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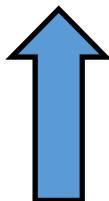
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Welcome to West Side Church of Christ. We hope you find us friendly and sincere in our wish to follow scripture and to profess the gospel of Christ. Though the mask mandate has changed, our Elders suggest that you wear a mask while here. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Thank you for protecting yourself and others while we come together .

Temper

When I have lost my temper,
I have lost my reason, too.
I'm never proud of anything,
Which angrily I do.
When I have talked in anger
And my cheeks are flaming-red,
I have always uttered something
Which I wish I had never said.
In anger I have never
Done a kindly deed or wise,
But many things for which I felt
I should apologize.
In looking back across my life,
At all I asked or made,
I cannot recall a single time
When fury ever paid.
So I struggle to be patient,
For I've reached a wiser age;
I do not want to do a thing
Or speak a word in rage.
I have learned by sad experience
That when my temper flies,
I never do a worthy deed
A decent deed or wise.



Selected

What is Happening?

Today is Hailey Allison's Senior Open House

See Invitation on Board # 2

—May 20th, Senior Saints to at the building, 2p

Seniors' Open House

Justin Hummel, May 29, 6p--.

Elayna Reynolds, June 19, 1-5p

Invitations on board # 2

Other Celebrations

**Natalie Hoyt graduated from David Lipscomb with a Master's degree in Psychology with specialties in marriage and children. She earned her BS from Freed Hardeman. May you excel and flourish in your chosen field, our dear Natalie.

**Graduations to Nick Johnson and Jade Myers who were united in marriage on this past Sunday, May 9th. Love and good wishes go out to the happy couple.

"Worry is pulling tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine."

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

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Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship *May 16th, 2021*

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Case Reynolds: Isaiah 6:1-8

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors

"I Saw the Lord and It Changed My Life"

Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, May 19, 2021

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Adam Gors

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Joyce Popplewell - Herit-
age in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care
Health Care

Howard Latta--Elmcroft
Assisted living

Riddle Me This

**Forward I'm
heavy. Back-
wards I'm not.**

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In His Presence

Exodus 33: 13-14

Now, therefore, I pray you, if I have found grace in Your sight, make me see now Your ways that I may know You, that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people And He said, "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest."

There is not a better place to be than "in His presence." It is a place of guidance and peace, a place of shelter and even revelation. For, in His presence, we are made to feel humble and to know His will above our own. In His presence, our relationship with Him is exposed. And we are not ashamed. Like Moses, we must prefer His presence to any other. For, it is by His presence with us that we know that we have found favor with Him. As his people, we draw near to Him so that He may draw near to us, as we are told in James 4:8. One of our motives in being in His presence is place to be than to be in His presence.us to move past "principle based" living to presence-based living. As such, we live in His presence, for it is only when we brin God's presence into every encounter and situation in our lives that we see real transfor-
mation in us and others.

We have a mission as the church and as individual Christians to help save mankind from satan's strong-
hold—sin. We can only accomplish our mission in His presence. As His children, God knows us by name. Allow Him to be seen with you...everywhere. There is no better place to be than in His presence.

Exodus 33:17

And Jehovah said to Moses, "I will do this thing also that you have spoken
for you have found grace in My sight and I know you by name.

Tim Luster, Tulsa OK

Mistakes

The dictionary defines the word mistake this way: a misunderstanding of the meaning or implication of something; a wrong action or statement proceeding from faulty judgment or inadequate knowledge. Most of us would admit that we know plenty about mistakes, without having to consult a dictionary, because of personal experience.

We know that mistakes can be of various kinds. Ever call someone by the wrong name? Ever make a mistake in your checkbook? Ever pick up something really hot?

The New Testament provides examples of mistakes. One of them has to do with an insincere question posed by the Sadducees (*Mark 12: 18-27*). Twice, in verses *24 and 27*, Jesus let them know they were mistaken. *Acts 19* tells us about the mistake of Apollo, due to inadequate knowledge (*25*). Aquilla and Priscilla did not question his sincerity but kindly explained to him the way of God more accurately (*26*).

The Old Testament also shows us some mistakes. One of them has to do with the Jews who settled on the east side of the Jordan River. They built a large altar that, apparently, could be seen from a great distance. When those on the western side learned about it, we see an all-too-human reaction. When eleven selected men came to talk to them, they did not ask for an explanation. Rather, they accused them of rebellion. When the leaders of the two and a half tribes clarified why they had built the altar, understanding resulted in peace and not war (*32-33*).

Anything we can learn from this? Of course, there is. When we think someone has made a mistake in spiritual matters, what is our first reaction? Is it accusation without seeking an explanation? Remember, Jesus had divine insight. We do not. It would help if we were more like that godly couple of *Acts 19*, who corrected kindly. Hopefully, we will not make a greater mistake by our attitude, then the mistake we try to correct.

Allen Hahn, Rosenberg, TX

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

Happy
Day



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Barbara Nelson, Breast cancer with heart problems developing as a result of radiation. Grandmother of Jade Myers-Johnson

Gordon Huffman, Admitted to Oakridge hospital in TN for internal bleeding. Tests ongoing. Brother of Delores

Curt Wyrick, Husband of Penny Wyrick who is Kendall's niece. Mr. Wyrick has cancer and is in very serious condition.

Danny Bayer, Mary Ann Bayer's brother-in-law. Stage four cancer and undergoing chemo

Don Ellis, Brother in law of Bill Winemiller. Lung Cancer

Scott Hummel Family, death of son

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Rex Harper, Wrist Surgery. Second surgery is scheduled

Susan Cloninger, Good report

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Steve Stanley, Cancer. Friend of Lowell and Charlene

Wanda Reed

"In the days of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider: without question, God has made the one as well as the other, so that man cannot discover anything that will come after him."

Ecc. 7:14

"They were astonished at His teaching because His message had authority." Luke 4:32

Why is life so Unfair

A question that has troubled mankind for thousands of years is this: Why is life so unfair? From start to finish, the books of the Bible talk about it. Saints and sinners alike feel they have been wronged for no reason but want to know why, and both of them point their finger at God.

The first thing Satan did in Genesis was to accuse God of being unfair. He insinuated that the Lord was being too hard on our first parents. He told Eve that God was trying to keep them from having something good. “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:5). Satan appealed to Eve’s curiosity, selfish desires, and her finite sense of justice, and it worked for him.

When Cain killed his brother Abel out of envy and hate, God told him there would be a penalty. Cain responded with words that have been repeated times without number: “My punishment is greater than I can bear” (Gen. 4:13). He didn’t think about how unjust he had been by murdering his brother. All he thought about was how excessive his punishment was, in his eyes.

Toward the middle of the Bible, we find the book of Job. He was nothing like Cain; in fact, God said a better man couldn’t be found (Job 1:8). When Job lost his wealth and his ten children, he resigned himself to his tragedy and praised God (Job 1). But when the devil tormented him with a terrible disease, Job eventually complained and said that God was being unfair to him. He even told God, “You have become cruel to me” (Job 30:21). When God later addressed this charge against His character, Job was speechless and repented.

In the last book of the Bible the martyred saints want to know why God kept allowing the enemies of the church to persecute His people. “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” (Rev. 6:10). To this day we have the same thought. How much longer will God allow evil people to get away with what they are doing?

How easily We forget. How often we ignore the beam in our eyes. We are unjust and yet we question God? We expect God to execute justice with others but We want Him to be long-suffering and merciful to us. Is this just?

We forget the cross. No injustice done to us can compare to the injustice of the horrible death of the Son of God. He did absolutely nothing wrong ever and yet He willingly gave His life at the hands of evil men. It is hard to be obsessed with how unfair others are to us when we remember the crucifixion.

We are often so consumed with the injustices of the present that we forget that payday is coming—in this life and certainly in the world to come. Read Psalm 73 and the little book of Habakkuk. God takes care of sinners in His own time. Read 2 Thessalonians 1. A day is coming when God will set everything right. Until then, we must bear the pain of knowing that life can be very unfair. But recalling these profound themes will keep us from losing heart and will even give us the peace we crave.—*Kerry Duke, Livingston, TN*