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# West Side Window

June 7, 2020

## Note from the Elders:

We will proceed with plans for the next two weeks in June, June 7-14, for Sunday morning worship only. 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 for your contribution.

*Remember Wednesday Evening Bible on Wednesdays @ 7p*

## Quarentine is a Biblical Practice

Peter's first letter addressed the difficulties the church was facing in the first century A.D. Today, we are facing a pandemic unlike anyone has ever seen in our generation. To the faithful, the hardest thing is having to self-isolate away from our friends at the Lord's church. We do this so we won't contract the virus and spread it to others.

Peter sought to encourage his readers to remain committed in all their trials. Like them, we can read Peter's words and learn the value of putting our focus on the one who can provide all we need regardless of the situation. That one is the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is God's promise to you.

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you" (1 Peter 5:10).

Many are worried about our congregation while we go through this trial. Are we wrong for not meeting together? The answer is no, we are not wrong. We are in the right. The reason we are not meeting together is because this is sound medical treatment for the prevention of this disease. In the Bible, this form of self-isolation (quarantine) was not only recognized but commanded (see Leviticus 13:46; 14:38). During the time of the "Black Plague," those obeyed this command, saw fewer cases of illness in their communities.

The Christian motive for hygiene and sanitation does not arise in self-preservation but in an ethic of service to our neighbor. We seek to put others first so we self-isolate and endure the lack of fellowship for a little out of our concern for others, thus obeying the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12).

With God's help, we will survive this time of quarantine. And, once we come together as a congregation, once again, it will be a time of rejoicing and celebration. Hold on, my friends. God is with us.

*Larry Fitzgerald  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX*

Can you sing a song to greet  
the sun, Can you cheerily tack-  
le the work to be done, Can  
you vision it finished when only  
begun,

Can you sing  
a song?



## 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

*June 7, 2020*

*Morning Worship*

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Jimmy Clark

Sermon: Mike Gors

Lord's Table: Bill Winemiller

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Weekly Contribution  
Goal

\$2440

May 31, 2020

\$1510

"I am the Lord your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17

It was in one of the lowest points in his life that David finds himself hiding in a cave praying to God. He says, "With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord" (Psa. 142:1).

David describes the circumstances that have caused him to feel discouraged. He says in verse 4, "Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul."

How often do we find ourselves feeling this same way? It could be the people we work with that don't see the value of our Christianity. It could be friends at school pushing us to break our Christian values. It could even be our own families that don't care for our souls.

David felt the loneliness of desertion with his own son, he felt betrayal from Saul, and he even willfully separated himself from God when he went after Bathsheba.

Many times we find ourselves in the cave. It could be that outside circumstances have put us there, or we sinned and are feeling the consequences of those choices.

Put yourself in his shoes, hiding in a dark, desolate and damp cave feeling alone and deserted by everyone. Everyone except God. David never lost sight of God, and he knew that God would answer his prayer.

When we find ourselves in the dark, feeling deserted and alone, don't lose sight of God. He will never turn His back on a struggling Christian. He cares for your soul.

*Carl Pollard*

*Grant, AL*

# David's Prayer in the Cave

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

Zach Privett, US Army in Middle East.  
 Devyn Riggs, Newly assigned to Cherry Pointe Air Station in NC. Back with her husband after a year of training in Florida  
 Alex Odle, US Marines, in NC  
 Larry Greene, National Guard in Middle East  
 Michelle Bess, Air Force, Deployed to Middle East

**We are needing volunteers to clean the Building for June. If you are willing and able to help with these chores, you are thanked by all of us at West Side.**

**Auditorium:**  
**Restrooms: Melinda**  
**Classrooms:**  
**Foyers: Sue**



“When one finds himself in a hole of his own making, it is a good time to examine the quality of the workmanship.”

Jon Remmerde

**Happy Birthday**

**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**



**In Need of Prayer**

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

**Alex Odle,** Cancer

**Angie Reed,** MS

**Bill & Pam Smith**

**Bob Owens,** Cancer. Kathy’s cousin

**Martha Gilstrap**

**Carl Lafferty,** Diagnosis of ALS and leukemia

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

**Howard Goodman,** Very ill with issues of congestive heart failure and kidney shutdown. Currently hospitalized in Indy hospital

7102 Ridge Run Way  
 Greenfield, IN 46140

**Kathy Channel,** Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

**Kathy Harper,** Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

**Kim Ham,** Breast cancer.

**Mary Smith,** Stroke

**Mike Haviland,** Stomach issues with significant weight loss. Tests are ongoing at present time

1217 West Rebecca Parkway  
 Greensburg, IN 47240

**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

**Don’t Forget Our Shut-Ins**

**Joyce Popplewell --Heritage Care, Yorktown**  
**Anna Funk--Westminster Village**  
**Linda Horning--Westminster Village**  
**Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care, Room 308**

## Salvation God's Way: Can a Christian Lose His Salvation?

While some have claimed over the years that once you are saved, you are always saved, but what does Scripture teach? Can a Christian, once saved by the grace of God, live in such a way as to forfeit his salvation?

Scripture affirms that a Christian can "fall." Paul warned Christians about a "falling away" (2 Thess. 2:3) and the Hebrews writer clearly pictured ones who have been saved "and then have fallen away" (Heb. 6:6).

The word "lest" is used multiple times with the word "fall" to express fear or caution if the prescribed action is not followed:

"take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12)  
 "be diligent...lest anyone fall" (Heb. 4:11)  
 "looking carefully lest anyone fall" (Heb. 12:15)  
 "beware lest you also fall" (2 Pet. 3:17).

Paul warned about putting "a cause to fall in our brother's way" (Rom. 14:13) and he also warned that unqualified elders could "fall into the same condemnation as the devil" (1 Tim. 3:6-7).

### ***A Christian can fall! Scripture affirms that a Christian can "stumble."***

--Jesus spoke of one who hears and receives the word, but with "no root in himself...he stumbles" (Matt. 13:20-21).

-- Paul warned of putting a "stumbling block" or doing anything that "makes my brother stumble" (1 Cor. 8:9, 13; cf. Rom. 14:13, 21).

--Peter detailed the proper steps for Christian growth and said, "if you do these things you will never stumble" (2 Pet. 1:5-10).

Would one stumble if he did not "do these things"? Our Lord is able to keep us "from stumbling" (Jude 24). A Christian can stumble!

Scripture affirms that a Christian can "turn."

--Paul warned that some would "turn their ears away from the truth" (2 Tim. 4:4; cf. Heb. 12:25).

--Paul rebuked the Galatian brethren for "turning away...from Him" (Gal. 1:6; cf. 4:9).

--Peter spoke of those Christians who "turn from the holy commandment delivered to them," like "a dog returns to his own vomit" (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

A Christian can turn and scripture affirms that a Christian can. "depart," "wander," be "drawn away" and need to "repent." Read 1 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 3:12; James 5:19-20; Acts 20:29-30; Hebrews 10:38-39; Acts 8:22; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Revelation 2:5, 16; 3:3, 19.

***A Christian can lose his salvation! Let's go back to the Bible and find God's way!***

By David Sproule