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# West Side Window



May 31, 2020

## Note from the Elders:

We will be conferring this coming week on what the plan is for our worship, classes and Bible Study for the month of June.

Please continue to observe the following guidelines as we try to protect each other and ourselves from the virus.

Please wear a mask in the building

Please refrain from hugging or shaking hands

Sit with your family if you please but remember to seat yourself at least six feet from others

Get your individual communion packet before you sit down. There will be baskets at the front door and the annex doors should you wish to leave a contribution.

Thinking optimistically, there is a June schedule for "Leaders in Worship". Copies are on the table.

Remember that live streaming of the Sunday morning worship will continue from now on.

"I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my supplications; because He has inclined his ear to me. Therefore, I shall call upon Him as long as I live.  
Psalm 116: 1, 2

## The Trail is Marked

And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18 ASV). In a recent episode of North Woods Law, the officers detained two ATV riders for riding in forbidden areas of government wetlands. When confronted with their illegal actions their response was, "We didn't know. There should be signs posted where we are not supposed to ride." The officer's response was, "The trails are marked where you are allowed to ride." I was immediately reminded of a response often offered by those who think that "anything goes" regarding religion. "The Bible doesn't say not to." One of the fundamental understandings that many people seem not to grasp is that when directions are given for what is allowed, it is usually understood that everything else is disallowed. When trails are marked where ATV's are allowed it is understood that if there are no signs permitting riding then you cannot ride where there are no signs. Most parents have experienced this with their children. For example, you give your child a twenty dollar bill with instructions to go to the store and purchase a loaf of bread. Three hours later the child returns with the bread and no change. "What took so long and where's my change?" "Well I took in a movie and I also purchased candy and drinks." "But I told you to get bread!" "But you didn't say not to buy other things." It all boils down to a matter of authority, and recognizing who has that authority. Many are the examples given to us in God's word. For example, in Genesis 6 God told Noah to build an ark of gopher wood. In specifying what type of wood to use, He did not have to list all other types and tell Noah not to use those. The command was specific and excluded all other types of wood. Understanding and following the directions of one having authority is vital to doing things the right way. It would have saved the ATV riders from paying a fine. More importantly, as it relates to our salvation, recognizing God as the only authority, and following His dictates, will save us from eternal condemnation. The lesson is clear: Stay on the trail that is marked by the one having authority.

--Roy Allen Crutcher (Mt. Carmel, IL)



## 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**

### Those Whom

### We Support

**MSOP**

**Cannon Taylor**

**INDIA**

**Bible Correspondence  
Course/ Bibles**

## **Leaders in Worship**

**May 31, 2020**

**Morning Worship**

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Scripture: Steve Gors

Speaker, Gary Reynolds

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

## Do Diets Work?

Do you want the truth? Can you handle the truth? Diet's don't work! You have to work at a diet! Exercise doesn't work; you have to work at exercise. Being a Christian doesn't work; you have to work at being a Christian! We have become as a people at ease, we want something done for us. Give us a pill, handle my child, and take care of my problems. Don't pick up that hoe; you might have to work in the garden. Christianity is a way of living. It is a method of having and dealing with everything that life may bring. It isn't putting our life in neutral and hoping it all works out for the good. It is working on being good. The key is working! Jesus gave us a clue in this statement, "Do unto others. . ." Paul gave another, "Work out your own salvation." What did Jesus mean when he said, "take up your cross and follow me"? Doesn't that entail sacrifice and great effort? Paul said, "we strive toward the mark of the high calling..." We have become a nation of quitters. If it isn't easy, I don't want to do it. Family life hard? Just quit! Marriage getting rough? Just quit! People not treating you right at Church? Just quit! Folks, the crown comes at the end of the race, not when you quit!

--Floyd C. Johnson (via Sayre, OK)

**Weekly Contribution  
Goal**

**\$2440**

**May 24, 2020**

**\$1235**

## **Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:**

Joyce Poplewell  
Heritage Care, Yorktown  
Anna Funk,  
Westminster Village  
Linda Horning,  
Westminster Village  
Carl Gilstrap,  
Albany Health Care, Room  
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"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

“There is no point in burying the hatchet if you are going to put up a marker on the site.”  
 Sydney Harris

**Abe Says...**

“Do not worry; eat three square meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous to your creditors; keep your digestion good; exercise; go slow and easy. Maybe there are other things your special case requires to make you happy but, my friend, these, I reckon, will give you a good lift.”

Abraham Lincoln

- Brittany Sheffield Sizemore, June 1
- Alexis Harper--June 1
- Felomina (Ming) Gilstrap--June 2
- Taylor Ergle--June 2
- Jimmy Clark--June 4
- Natalie Hoyt--June 10
- Susan Shirel--June 12
- Joe Reed--June 16
- Holly Chambers--June 16
- Betty Kellow--June 16
- Trevor Qualkenbush--June 17
- Hailey Allison--June 22
- Ryan J. Daunhauer--June 24, 2015



**In Need of Prayer**

*Adam Huffman*, At home with dialysis 3x weekly

*Alex Odle*, Cancer

*Angie Reed*, MS

*Betty Kellow*

*Bill & Pam Smith*

*Bob Owens*, Cancer. Kathy’s cousin

*Martha Gilstrap*

*Carl Lafferty*, Diagnosis of ALS and leukemia

*Cora Devine*, Auto immune disorder.

*Earl & Sue Lautzenheiser*, Nursing home residents. Earl had a fall recently.

*Joe Odle*

*Kathy Channel*, Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

*Kathy Harper*, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

*Kim Ham*, Breast cancer.

*Mary Smith*, Stroke

*Mitch Kinder, Cancer*. Sally’s neighbor

*Susie Long*, Living in assisted living in TN

*Wanda Reed*, Breast cancer. Radiation daily with four week s of duration

**Prayers for our  
 Loved ones in US Military**

- 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

“...What kind of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him:” Matt. 8:27

## Jesus on the Economy

Economic and financial specialists talk about “economic indicators” that tell us whether things are going to get better or worse. Did you know that Jesus also talked about investing and economic indicators? Really! He warned about falling stock markets and failing corporations. No, not in exactly those words. Instead, He spoke about thieves, moths, and rust (Matthew 9:19-21). Those were the threats to financial investments in His day just like corporation executives and panic-driven stock markets can have a devastating effect on mutual funds and 401Ks today. Jesus said that a much better, safer investment than treasures on earth are treasures in heaven. Just exactly how does one invest in heaven? What’s the ticker symbol for this on the New York Stock Exchange? HEAV? Let’s just say this is a unique investment opportunity. There’s not another like it. A stock broker won’t be able to tell you about it, either. The Bible, though, explains it quite clearly: “. . . give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven” (Matthew 19:21).

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, not to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they may be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come” (1 Timothy 6:17-19). Using one’s earthly treasure to care for those in need and doing good is how treasures are laid up in heaven. Is that really a good investment? Let’s talk about return on investment. How about worth that exceeds all the world’s wealth combined” (Matthew 16:26). How about a “far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”? This also serves as an economic indicator: It is the location of our treasure that identifies our heart’s home (Matthew 6:21). We may say or claim or wish that our heart is in the right place, but one sure-fire way to find out is to see where our treasure is going. Our heart will follow our treasure. How’s that for an economic indicator?

--David Deffenbaugh (Oklahoma City, OK) via Old Pa

## Forcing an Opinion

The late Dorothy C. Fisher once said, “To force an opinion is like pushing the magnetized needle of a compass around to where we wish the North Star stood.”

How abundantly this is demonstrated in religious matters

Webster defines an opinion as:

- ⇒ A belief not based on absolute certainty or positive knowledge but on what seems true, valid or probable to one’s own mind.
- ⇒ An opinion in religion is a belief people hold that is not sustained by a book, chapter and verse.

There are many in religious circles that force opinions because of an improper attitude toward the scriptures.

They have formed opinions such as:

--one church is good as another

--instrumental music is acceptable in worship

--churches may pool their resources to do a work common to them all

These people do not misinterpret the scriptures-- they admit what the Bible teaches; they simply do not feel that they are limited by the scripture, hence, they form an opinion which creates a factious body of people.

***Opinions are the largest barrier to unity in the Lord’s church.***

May it ever be that, we, as a local church continue to teach and practice that which can be believed with absolute certainty and positive knowledge because it can be found in the book, chapter and verse of scripture.

We do not force opinions.

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“May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp and peace in your heart.”

Eskimo Proverb