



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.



What is Happening Today?

After morning worship, we will meet in the lower level to honor our high school graduates with a senior banquet. All food and drinks will be provided and served to you in a buffet line.

Coming Up

- June 17, 2p, Senior Saints,
- June 19, Elayna Reynolds Open House, 1-5p. See invitation on board # 2
- July 18th, Area wide singing at Lynn Church of Christ, 6p. See Adam with questions

Think of...

- Stepping on a shore and finding it Heaven!
- Of taking hold of a hand and finding it's God's hand.
- Of finding a new air and finding it celestial air.
- Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality.
- Of passing from storm to tempest to an unbroken calm.
- Of waking up and finding it Home. —Unknown

Never never trouble Trouble
 Until Trouble troubles you;
 For you only make your trouble
 Double –trouble when you do;
 And the trouble like a bubble—
 That you're troubling about
 May be nothing but a cipher
 With its rim rubbed out. —David Keppel

Chuckle Corner: If flies are flies because they fly and fleas are fleas because they flee then bees are bees because they be.

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

June 13, 2021

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Steve Gors , *Daniel 3: 28-30*

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Faithful During the Fiery Trial"*

Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, June 15th

Song Leader: Don Allison

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Bill Winemiller

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison Woods

Joyce Popplewell - Heritage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care

Howard Latt -Elmcroft Assisted Living

"If you want to know where a man really stands, then see him when he is beside himself."

A Clean Slate

God is good. He promises to take care of us. He provides for us and gave His only Son for us. In spite of all God does for us, we still let him down. As humans, we will sin and we will sin again. A familiar verse of the Bible says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). We all sin: ministers, elders, deacons, teachers, everyone commits sin. Each of us has our own issues we must battle. The good thing we read in First John is that we in Christ are able to have the slate wiped clean! The online Dictionary defines "wiping the slate clean" as "to forget about previous disagreement or charges, and make a fresh start." Years ago, people could go into a general store and buy things "on account". A record of transactions and money owed was written on a slate. At that time, the debt was to be cleared on payday and the slate wiped clean. Although slate was eventually replaced by paper – and now electronic transactions – the term "wiping the slate clean" is still in usage today. Another use of the expression stems from a nautical source. The ship's course and distances covered were recorded during each watch on a slate. After they were entered into the official log at the end of the watch, the slate was wiped clean and ready for the next watch to start a fresh record. Romans 6:1 asks the question, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" Paul answers strongly, "Certainly not!" We as Christians have died to sin and should strive earnestly to resist the charms of the devil. Will we fail? Yes. When we begin our walk in the Light, our slate, which is covered with a lifetime record of sin, is wiped clean for eternity. Christians know the experience of forgiveness and knowing the record has been wiped clean. Each day's transgressions can be freshly wiped away if we obey his will. —Tony Williams, Kams church of Christ, Knoxville, TN

Be The Person Jesus Wants You to Be—Tony Turner

There is a popular meme on the internet that says, “Be the person your dog thinks you are.” The meme is popular because dogs are very loyal to their owners, in most cases. They get excited to see their person when they return from a short trip to the store. Dogs think that their owners are the best thing ever. To be the person your dog thinks you are is an ambitious calling. Christians have a higher calling, however. We should be the person Jesus wants us to be. Jesus wants us to be:

Merciful (Matt. 5: 7, NKJV), *Pure in heart* (Matt. 5: 8), *Peacemakers* (Matt. 5:9), *The light of the world* (Matt. 5:14-16), *Loving* (Matt. 5:43-48; John 13:34-35), *Forgiving* (Matt. 6:14; Matt 18:21-35), *Generous* (Mark 12:41-44), *Thankful* (Psalm 100:4-5), *Evangelistic* (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16: 15-16), *Holy* (Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 3: 16-17; Eph. 1:3-4).

This list is not exhaustive, of course, but provides a starting point for Christians. To be the person that Jesus wants us to be is difficult, but not impossible. We must always strive to be that person so we can enter through the narrow gate that leads to life (Matt. 7:13-14, Luke 13:24). Your shepherds love you and pray for you continually.



Joe Reed--June 16

Holly Chambers--June 16

Betty Kellow--June 16

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

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

Steve Stanley, Cancer. Friend of Lowell and Charlene

Tom Davis, Lung cancer. Tom suffered another stroke this past week and is currently in the rehab unit of IUBMH

Wanda Reed



When We forgive

When a person forgives another, he is promising to do three things about the intended wrongdoer:

1. *Not use it against the wrongdoer in the future*
2. *Not to talk about it to others*
3. *Not to dwell on it himself*

By Their Fruit

Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, you will recognize them by their fruit" (Matt. 7: 15-20).

Jesus says we can judge people's true character by the fruit they produce. The church has always had its share of critics—members who seldom help with any area of work but can always be counted on to point out the work that could be done better. They gripe and complain and sometimes their attitude runs people off faster than others can bring them in. They profess to want everything to be done strictly in accord with the Bible but seem to forget what it says about loving one another (Matt. 22:39), about seeing the church as the very body of Christ (1 Cor. 11:29), and about Christians who bite and devour one another (Gal. 5:15). Such criticism does not build up the church but instead, tears it down.

It is interesting that strife, enmity, jealousy, fits of anger, dissention and division are listed by Paul as works of the flesh (Galatians 5:20) rather than fruits of the spirit. Instead, among the fruit of the spirit we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5: 22-23). If we want to know whether a person is really on the Lord's side or is busy promoting self, look at the fruit he or she produces. Do we see the fruit of the spirit? If not, the person in question is not likely to be a very spiritual person.

Jim Mullican, Kirbyville, TX



Preserving Unity

What is perhaps the one thing that has destroyed more congregations of the Lord's church than anything else? Division. Our inability to accept the diversity of opinions, personalities and liberties of fellow Christians causes the local church to fracture and come apart. When disagreements and disputes are not quickly resolved the result can be devastating. So how can we prevent such a disaster? The answer can be easily found within the scriptures:

-- Follow Jesus' guide to conflict resolution - Matthew 18:15-20

--Do not return evil for evil – 1 Peter 3:9

--Put up with each other's imperfections with love - Ephesians 4:2

--Forgive as you've been forgiven - Colossians 3:13

-- Restore the sinner in a spirit of gentleness- Galatians 6:1

--Strive to keep the unity of the Spirit - Ephesians 4:3

--Avoid divisive members - Romans 16:17

-- Love as brothers, be tenderhearted and courteous - 1 Peter 3:8

--Warn each other as you would family – 2 Thessalonians 3:15

--Willing to sacrifice your liberty for unity's-- sake – Romans 14:21

--Respect the leadership of your elders - 1 Timothy 5:19

--Pray for each other – James 5:16

--Love each other as God has loved us - 1 John 4:11

—Jay Launius, Maud Tx