



# West Side Window



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## This and That...

--Remember that Camp Indogan is in need of 20 (#10) cans of chocolate pudding for the summer sessions. If you would rather donate monetarily, please give your money to Todd.

--Question: Where in the Bible is a Messiah first prophesied? Genesis 49:10-12

--Latest letters from Jonah Stults and Scott Pfettscher Post are on the Missions Board for your reading pleasure.

--"Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life."

--Betty Smith welcomes her newest great Grand-child, Sadie Clair, whose grand parents are Tom and Susan Cloninger. Sadie Clair is the daughter of Megan & Hayden and joins big brother, Jace, in the Cruce family.

-- "He who knows himself best esteems himself least."

-- George Washington's preacher said of him: "No company ever kept him away from church. I have been at Mt. Vernon on Sunday morning when his breakfast table was filled with guests. But to him, they furnished no pretext for neglecting his God and losing the satisfaction of setting a good example. Instead of staying home, out of fancied curtesy to them, he constantly invited them to accompany him."

## The Lord's Church

*Here, through beautiful services, I come close to God and to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Here I learn the truths by which I can live a brave, happy and useful life. Here, I gain strength by the scripture and learn who I ought to be. Here, I gain comfort in my sorrow, courage in my struggles and joy in my victories. Here, I come into union with Christ, my Master and my friend.*

*O. Davis*

## The Best Memory System

Forget each kindness that you do,

As soon as you have done it.

Forget the praise that falls to you,

The moment you have won it.

Forget the slander that you hear

Before you can repeat it.

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,

Wherever you may meet it..

Remember every kindness done to you

Whatever its measure.

Remember praise by others won

And pass it on with pleasure.

Remember every promise made

And keep it to the letter.

Remember those who lend you aid

And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness that

Came your way in living,

Forget each worry and distress,

Be hopeful and forgiving,

Remember good, remember truth

Remember Heaven's above you,

And you will find through age and youth

That many hearts will love you.

Mrs. Henry True

"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed."

Mark 16:20



### SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —

9:30 am

Worship — 10:30 am

& 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study —

7:00 pm

### MINISTER

Michael Gors

### ELDERS

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

### DEACONS

Don Allison

Fellowship

Kendall Clark

Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-

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### MISSION WORKS

Russia & India

Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of

Preaching

Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of

Biblical Studies

Preaching

Jonah Stults

Florida School of

Preaching

Scott Pfettscher

Sparta Tennessee

Robert Ray

## The Deceitfulness of Sin

Rick Duggin

Don't expect sin to tell you the truth. It promises pleasure and happiness but hides the small print.

The Hebrew writer said, "Beware, Brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'today' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Someone once defined sin in this way: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God and takes off the relish of spiritual things."

Sin does weaken our reason. How else can we explain why otherwise intelligent people get hooked on alcohol and drugs. They often learn too late the difference between momentary pleasure and permanent misery. "Do you not know this of old, since man was placed on earth that the triumphing of the wicked is short and the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?" (Job 20:4-5).

Sin impairs the tenderness of your conscience. Leprosy patients, because of lost sensation in their extremities, often will lose their fingers and toes when they are damaged. The same danger afflicts the conscience, "...speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2). A guilty conscience hurts but it's for our own good.

Sin obscures your sense of God. We don't see sin in its true light until we see it as rebellion against God. Sin breaks his law, ridicules His authority. Though King David sinned against Bathsheba, her husband, Uriah, his family, his nation and himself, he confessed to the Lord, "Against You, You only, have I sinned and done this evil in Your sight..." (Psalm 51:4). The pain David inflicted on others did not compare with what he had done to God.

Sin takes off the relish of spiritual things. Sheep often go astray because they nibble on one clump of grass after another without regard to their location. Most people, like sheep, nibble their way from one activity to another, never noticing how far from home they have strayed, then "when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death" (James 1:15).

*A most valuable possession is this conviction: "That the task is unfinished, that the conflict is still on and that it is my business to invest my life in such a way as to make true the dream of the Son of God." Selected*



"Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two."

Matthew 5:41

## Those Serving Today

APRIL 16

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison  
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 1st Prayer: Lowell Huffman  
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark  
*1 Cor. 15:1-4*

Sermon: Mike Gors  
**"Declaring the Gospel of Christ"**  
 Closing Prayer: Danny Odle  
 Sound Room: Adam Gors

### COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side--Outside: Jim Clark  
 Inside: Jay Kellow  
 East Side-- Inside: Todd Stults  
 Outside: Jimmy Clark

### EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison  
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin  
 Scripture: Lowell Huffman

*John 6:60-69*

Sermon: Mike Gors  
**"Would You like to  
 Leave Jesus Also?"**  
 Communion Table: Jay Kellow  
 Todd Stults  
 Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks  
 Sound Room: Adam Gors

## Group One has Building Duties for Today

April 16

*Building lock-up, Greeters and  
 Communion Clean-up*

**Communion Prep for April: Nancy**

## Remember in Prayer

*Several of our number are traveling on vacation and the caravan of L2L participants will be coming home today from Louisville, KY. Let us also remember the family of Kaitie Clingman. Kaitie passed away last Thursday in Muncie at the age of 88. She had previously worshiped with the Fairlawn congregation, and more recently, at West Side.*

**Angie Reed**, MS, Daughter -in -law of Joe and Wanda  
**Bill Ellington**, Terminal brain cancer. Hospice has been called  
**Brenda Huffman**, Lung issues.  
**Eileen Strombeck**, Sally's Mother, broken foot  
**Don Gaw**, Struggling with health issues  
**Gordon Huffman**, Health issues  
**Jody Holdcroft**, Friend of Sally  
**Judy Messer**, Breast cancer. Richard's sister-in-law  
**Judy Stewart**, Patient at hospital in St. Petersburg, FL  
**Kathy Harper**  
**Larry Rees**, Broken ribs from fall. Brother-in-law of Charlene.  
**Lori Johnson**, Acquaintance of Genny. Cancer of the tongue  
**Mary Ann Bayer**, Facial Cellulitis.  
**Mitch Kinder**, Sally's neighbor. Recurrent cancer  
**Molly Hemmings**, Heart issues. Will be going to Mayo Clinic in near future. Niece of Dorothy.  
**Ryan Dobbs**, In need of a kidney transplant. Lives in KY  
**Quanny**, Nephew and foster child of Robert & Bridget Ray.  
**Shawn Huffman**, Recently restored at Columbus Ave.  
**Sylvia Carroll**, Radiation therapy scheduled for skin cancers  
**Tim Corcoran**, Liver cancer  
**Tim Taylor**, Health issues.  
**Virginia Southard**, Stroke  
**Wanda Reed**, Pain issues

### Let's Remember Our Shut-ins

*Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft  
 Jim & MaryLou Witty--At home  
 Lana Blanchard—Albany HC*

### Weekly Contribution Goal:

\$2600

Contribution for

April 9, 2017

\$1899.00

### Lure of the Good Enough...

Someone wrote, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." Self satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth. And sloth brings condemnation. Paul warned Christians, "For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing he deceives himself" (Gal. 6:3). One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing. The feeling that we are good enough is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life. Like an old Scotch preacher said, "Lord keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by the 'lure of the good enough.' James Adams

### Bible Study, April 19

**Devotional:** Mike Gors  
**Song Leader:** Jimmy Clark  
**Prayer:** Bill Winemiller

## Happy Birthday

Kendall Clark--April 1  
 Lola Harrell--April 2  
 Sui Holloman--April 6  
 Seth Gors--April 9  
 Becky Hummel--April 10  
 Jacob Harper--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



## Looking Ahead

--April 18, Ladies Breakfast, 10a. Cars leave the lot at 9:30  
 --April 21-22, Lock-in at Camp Indogan. Flyer posted on board # 3  
 --April 22, Mother, Daughter & Friends Luncheon, 11:30a at Towne Acres. See flyer on board # 1.  
 --April 23-26, Gospel Meeting at Columbus Ave. with speaker, Mike Gors. Flyer is posted  
 --May 6, Camp Indogan Retreat, Flyer on board # 3  
 --May 12-14, Spring Rally at Camp Indogan. Flyer posted.  
 --May 13, Adoption Connection Workshop  
 --May 20, Family Night carry-in at West Side. Italian fare. 6p  
 --June 4-11, Leadership Youth Camp in Knoxville, TN. Sponsored by Karnes Church of Christ in partnership with the South East Institute of Biblical Studies. Good opportunity for youth to learn leadership skills and experience growth in the Lord's church. Contact Jonah if you have questions.  
 --June 25, Speaker, Weston Stone. Weston will be studying at SEIBS this fall as a first-year student. He lives in Columbia, KY.  
 --June 29, Lagrange Youth Rally. Flyer on board # 1

## Pulpit Preview for April

April 23:

**Morning Worship: Speaker, Gary Reynolds**

**Evening Worship: Speaker, Todd Stults**

April 30

**Morning Worship: Speaker, Will Brown. Will is currently in his first year of preaching school at SEIBS in Knoxville, TN and hails from Jacksonville. FL**

**Evening Worship: Youth-led**