



West Side Window

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Greetings from West Side

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 .

We invite you back at every opportunity and look forward to getting acquainted.

West Side is a loving and close knit family of Christians who seek to follow the Word as the First Century Church did, adding nothing nor taking anything away from scripture.



“The Lord looks down from heaven, He observes everyone. He gazes on the inhabitants of earth from His dwelling place. He alone crafts their hearts. He considers all their works.” Psalm 33: 13-15

Land of Pretty Soon

I know a land where the streets are paved
With things we mean to achieve,
Walled with money we meant to save
And the pleasures for which we grieve.
Kind words unspoken, promises broken.
And many a coveted boon
Are gathered in that Land of Pretty Soon.

There, uncut jewels of possible fame are lying about in the dust,
And many a noble and lofty aim
Are covered with mold and dust.
And, oh this place, while it seems so near
Is farther away than the moon,
Though purpose is fair, will not get them
To the Land of Pretty Soon.

The road that leads to that mystic land
Is strewn with pitiful wrecks.
The ships that sailed for its shining strand
Bear skeletons on their decks.

It's farther than by noon than it was at dawn

And farther than night by noon;
O, let us beware of that land down there,
The Land of Pretty Soon.

Selected

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

INDIA

Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Steve Gors , *Hebrews 12: 1-4*

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors, "*Looking Unto Jesus*"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Bible Study, June 9th

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Don Allison

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Joyce Popplewell - Her-
itage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care
Health Care

Howard Latta--Elmcroft
Assisted living

**"...I am the light of the
world. Anyone who-
follows me will never-
walk in the darkness
but will have the light
of life."**

John 8: 12

Coming Up

—June 13, Senior Banquet with an Open House concept after AM worship.

There will be a serving line for the meal with no need to bring any food item.

Your meal will be dished up and presented to you. Seniors, Hailey Allison and Elayna Reynolds will be honored

—June 17, Senior Saints, 2p

On behalf of Lynn Church of Christ, Adam Gors offers a heartfelt invitation to attend the area wide singing to be held there on July 18th at 6p. Adam preaches for the Lynn congregation each Sunday.

Let's all show up in support of Adam and the Lord's work in the Lynn area.

I Can Tell by the Way He Talks

“Thy speech maketh thee known,” they said to Peter. Peter’s Galilean accent had revealed him to be a follower of Jesus as he waited outside at the trial. But Peter denied being His follower. And being pressed about the issue, Peter began to curse and swear, saying, “I know not this man.” This vile speech worked to convince listeners that he was *not* a follower of Jesus

Coarse and profane words have never been indicative of one who follows Jesus. More and more, we hear Christians using off-color language. It is not uncommon to hear God’s name used loosely in phrases like “God no”, “Oh Lord”, or “Oh my God”. Even four letter words are making their way into daily conversations.

The scriptures are filled with condemnation of such language:

—“Put off...filthy communication out of your mouth” (Col. 3:8).

—“Let no corrupt language proceed out of your mouth” (Eph. 4:29).

—“Let it not be named among you as becometh saints...filthiness... foolish talking, jesting (Eph 5:3-4)

Jesus said, “By thy words, thou shall be justified and by thy words, thou shall be condemned” (Matt. 12:37). So, guard your speech. Keep it pure and remember that when you use ill language, you, like Peter, are showing others that you are not a follower of Jesus.

—John Gipson, Little Rock, AR

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

HAPPY DAY

Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, Friend of Genny. Aggressive form of cancer

Barbara Nelson, Breast cancer. Grandmother of Jade

Casey Robinson, Debby’s son-in-law and husband to Katy, thyroid cancer

Gordon Huffman, Bleeding ulcer

Penny Wyrick, Husband Curt passed away from cancer. Our sympathy goes out to Kendal’s family and to Penny and her family. Niece of Kendall

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

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues,

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Susan Cloninger

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Steve Stanley, Cancer. Friend of Lowell and Charlene

Wanda Reed



“...The Lord is waiting to show you mercy and is rising up to show you compassion, for the Lord is a just God. Happy are all who wait patiently for him.”

Isaiah 30: 28

Secure in Your Identity

During WW 2, the famous heavy-weight boxing champion, Joe Louis aided the war ef-

fort by giving inspirational speeches and recruiting. One day, he was driving with a GI when he was involved in a minor traffic accident with a large truck. The truck driver got out and approached Louis, swearing and yelling at him but Louis sat quietly in his seat, never wavering. Later, the GI asked Louis, "Why didn't you knock him flat?"

"Why should I?" Louis replied. "When someone insulted Caruso did he sing an aria for him?" Joe Louis did not have to prove who he was because he was secure in his own identity.

Similarly, Jesus did not have to prove He was the Son of God when satan tempted Him when the Jews asked for a sign. Jesus did not have to prove He was the King of the Jews by calling twelve legions of angels to defend Him. He did not have to prove His power by identifying those who smote Him while He was blindfolded or by descending from the cross when He was crucified. He knew who he was and was secure in His own identity. His Father would exalt Him.

If we are secure in our own identity as God's children, we will not have to prove it to doubters who insult our sense of piety. Although we may be tempted to show our righteous indignation, there is no need to do so. We are blessed of God and He will honor us in due time. Jesus said, "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Matt. 5: 11-12).

—David Mills, Bellevue, NE



Turning

We live in a world of advice or instructions about turning, such as, "turn here for the best prices." We only have to drive our streets and highways to see instructions or warning; "turn left on green or "no right turn on red".

More importantly, in regard to our spiritual lives, God has much to say to us in regard to turning. He is a God who does not need to turn. James declares that He is the "Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:7).

First, God tells us when **NOT** to turn:

- 1 Samuel 12:20-21, "Do not turn aside from following the Lord but serve the Lord with all your heart."
- Proverbs 4: 27, "Do not turn to the right or the left; turn your foot away from evil."
- Joshua 23:6, "Therefore, be very strong "to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand or to the left."

Secondly, God tells us **WHEN** to turn:

- Acts 16:18, "...turn from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."
- Matthew 18:3, "Truly I say to you, unless you turn and be become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
- Acts 3:19-20, "Repent therefore, and turn again that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus"

Let us understand God's instructions on when to turn, as the gate and the way that leads to life is too narrow to be making foolish turns.

—Terry Ellison

How many are in Christ?

One's Baptized (Gal 3: 26, 27