



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 .

Coming Up

—Summer sessions at Camp Indogan begins today at the cost of \$140 per camper. You may register on-line. If there is a financial hardship, please see Todd, Lowell or Jimmy.

—July 18th, Area wide singing at Lynn Church of Christ, 6p

“The one who lives in integrity is righteous, his children who come after him will be happy.”

Proverbs
20:7

*Happy
Father's
Day*



Having a Center

If God is really at the center of our lives, there will be a focus that is on the positive. We can stop the negative thoughts and move toward thoughts of God. He is in control, and all is right with the world. We can never know what the future holds but we can know Him who holds the future.

As we focus on God, we can keep the thoughts off the discordant notes of life. God is love and his love does not change like a shifting shadow (James 1:17). Our thoughts are on God, and we are strengthened as we meditate on things that emanate from Him. “Finally, brothers, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy –think about such things” (Phil 4:8).”

We must never give in to the destructive thoughts that drain our energy and defeat our spirits. Notice the statement in the preceding verse. It says we can choose what we think about. “Think about such things.” Do you can for yourself but never fail to trust God and let him do His part.

Our goal is to live contentedly with what we have; to live worthy, not wealthy, to learn to be at peace with ourselves and others. That will allow us to interact with others in godly ways and live in good conscience. When we pillow our heads at night, we can rest in blessed peace.

Keeping God at the center can do this for us.

James Hinkle

Dickson TN

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 20, 2021

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Jimmy Clark , *Psalm 68:1-6*

Lord's Table: Don Allison

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“What Makes a Man a Father?”

Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

Bible Study, June 23rd

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Adam Gors

Prayer: Todd Stults

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Joyce Popplewell - Her-
itage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

Howard Latta--Elmcroft
Assisted living

**“My father didn't
tell me how to
live; he lived and
let me watch him
do it.”**

Clarence Kelland



“Hi Jack...”

When the pilot of a corporate jet greeted his co-pilot for an upcoming flight, he simply said, “Hi Jack.” It was just a friendly greeting to a colleague. But what was picked up on air and subsequently in the control tower, was “hijack”. It was not long before local law enforcement and the FBI were on the scene. It was a simple comment that had consequences far beyond what the pilot or the co-pilot could ever have imagined.

How many times do we say things that have consequences far beyond what we could imagine? Sometimes, we make a statement in jest and the result is hurt feelings. Sometimes, we repeat a story that we have heard, only to find out later the story was false. Sometimes, in anger, we say things that, in any other circumstances, we would never say and there is no way to ever bring those words back.

James wrote, “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:19). Political candidates, when asked a question, usually pause and very carefully formulate their answer. They know that every single word will be analyzed for meaning. We, too, need to be careful of what we say. Jesus said, “for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of Judgement (Matt. 12:36).

Let us be careful in what we say so that our “Hi Jack” is not heard or interpreted as “hijack”.—Selected

Would You be Missed?

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by his publisher for the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer for two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my column, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second is that it *might not* affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer is profound. In view of his answer, let us ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed? Would the Lord's work suffer, or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Cor. 12:19).

We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Gal. 6:4-5). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time with which He blessed us. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he spoke to the Ephesian brethren, "Look carefully then, how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of your time, because the days are evil" Eph. 5: 15-16).

Brethren, let us resolve, from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10: 24).

God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let us be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause "while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Via Lake City church of Christ.

Lake City, FL

Happy Day!

Hailey Allison--June 22

Ryan James. Daunhauer--
June 24, 2015



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, Friend of Genny. Aggressive form of cancer

Casey Robinson, Surgery for thyroid cancer scheduled this coming Thursday. Debby's son-in-law

Gordon Huffman

Danny Bayer, Stage four cancer, undergoing chemo

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

Joyce Colvin, Repeated ailment with same symptoms. Cyst suspected in bowel

Kathy Harper, Respiratory problems

Mia Allison, Recuperating from knee surgery

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Susan Cloninger, Will begin new round of five radiation treatments. Doctor is very hopeful

Steve Stanley, Cancer. Friend of Lowell and Charlene

Tom Davis, Lung cancer and recent stroke. Emergency surgery for blocked bowel last week. Remains in IUBMH

Wanda Reed

We are saddened to hear of the death of Sister Pat Connell, who was the wife of Joe Connell. The couple have made their home in Tupelo, MS for the past several years. Joe was the second preacher to serve at West Side from 1965-1969. We extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Joe and his family.



What Does it Mean to Be Loved by a Father?

What does it mean to be loved by a father? Let the apostle John answer.

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!” (1 John 3:1 NKJV).

“Behold” See, **behold**, and **understand**. God wants us to understand how he loves us. He wants us to see all the ways He has shown his love toward us. God created man to be like him by giving him an immortal soul. God wanted us to be like him, but Genesis chapter three demonstrates just how unlike our father mankind has become.

“**What manner of love**” When man chose sin and death, God refused to let his creation perish. God sent his son to take men from darkness, hatred and death and bring them to light, love and life. The apostle Paul wrote, “But, God has demonstrated his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,” (Romans 5:8 NASB).

The Father hath bestowed on us; God reached out to man while man was still living in sin and presented him a gift of his love: his only begotten son, Jesus (John 3:16). This gift was designed that we should learn “our father is more than just a name”.

Some are proud to be called Smith, or Jones, or Brown, or White. Some are proud to be known as an award-winning writer, or a life-saving surgeon, or an Academy-award winning actor. God’s children should be proud and humbled to be called by the family name: Christian (Acts 11:26), “**The sons of God.**” By **obedient faith** (Romans 1:5), we are related to Christ and the Father. A good name brings privileges, and wearing the name of Christ as a son of God means even more than having a human family name. We are **servants** of righteousness (Romans 6:17-18). We are **heirs** of God and **joint-heirs** with Christ (Romans 8:17). We are **redeemed** (Galatians 3:13). We have become children of God by putting Christ on in baptism (Galatians 3:26-27).

What does it mean to be loved by a father? It means more than anything.

John Henson,

McMinnville, TN

“My fingers may be small but I can still wrap Daddy around them”

Dad, you're someone to look up to no matter how tall I've grown.

The greatest gift I ever had
Came from God;
I call him Dad

A FATHER IS SOMEONE WHO CARRIES PICTURES IN HIS WALLET WHERE HIS MONEY USED TO BE.

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Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him FATHER!

“One father is worth more than a hundred school-masters”