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West Side Window

May 3, 2020

Worship and Study for this Week (via Facebook) with Mike

May 3, 10a, Sunday

May 6, 7p, Wednesday

Services in-full are pending at this time as we wait to hear the most recent guidelines from the state of Indiana

Optimists: (check if applicable)

- are seldom surprised by trouble.
- look for partial solutions even if an entire solution can't be found.
- believe God has control over their future.
- allow for regular renewal.
- derail their negative trains of thought.
- heighten their powers of appreciation.
- use imagination to rehearse success.
- are cheerful even when they can't be happy.
- think they have an almost unlimited capacity for stretching.
- build lots of love into their lives.
- like swapping good news.
- accept what cannot be changed

Alan McGinnis (via Jacksonville, AL)

**That
Vette
Had
Power**



Ken Klaus wrote about an experience that taught him a valuable lesson: A year or two ago a friend offered me a ride in his custom Corvette. That machine was beautiful to look at, impressive to sit in. Riding a few inches off the ground, my friend put that contraption through its paces. In first gear, I was thrown back into the seat. In second gear, it felt like the G-force was stretching my face, just like an astronaut during blastoff. In third gear, we blew past an 18-wheeler like it was standing still. It was fantastic! Then, when we were doing about 1000 mph (I may be exaggerating), we came upon a parked police vehicle. The Vette slowed down. The 18-wheeler slowed down. Everybody slowed down. That's the point. The Vette had power. That 18-wheeler with a full load and a big diesel engine had power. But that parked police car had authority! There are in this world a great many groups, individuals, and organizations that have power. They have financial power, political power, or majority power to impress us, seduce us, and intimidate us. But when it comes to authority, that's different. Satan has power. Rob Chaffart observed, "His power lies in his ability to deceive. When we fall for his deceptions, we give him authority over our lives and he takes us captive." Jesus said, "Whoever commits sin is the slave of sin" (John 8:34). And Paul wrote, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Christ has both power and authority. He demonstrated both attributes by His miracles. His most astounding expression of power and authority was demonstrated when He died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected from the dead three days later. By His death, burial, and resurrection, He defeated Satan (see Hebrews 2:14) and made our redemption possible! He has delivered us from the power of darkness, and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13, 14). --David A. Sargent (via Thayer,

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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**Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles**

Open-Minded

Hear what the psalmist said: "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7). Don't let the word "simple" throw you. We have corrupted that word until, as frequently used, it means something not much better than half-witted, and that is not at all what the psalmist had in mind. Moffat's rendering, "that instructs the open-minded," has much to commend it. We recall the old phrase, "There is none so blind as he who will not see." The proud man trusts his own mind, and Solomon calls that man a fool (Proverbs 28:26). The humble man opens his mind to receive the word of God, and his soul is revived. God instructs the simple-minded. That ought to be obvious. What other class of people could the Eternal possibly instruct than the open-minded? No others are teachable. Man, in his pride, proclaims, "There is no God." The apostle Paul has a few words for such closedminded people. "Let no one deceive himself, if any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise" (1 Corinthians 3:18). Unfortunately, it seems that many minds are hermetically sealed when it comes to God and religion. Almost a century ago, Thomas Hardy looked at the attitude of Byron and Swinburne and observed that they were "nothing but naughty boys peeking around the church door and making faces at the parson." Such behavior remains with us to this day. Are we open and receptive? James says, "Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your soul" (1:21). Nor should we forget the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). --John Gipson (Little Rock, AR) via Buchanan Dam, T

Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care, Yorktown

Anna Funk,
Westminster Village

Linda Horning,
Westminster Village

"An apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything."

Lynn Johnson

Prayers for Safe Keeping

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 East

Thirty white horses on a red hill.

First they champ...

Then they stamp...

Then they stand still

Your Teeth

**Riddle
Me
This**

Before It Is Too Late

If you have a tender message, or a loving word to say, Do not wait till you forget it,

But whisper it today.

The tender word unspoken, The letter never sent,
The long-forgotten messages, The wealth of love unspent,

For these some hearts are breaking, For these some loved ones wait;

So, show them that you care for them before it is too late.

--Frank Herbert Sweet



Happy Birthday

May 3--Maliyah Allison

May 8--Emma Gors

May 12--Justin Hummel

May 12--Howard Goodman

May 12--Norma Perry

May 13--Dorothy Potter

May 13--Kelli Harper

May 15--Betty Curry

May 16--Jacob Clark

May 17--Jessica Gors

May 18--Kista Reynolds

May 19--Larry Reynolds

May 19--Nick Qualkenbush

May 19--Howard Latta

May 21--Norma Haffner

In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, At home with dialysis 3x weekly

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow, At home. Much improved

Bill & Pam Smith

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

Carl and Martha Gilstrap, Carl fell last Monday at home and sustained bruises and an injured hand. Mattha is his caregiver at home for time being.

Carl Lafferty, Grandfather of Thomas Williams. Diagnosis of ALS and leukemia with comfort measures

Cora Devine, Auto immune disorder. Some better

Earl & Sue Lautzenheiser, Nursing home residents

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.

Mary Smith, Ann's daughter. Post stroke. Was hospitalized again for short time but home again. Mobility good but problems with speech

Susie Long, Living in assisted living in TN

Wanda Reed, Immune system compromised. Radiation treatments delayed for present time

"...preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." 2 Tim. 4:2



Genericided Christianity

By becoming too well-known, a product can lose its distinctiveness. The Trademark Association calls this problem “genericide.” (Think of “generic” brands.) Marlin Connelly gives some examples:

- ⇒ All facial tissue is called “Kleenex.”
- ⇒ • Any gelatin dessert is “Jello.” •
- ⇒ Any clear, sticky tape is “Scotch Tape.”
- ⇒ • Any carbonated drink is a “Coke.”



Any adhesive bandage is a “Band-Aid.” This has happened to the words “Christian” and “Christianity.” Once a brand name for a definite product, it is now used by the world for any kind of vague religiosity connected loosely with the historical Christ. Doctrines that, in Bible times, were black and white, are now gray and faded. Practices that were then commanded are now optional. The rigid New Testament ethical code is now fluid and accommodating. Churches of Christ are calling all those who claim the name of Christ back to the Bible. Let’s be of “one mind,” “one judgment,” and have “no divisions” among us (I Corinthians 1:10). Let’s all preach “one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). Let’s unite upon the solid truth of Scripture (I Corinthians 3:10, 11). Let’s put away the doctrines and commandments of men (Mark 7:7-9). Let’s teach God’s plan of salvation, offer worship heavenward that reflects God’s desires rather than man’s entertainment preferences, and have lifestyles that reflect God’s holiness (e.g., Acts 8:35-40; John 4:24; I Peter 1:16). In short, let’s all be “One” (John 17:21). Don’t lose your trademark! “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...” (I Peter 2:9). --Charles Broyles (via Bulletin Gold)

Does God Find Our Success Literature Amusing?

What an amazing and fearful thought: God never fails! Be it the salvation of the sinner or the judgment of the wicked, his purpose always comes to pass. Man attempts, never knowing if his efforts will succeed or not, Ecclesiastes 11.6. God works, always sure of the outcome.

He must find our success literature amusing.

- “How to Succeed in Life”
- “The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom”
- “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People”
- “Laws of Success”

These are all real titles. Many success books have good things to say. I’ve benefited from not a few of them. But they are all witnesses to human floundering in life’s great adventure, even in the very pursuit of success. God speaks and the thing is done. There is no lag, no doubt, no disconnect, between decision and production. The sure single step to spiritual success is to hook our lives to his star. Modern man has gone from wisdom literature (in the widest sense of the phrase) of the Bible to success books by people who purport to have made it. God tells us how to succeed in what is most important. He makes it possible for us to succeed. God is success.

“My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do.” (Isa 55.11 HCSB)

--Randal Matheny (Brazil) via fellowshiproom.org