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West Side Window

April 12, 2020

Worship and Study for this Week (via Facebook)

April 12, 10a, Sunday, "Fear Not Little Flock"

Psalm 23

April 15, 7p, Wednesday, "Strong in the Lord"

Deut. 31:6

Pending

--Services at West Side have been cancelled for the next two weeks

--May 31, Fifth Sunday Singing and Carry-in

Blood Drive for April 18th has been cancelled. Will be rescheduled.

Latest Letter from Cannon Taylor (in part)

"...The last two weeks of school, we have been video-calling our instructors to teach us remotely. You may already know, but this is my last quarter at MSOP for the two year program. I am going ahead with my plan to join the third year program (World Missions Program) and to go to Iowa with my classmates. Thank you again for your support."

Your Servant and His, Cannon

"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony, in the middle of difficulty, find opportunity." Albert Einstein

Life is not waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Keeping in Touch

Note from Betty Kellow:

"Dear West Side. I miss my church family so much. Thank you for making it possible to hear Mike and thank you to you Elders for all you do."

Gratefully,
Betty Kellow



Lessons Online:

Polishing the Pulpit

Men's Virtual Sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7p--beginning now

Ladies on Saturday Morning from 10a- 11:50 beginning April 25th. Both Sessions on Facebook, You Tube and PTP website

Jonah Stults: Facebook

10:30a, Sunday

7p, Wednesday

Tim Taylor: Facebook

6p, Wednesday

Jessica Gors : Facebook

7p, Thursday, April 16

"Abigail"

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

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Cannon Taylor

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Times of Grief

Have you ever been in such emotional pain that your heart felt like it was literally aching? The worst pain in this life is not always physical. Often times it's the emotional pain of saying "good bye" that can drive us to our knees. It can make us lash out in anger. It can make the toughest man alive break down in tears, and it can crush a young person's spirit. Why would a God of love and compassion let such a thing happen? If He cares, but He can't do anything about it, wouldn't that mean He's not all powerful? If He doesn't care, but He has the power, doesn't that mean He's cruel? If you've got "heart pain" in your life, the best thing you can do is draw closer to God. Don't isolate yourself from the only true source of comfort and healing. Don't throw your head up to the sky, as if looking for some eye-contact with God. **Rather, let your head fall to the scriptures.** God will tell you that His ways are perfect, His word has been tried and tested, and He is the shield for those who decide to take refuge in Him (Psalm 18:30). He would also tell you that if you are a righteous individual, He's going to deliver you from any trouble (Psalm 34:19). As a loving Father, God would tell you that He understands what you're going through (Isaiah 53:3). God would tell you to hang in there because while there is suffering, heartache, and pain here, there is a place prepared by Him where none of that exists (John 14:2-4). God would ask you to draw near to Him, because if you do, He will draw near to you (James 4:8).

We can't always think of the appropriate words to say when someone is going through grief, but God always knows the right thing to say and He is perfect in all His ways. Bring Christ your broken life. He'll fix it for you.

Dale Pollard

*Farley church of Christ
Huntsville, AL*

As soon as you open your eyes in the morning, you can square away for a happy and successful day. It's the mood and the purpose at the inception of each day that are the important facts in charting your day. We can always square away for a fresh start, no matter what the past has been.

George M. Adams

Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care, Yorktown

--Anna Funk

Westminster Village

--Linda Horning

Westminster Village

"I know how to get along with humble means and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Phil. 4: 12 - 13

When you are the neediest,
He is the most sufficient.
When you are completely helpless,
He is the most helpful.
When you feel totally dependent,
He is absolutely dependable.
When you are the weakest,
He is the most able.
When you are the most alone,
He is intimately present.
When you feel you are the least,
He is the greatest.
When you feel the most useless,
He is preparing you.
When it is the darkest,
He is the only Light you need.
When you feel the least secure,
He is your Rock and Fortress,
When you are the most humble,
He is most gracious.

He Is

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end...” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

*Hooker church of Christ
Hooker, OK*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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 weekly

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow, At home. Doing great right now

Bob Murrell, Elder at Church of Christ in OK where Lowell and Charlene attended. Diagnosed with corona virus

Bill & Pam Smith. Cards and calls welcome

Bob Owens, cancer

Carl and Martha Gilstrap

Carl Lafferty, Grandfather of Thomas Williams (Bethany's husband).

Cora Devine, Auto immune disorder

Gordon Huffman, Stroke. At home now

Joe Odle

Kathy Channel, Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

Kim Ham, Breast cancer. Kim is Dana Kellow's sister. Undergoing chemo with surgery pending. Lives in TN

Susie Long

Wanda Reed, Ongoing weekly chemo treatment

Pray for our Service Men and Woman

Zach Privett, US Army in Middle East.

Devyn Riggs, US Marines, in Pensacola, FL

Alex Odle, US Marines, in NC

Larry Greene, National Guard in Middle East

Michelle Bess, Air Force, Deployed to Middle

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in one body and be thankful."

Col. 3:15



**Don't Swat
That Bee!**



I recently read a little quotation from Reader's Digest that said: "It isn't so much how busy you are; but why are you busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted." That sounds good, but I know of a few bees that got swatted as well. In the church, we have some bees and some mosquitoes. Some people work at building the church, while others expect the church to work for them. One gives honey, the other sucks the lifeblood from the body. One group wants to serve, the other wants to be served. Let's be careful not to swat a bee! Let's protect that bee. We certainly don't want him to become an endangered species. In fact, while we are at it, let's change mosquitoes into bees. That's something we can do that science can't.
--via Glad Tidings of Good Things (Jacksonville, AL)

*"Your mind is a garden,
Your thoughts are the seeds,
You can grow flowers or
You can grow weeds."*



The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.
We listen to reply.

Moving On

There is a Peanuts comic strip where Linus says, "Maybe we should only think about today." Charlie Brown disagrees. "No, that's giving up. I'm still hoping yesterday will get better." There might be a little bit of truth in both of their perspectives. We know that we can't change what happened yesterday, but we can learn from yesterday's sins and mistakes, and – with God's help – we can use that knowledge to make a better tomorrow. Think of all the examples we have from the Bible. Many of them made bad mistakes, but did not let it keep them down, and they went on to do great things. Paul started out persecuting the church, yet he became one of the greatest servants the church has ever known. Moses doubted God when he was first being called, but went on to lead God's people out of Egypt. Peter walked on water only to take his eyes off of Jesus and begin to sink. He often stuck his foot on his mouth and denied three times that He was one of Jesus' disciples or even knew Him. But he went on to preach on the day of Pentecost and was a great leader in the church. The question for us is not whether or not we have made mistakes – we all have. The question is, "What have we done with those mistakes?" Have we learned from them and moved on, or do we let them continue to drag us down? It is not the mistake that will define us – it is what we decide to do with it afterwards. Embrace God's grace, move on, and become the person God has called you to be!

–Luke Bower (Abilene, TX) via Old Paths