



West Side Church of Christ
6600 W. Kilgore Ave.
Yorktown, IN 47396

“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.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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“Abstain from all appearance of Evil, 1 Thessalonians 5:22 Dave Miller, Apologetics Press

God chose to employ human language—words—to communicate His will to people. Even though this medium of conveyance is quite adequate to achieve such an objective, misunderstanding sometimes can occur. One example of confusion is seen in Paul’s admonition to the Thessalonian Christians: “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). This verse frequently is used to assert that Christians should avoid engaging in actions that **appear** to be improper or sinful—even though those actions may not actually be sinful. However, the 1611 translators of the King James Version were attempting to convey the idea that one should abstain from evil in whatever **form** it may **appear**. Newer translations help to clarify the underlying Greek text by translating the verse, “Abstain from every form of evil” (NKJV). The verse is banning the practice of sin/evil in whatever form it occurs—whether lying, stealing, murdering, etc.

Contextually, verses 19-22 of chapter five form a pericope that warned first-century Christians to refrain from stifling the expression of miraculous gifts—*charismata* (vss. 19-20). Christians were admonished to test the gifts of the Spirit for their authenticity so that they would hold to what was correct (vs. 21). As such, these verses are parallel to Ephesians 3:1-5, 4:30, Isaiah 63:10-12, and Psalm 78:40. These passages demonstrate that when individuals opposed or withstood God’s miraculously endowed representatives—by rejecting the **word** that those emissaries presented—they grieved or quenched the Holy Spirit in the sense that they rejected His instructions, refusing to accept the teaching that would enable them to gain God’s approval. The word “quench” (*sbennumi*) is used in the New Testament to refer to the act of extinguishing a literal fire. However, in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 it is used metaphorically, and spotlights the idea of **suppression**. One does not **literally** suppress or quench the Spirit. Rather, one suppresses the **influence** of the Spirit on one’s own life by resisting the Spirit’s **teaching** via Scripture. Specifically, in context, when Paul said to abstain from the appearance of evil, he was referring to abstaining from inauthentic admonitions from those who claimed to possess miraculous gifts.

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison- Advertisement/Communication
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin- Education
Larry Reynolds- Evangelism
Todd Stults- Finance, Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes

MISSION WORKS

Tanzania, Africa

Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students

India

Scott Richards
Russia & India

Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of

Preaching

Armand Wine

Southeast School of

Biblical Studies

Josh Taylor

Lake Regions church of

Christ

The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR April 6

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark
Scripture Reading: Bill Smith

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
Sermon: Guest speaker, Mark Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Jesus Sitting Upon His Throne"
Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Rex Harper
West Side—Outside: Larry Terrell
Inside: Matthew Terrell
East Side— Inside: Jim Clark
Outside: Adam Gors

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
Scripture Reading: Adam Gors

Sermon: Guest speaker, Mark Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Victory in Jesus"
Communion Table: Don Allison
Closing Prayer: Chad Bobo
Sound Room: Gunnar Taylor

April
DOOR GREETERS: Group 1

COMMUNION: Prep:
Clean-up: Group 1

BUILDING CLEANING: Lisa, Nancy, Dana, and Cindy.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ashley, Lisa Staggs granddaughter.
Mike Bayer, Mary Ann's husband.
Betsy Cartwright, Lela's friend.
Sue Clendenon, Marie McBride's sister-in-law.
Tom Davis, Sue's husband.
Winston Chambers, Ira's dad.
Emma Gors
Brenda Huffman
Delores Huffman
Margaret Huffman
Brad Hoyt, Jerry's cousin.
Marie Mc Bride
Duane Latta, Howard's son
Jill Welker Medley, Ellen's granddaughter.
Walter Nash, Chad Bobo's uncle.
Gail Parker
Ronda Parker, R. L. Ogletree's daughter.
Steve Reed, Joe and Wanda's son.
Brett Rutherford, missionary.
Waldo Robbins, Gail's father.
Shawna Schock
Ashley Shaw
Donnita Ward, friend of the Gors has breast cancer.

Shut-Ins:

Lana Blanchard -Albany Health Care.
Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft
Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF March 30, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	80
Sun. Worship am	114
Sun. Worship pm	70
Wed. Bible Study	68

Wednesday Night Devotionals

April
9-Mike Gors
16-Don Allison
23-Jimmy Clark

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April —7 Evangelism/Benevolence committee meeting, 7p.
April —8 Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
April—8 Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
April—10 Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.
April— 18, 19, & 20 Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes convention in Louisville, KY
April —24 Ladies bible study 7p at the building.
May—3 Lincolnway church of Christ lectureship in Columbia city. See news board for more info.
May—3 Men's fellowship meeting.
May—4 Bethel Pointe nursing home service 2p.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Sui Holloman—April 6
Seth Gors —April 9
Jacob Martin—April 10
Pat Ergle—April 14
Sue Davis—April 20
Teresa Allison—April 21
Ralph Zeek —April 24
Bill Smith—April 24

Visitors—We are so thankful to have you with us today. We hope that you feel comfortable and welcome here at West Side. Please stay a few minutes after service so that we can meet you personally. If we can answer any questions or if you have the need for prayer or the desire to study God's word. Please let us know how we may serve you. We encourage you to come back again for our next assembly.

What's happening here...

Members—Volunteers are needed to help clean the building! See one of the elders or current cleaning group.
All sermons are recorded- to request a copy fill out information card with date of sermon and your name. A basket is located on the table below bulletin board with blank cards.
Members—Please be sure to check the bulletin board's weekly for updates, information, and letters from the works we support. Please utilize the request forms for any of the following; Prayer, Announcements, Place in Bulletin, Purchase Requests, Building and Van Usage.

Food Pantry—Items needed...Everything! Stock is depleted
Monetary donations are always accepted. If you know of a family in need, let the committee know. See Kendall Clark if you have questions. Please check expiration dates. We cannot distribute dented or expired cans.

The new pictorial directories are on the tables below the information boards, **one per member family please.**

Congratulations !!!
Betty Curry is the proud grandparent of Allison Mary Stinebrink, who was born on March 28, weighing 8 lbs 12.

Memory Rules

Forget each kindness that you do, as soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls to you, as soon as you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear, before you can repeat it.
Forget each spite, each slight, each sneer where ever you may meet it.
Remember every kindness done to you, what're its measure.
Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure.
Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter.
Remember all the happiness that comes to you in living.
Forget each worry, and each disaster, be hopeful and forgiving.
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