasted them all had he wished to do so. "If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so" (Philippians 3:4). Paul's pedigree was amazing, but it made not the least difference in his relationship with God. Too many in the church today are trusting their pedigree: "My grandfather was an elder." "My dad was a deacon." Wonderful! How are you serving? Perhaps the most common misplaced trust is not in a person, but in our material wealth. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). Jesus warned of this very danger: "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:24). Trusting in self is vanity gone to seed! Trusting in your ancestry or wealth is folly. But "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned" (Psalm 34:22).

Joe Slater

"Teach me to do thy will for Thou art my God; let thy good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:11

Not Too Close?

"But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest" (Matthew 26:58). A short time earlier, Peter had boldly proclaimed that he would not fall away from the Lord and would even die for him (Matt. 26:31-33). It is a little later now and the Lord is a prisoner on trial for His life. Where is Peter? The record clearly states that he is not by the Lord's side as he had so stated he would be. There is no doubting that Peter had a desire to be close the Lord but just not too close. I find myself wondering if this is the way a lot of people feel today – wanting to be close to the Lord, just not too close. Maybe, just maybe, we all need to pause here and search our own heart. How does my life stand up against Matt. 6:33? Is Jesus my Lord on Sunday morning but not on Sunday night or Wednesday night? Is Jesus my Lord when hard times are upon me but not when everything is going well? Is Jesus my Lord when sickness strikes this human frame but not when I am in reasonably good health? Am I seeking to grow daily in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:18)? Do I desire the sincere milk of the word and study that word diligently to show myself approved (2 Tim. 2:15)? Am I living each day in a way that I am an example to the believer (1 Tim. 4:12). Is my body being presented to the Lord as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable (Rom. 12:1)? I pray that we will never become so busy with our temporal affairs that the Lord gets pushed aside? May we never become so focused on our own desires, pursuing those things we want that the Lord is given only the crumbs of our life (Rom. 12:2; Luke 12:15; 1 John 2:15-17)? Do we want to be close to the Lord but just not too close? My desire is that all of us will live each waking moment in a way that we can say, "I am ready." "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith (2 Tim. 4:7).

–Charles Hicks