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West Side Window

June 28, 2020

Note From the Elders,

Reminder, we will be meeting for Mid-week Bible Study on July 1st @ 7p in the building. Mike will teach the lessons

We will continue to wear masks inside the building and families will sit at least six foot apart from each other. We also will continue with using the individual communion packets, placed at the doors along with a basket for your contribution.

Please be aware that we have begun our Sunday morning class sessions @ 9:30a.

Hoping to see you soon.

Bit O' News

--July sign-up sheet for cleaning the building is on board # 1 should you be interested in volunteering.

--Pending: Sept. 26, Ladies Day at East Allen County COC in New Haven, IN, 9a-2p. Flyer posted

--Latest letter from Cannon Taylor is on the board.

--July copy of "Seek the Old Paths" is on the table with the cover article being, "Worldliness"

---Last Saturdays blood drive at West Side yielded 8 pints of blood. Thank you, Kathy for your organizational skills.

-- "Some people are like buttons, always popping off at the wrong time."

-- "...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in one body and be thankful." Col. 3:15

Good Communication Requires Wisdom

The root cause of conflict points back to "poor communication." How many of us want to be "heard?" How many times do we feel we failed in a conversation? My parents would not be happy and would say to me, "You shouldn't speak before you think!"

Forty-six years later, I still struggle to understand what they were saying to me. But, I have a clearer understanding of their teaching as I think back to the many times I have "dropped the ball" when trying to express myself or listen to others as they expressed themselves. Sharing the Gospel is all about communication! We must strive for success when telling others Jesus can transform lives as we obey His words. Please consider how we can relate wisely to others in all situations:

If I'm wise, I won't compromise my integrity. Proverbs 10:9 says, "He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known."

If I'm wise, I won't antagonize your anger or allow my anger to overtake me. Proverbs 14:29 says, "He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly."

If I'm wise, I won't minimize your feelings. Proverbs 15:4 says, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit."

If I'm wise, I won't criticize your suggestions. Proverbs 12:15 says, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise."

If I'm wise, I won't emphasize your mistakes. Proverbs 17:9 says, "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends."

If I'm wise, I won't disguise my weaknesses. Proverbs 28:13 says, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

Wise communicates allows for growing conversations and optimistic opportunities when showing the love of our Lord.

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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

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Cannon Taylor

INDIA

**Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles**

Leaders in Worship

June 28, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Cliff Nicks

Scripture: Steve Gors

Sermon: Mike Gors

Lord's Table: Volker Jaromin

Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

**Shall we sit idly down and say
The night hath come; it is no longer day?
The night hath not yet come; we are not quite
Cut off from labor by the failing light;
Something remains for us to do or dare;
Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear.**

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Do Not be Afraid, Little Flock

In Luke 12, we read how Jesus told his followers "do not worry." He said, don't worry about getting the necessities of life or even how long you will live. He then pointed to world of unbelievers and said: "they worry about these things." But you should seek God's kingdom and He'll take care of you. Then, Jesus, finished his statement with these words: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Then, Jesus taught them about charity and watching for the second coming of the Lord (Luke 12:22-48).

Jesus has *not* promised to keep us free from disease or suffering. This is part of the human experience. Many of our members have suffered from various illnesses — everything from colds and flus to cancer and heart disease. But we know this: if we trust in God, He will be with us in the bad times and in the good times. As Christians we know how to prosper and how to handle adversity. Through Christ's power, we can handle all situations (Philippians 4:11-13).

Even though we walk through the darkest valley of death, we will fear no evil, for our Lord is with us (Psalms 23:4). Larry Fitzgerald, Abilene, TX

"Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil; so then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Ephesians 5:15-17

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

**Joyce Popplewell --
Heritage in Yorktown
Ann Funk--
Westminster Village
Linda Horning--
West -minster Village
Carl Gilstrap --Albany
Health Care**

*On God for all our events depend
You cannot want when God's your
friend.*

*Weigh well your part and do your best
Leave to your Master, all the rest.*

Written in 1800 by Richard H. Houston



Pray for Our Soldiers

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



Duane Latta--July 5

Richard Messer--July 10

Marshall Staggs--July 17

Gary Reynolds--July 22

Cindy Traub--July 23

Jerry Hoyt--July 27

Joey Harper--July 27

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. Undergoing another round of chemo

Martha Gilstrap

Carl Lafferty, Diagnosis of ALS and leukemia.

Bethany Williams' grandfather-in-law

Howard Goodman, Currently hospitalized in Indy

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Greenfield, IN 46140

Kathy Brown, Martha Gilstrap's daughter, Suffered a left sided stroke last Sunday. Released from hospital with plans for rehab at home in Economy, IN

Kathy Channel, Cancer, daughter of Lois Schlagel. In midst of chemo treatments 3x's weekly

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kim Ham, Breast cancer . Scheduled for surgery on July 15th with more chemo to follow. Dana Kel-low's sister

Mary Smith, Stroke

Mike Haviland, Stomach issues

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Ryan Dobbs, Skylar's cousin, undergoing treatment to counter rejection of new kidney

Susie Long, Living in assisted living in TN

Wanda Reed, Nearing end of radiation treatments

"God didn't promise days without pain, sun without rain.

But, He did promise strength for the day and light for the way."

Selected

Cleaning the Temple

Why did Jesus have to cleanse the temple? Why was He not content to just let things go on business as usual? In John 2, Jesus “cleans house” literally because those Jews had made the temple a “house of merchandise” (John 2:16). There were things, behaviors, and attitudes that did not belong in a house dedicated to the Lord.

1 Corinthians talks about the temple of the Lord being both the individual human body and the collective body of the church (see 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20). Can Christians look with the eyes of Jesus and see the point when there are things which wholly don't belong and ought to be “driven out?” Consider some principles about cleansing the “temple.”

Cleansing starts with seeing the things that are out of place. Jesus knew those moneychangers didn't belong there. He knew God's view of those things in His house. What was “normal” to everyone else was offensive to God. Can we look and see things in our lives and in the church which are wholly displeasing to the Lord (2 Cor. 13:5)?

Cleansing is about removal of filth and impurity. All that was associated with God's house was holy. The people had a responsibility to approach in holiness and to treat Him with reverence and respect (Lev. 10:1-3). Sin is a serious thing to God (Rom. 6:23; Is. 59:1-2). He wants us to be about the business of purity (Matt. 5:8).

Cleansing the temple is something of which others will take note. John 2 details some reactions of the individuals who witnessed this. John 2:17 says his disciples remembered scripture when He did it. Cleansing must be based on scripture. The Jews whose livelihood was interrupted were indignant and requested a sign of His authority (2:18-19). When holiness and concern for purity are emphasized, people will take note (John 12:32). God's dwelling place ought to be clean! The Savior understood it. Do we?

Andy Baker

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The Bend in the Road

Sometimes, we come to life's crossroads

And we view what we think is the end.

But God has a much wider vision

And He knows it is only a bend--

The road will go one and get smoother

And after we've stopped for a rest,

The path that lies hidden beyond us

IS often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow stronger,

Let go and let God share your load

And have faith in a brighter tomorrow.

You've just come to a bend in the road.

Helen Steiner Rice

Fooling Ourselves

Three times in the first chapter of James, we are warned about being deceived. Specifically, we are cautioned against deceiving ourselves. While the Lord does not desire for us to live in fear (1 John 5:13), it is dangerous and foolish to act as if we have no sin (1 John 1: 8).

We deceive ourselves when we blame God for our sin and the consequences thereof (James 1:16). In the context of James 1: 13-18, we learn that we are never to blame God when we are dealing with the consequences of our own sinful choices. God does not lure us into sin; He provides ways to escape from the temptations (1 Cor. 10: 13).

We deceive ourselves when we hear the word of God but fail to act (James 1:22). It is one thing to know what is right--what the will of God is--it is quite another thing to actually do what is righteous (James 2:14 -16). The wise hear the Word of God and subsequently obey (Matt. 7:24-27). We deceive ourselves into feeling righteous when we know things about the Gospel but fail to actually live them.

We deceive ourselves when we fail to control our tongues (James 1: 26). Words are powerful. We all know this. The Lord compares the power of destroying words to the terror of raging fires (James 3: 5-6). If we use our tongues to brag on ourselves, and then use those tongues to curse and lie, we are fooling ourselves about who we really are.

Bert warren, Glasgow, KY