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West Side Window

April 4, 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.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, “When I will rise up for David a righteous branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely. And do justice and righteousness in the land”... “And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness’.”



Jeremiah 23: 5, 6

Become a Christian

Agrippa was almost a Christian (Acts 26:28). So many people end up in this same state. To stand before God in the judgment having never obeyed the gospel is to have accomplished the greatest failure in human history. Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 7:10, “For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

When we change our minds and hearts and make the decision to be right with God, we have made the single, most important decision of our lives. Christianity gives us hope, consolation, forgiveness, peace, direction and all of the other things in life that no other endeavor will afford us. Of all the titles one can hold, there is none greater than “Christian” (1 Peter 4:16).

Jeremiah Tatum

Lawrenceburg, TN

The Lamb By William Blake

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell
thee!

He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a
Lamb:

He is meek & he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.



“He who comes to do good, knocks at the gate. He who loves finds the door open.” R. Tagore

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

April 4, 2021

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Jacob Clark, *1 Cor. 1:18-25*

Lord's Table: Volker Jaromin

Sermon: Mike Gors,
"The Message of Christ Crucified"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Wednesday Bible Study, April 7th

Song Leader: Jimmy Clark

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
Living

"Not for one single day can I discern my way, but this I surely know--Who gives the day will show the way, so I securely go"

We must love those with whom we disagree. Jesus set the example when, from the cross, He prayed for His tormentors, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk. 23:34). His life and ministry were characterized by both compassion and conflict. But, in His love for people, Jesus never sacrificed truth. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us to love even our enemies (Mt. 5:44).

Such love does not mean we will ignore sin or water down the truth. Scripture directs us to "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints" (Jude 3). Salvation depends on doing the will of the Father (Mt. 7:21). Paul exhorted Timothy, saying, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Tim. 4:16).

The same apostle who wrote so much about unity in the body of Christ (Eph. 4:1-6; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Heb. 13:1) also withstood Peter to his face when he and Barnabas got caught up in hypocrisy because they were afraid of Judaizing teachers (Gal. 2:11-14).

On the other hand, Paul and Barnabas had a sharp disagreement about whether or not to take John Mark along with them on their second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-41). Although they agreed to disagree and parted company, there is no indication of ongoing bitterness or an unforgiving spirit (Col. 4:10; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11).

We must not mistake confrontation of sin with an unloving disposition. In the body of Christ, we are to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). There is no excuse for bitter, caustic language in dealing with sin and error. However, ignoring sin in a cloak of counterfeit love does not cover our responsibility nor is it truthful or loving. In most instances, confronting sin in a brother or sister in Christ can be done gently after introspection (Gal. 6:1). Other times, genuine love for God, the truth, and the body of Christ leads us to act decisively. Because of the leavening influence of sin in the body and because false teaching can spread like gangrene; sin and error must be quickly exposed to the light of truth (1 Cor. 5:6; 2 Tim. 2:17; Eph. 5:11-12). Loving those with whom we disagree involves standing for the truth in matters of faith and practicing forbearance in matters of opinion.--Glen Elliott

MYSELF

*I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know,
I want to be able as days go by
Always to look myself in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,
And hate myself for things I have done.*

*I want to go with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.*

*I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self respecting and conscience free.*

By Edgar
Guest
(In part)

- 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



Happy
Birthday
to You

Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Jim & Kimi Nestle, Pat Ergle's niece and niece's husband. He has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and she is having heart tests

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Nellie Dunscomb, Health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Susan Cloninger, Liver cancer. Much progress noted

Mike Jackson, Son of Sylvia Carroll. Blood disorder

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

Wanda Reed

IF, our greatest need had been entertainment, God would have sent a performer.

IF, Our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist.

If, our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist.

But, since our greatest need is forgiveness, God sent us a Savior.

Selected

Let us all remember the gospel meeting at Towne Acres and honor the occasion with our support, set for April 11-14. The speaker will be Caleb Rutherford who is a graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. See flyer on board.

And Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He’ and will mislead many.”

Mark 13:5

“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Luke 16:10

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also on Me” ([John 14:1](#)). I really do not know of a more encouraging verse than this one. Jesus Himself tells us to not let our hearts be troubled. About...what? What is the context?

Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure; His return to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, to rule over His eternal kingdom. But look at it from the apostles' perspective. It is a terrifying feeling to know that a comfortable time or relationship is changing or ending. We know when a loved one who is faithful to God dies, we will see him/her again if we ourselves live a faithful life. Still we don't like that separation. When a young couple has their first child and prepares to leave the hospital, there can be a feeling of panic that comes with the realization that there is no little button at the side of the bed at home that will bring a nurse when you press it.

That must have been the kind of emotions that the apostles were experiencing when Jesus would talk of going away. Yet, go away He must. They didn't quite understand the concept that He would still be with them, but He was. And He is! Still with us, that is. Listen to the rest of what Jesus had to say in that context: “In My Father's house there are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going” ([John 14:2-4](#)).

Those men who were terrified that Jesus was leaving them alone in this world needed to know that He was coming back to get them; He wasn't leaving them all alone. And when you feel as though He has left you all alone, you need to know that He is away now, preparing a place for you and He is coming back to get you if you belong to Him. And here is what may be the most important part of what He said: “...you know the way where I am going.”

Jesus didn't leave us in the dark. He told us where He was going and how we could follow Him. He left us an example to follow ([1 Peter 2:21-24](#)).

He intended (and intends) for us to follow His example so that we can be with Him in heaven forever. He may not be here in a form where I can cry on His shoulder, hold His hand, or hug His neck, but He is here, nevertheless! He has not gone away and left me alone. And He has told me how to get where He is and that if I will do those things in faith, He will come again and get me to take me home with Him.

We find ourselves right now in an unprecedented time of fear and uncertainty. The whole world seems to have lost its mind. And when it comes to the day-to-day decisions about what is the best thing to do, I don't have any more answers than anyone else. I find myself, like many others find themselves...pulled in the varied and disparate directions that the “experts” tell us we should be going. Through all this discouragement, here is the encouragement that I find: Jesus is coming back to get me and all of us who are faithfully serving Him, even through times as difficult as this.

--Donnie Bates