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West Side Window

July 5, 2020

Note From the Elders,

We are thankful for the 51 in attendance at last Sunday's worship. How good that more of our brethren and visitors are able to make it to the building. We must remain vigilant in our everyday activities so that, Lord willing, our building will be bursting with our West Side family and visitors and that they can come in in assurance of their protection and safety.

The building is washed clean with disinfectants each week. 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.

Sunday Bible class, at 9:30a has resumed with Gary Reynolds, leading the study in John. You are welcome to join us for discussion and enlightenment of scripture. Wed. evening Bible Study at 7p has also begun again. We welcome you to this study which will be lead by Mike Gors.

UPCOMING EVENTS: See board # 1 for various programs sponsored by the Fishinger and Kenny church of Christ in Columbus OH.

Let God Send You

When we think of the great apostle Paul, we think of a rugged warrior for Christ – a courageous, daring, fearless man who laughed in the face of danger. After all, he was the man who got up and walked back into the town where folks had stoned him, drug him out of the city, and left him for dead (Acts 14:19-20). Paul was the guy who was whipped, beaten, shipwrecked, mugged, thrown in prison, and endured many great perils with his faith intact (2 Cor. 6:4-10; 11:24-28). In 2 Cor. 7, we see Paul continuing this life theme in being bold in speech and joyful in tribulation (v. 4). But even Paul had times that were hard to handle. For in the very next verse, we see a side of Paul we are not used to seeing in the pages of the New Testament: “For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.” (2 Cor. 7:5) So Paul was human after all. And even he had to grapple with trouble, conflict, and fear in his life. Can you relate to that? I certainly can. The first word of the next verse is “nevertheless” and it introduces the thought that a solution was provided – and it was: “Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus” (2 Cor. 7:6). Titus was one who was able to comfort (2 Cor. 7:6), console (2 Cor. 7:7), and render proper affections (2 Cor. 7:15). It was just what Paul needed. Titus was one who brought the light of a new day after a dark and stormy night. The Century English Version of the Bible renders 2 Cor. 7:6 this way: “But God cheers up people in need, and that is what he did when he sent Titus to us.” God uses various means to comfort His children. In this case, it was sending Titus to Paul. There are many in the world (and this church) who are suffering, in pain, dealing with turmoil and fear in their lives. So many times just being there for them makes such a big difference. As one lady once said, “My friend just came over, made coffee, then sat down and drank it with me. I didn't want to talk right then, and she did not try to make me do so. She helped me a lot.” (from “Personal Counseling” by Bill Flatt). Why not let God send you to someone to help bring them a little comfort? - Edd Sterchi

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

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Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

July 5, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Cliff Nicks

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Steve Gors, Acts 2:46-50

Sermon: Mike Gors, "Fuel for the Body of Christ"

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Events Pending and Cancelled

--September 26, Ladies Day at East Allen County COC in New Haven, IN. Flyer posted

--Read of various opportunities for study and worship at Fishinger and Kenny church of Christ in Columbus, OH. Includes virtual lessons with Phil Sanders, vacation Bible school and college ministry. Flyers posted on bulletin board # 1

--Regrettably, summer sessions at Camp Indigo for this summer have been cancelled.

Weekly Contribution
Goal

\$2440

June 28, 2020

\$1314

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

Presidential Quotes

-- "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Abraham Lincoln

-- "Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation." George Washington

--"Plans are nothing; planning is everything." Dwight Eisenhower

-- "Don't write so that you can be understood, Write so that you can't be misunderstood." Wm Taft

-- "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president. " Theodore Roosevelt

-- "We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone." Ronald Reagan

-- "You are not learning anything when you're talking." Lyndon Johnson

-- "In matters of style, swim with the current.; In matters of principle, stand like a rock." Thomas Jefferson

-- "Life doesn't count for much unless you are willing to do your small part to leave our children--all of our children, a better world even if its difficult. Even, if the work seems great. Even if we don't get very far in our lifetime." H. Obama

-- "I walk slowly but never backward." A. Lincoln

-- "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." John Kennedy



News

--We are saddened by the passing of sister, Janet Nelson, on June 25th. She had been a recent resident at Westminster Village. Janet and Ray attended West Side for a time and lived in the Selma area. She was the mother of six children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. We send our heartfelt condolences to Ray and his family. Services were held in Muncie. Cards can be sent to Ray at:

905 South Edwards Road
Muncie, IN 47302

--News from Mike Haviland. The following e-mail was received from Mike: "My biopsies (five of them) all came back negative. I still have the throat issues that have to be addressed but, so far, so good. I had a serious GERD attack with plenty of inflammation. Thanks so much for your thoughts and prayers."

--Vivian was hospitalized for five days but released to go home. She had repercussions from a fall last year but for the time being is mending and hoping to be back to the building soon.

In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Has been recently placed on donors' list for kidney transplant. Could hear anytime

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Bill & Pam Smith

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin. Undergoing another round of chemo

Martha Gilstrap

Carl Lafferty

Dan Proctor, Lela's youngest son who lives in New York State. Health Issues

Howard Goodman

7102 Ridge Run Way
Greenfield, IN 46140

Kathy Brown, Martha Gilstrap's daughter, Kathy is struggling right now with residual paralysis of left side. She is currently at home with her husband, Gary, as her major caregiver. Cards can be sent to her at:

217 Second Street
Economy, IN 47339

Kathy Channel, Cancer, daughter of Lois Schlagel

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kim Ham, Breast cancer . Scheduled for surgery on July 15th

Mary Smith, Stroke

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

Happy Birthday

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



We Become What We Worship

Have you ever noticed the affect culture and trends have on our lives? Think about it. Doesn't almost every person you know own an iPhone or smart phone of some sort? Things like movies, sports, clothing, and music have great influence over people. But do you ever wonder why we're so heavily influenced by the culture around us? Well, it's simple—whatever you're consumed with, you're going to reflect in your life. In other words, we become what we worship.

If you look up synonyms for worship in your thesaurus, you come across words like revere, adoration and idolize. I want to spend a little time focusing on that last word idolize. When God gave the children of Israel the Ten Commandments, He started out the list by saying: "You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods."

The fact is, in this day and age, everything around you is constantly clamoring for your undivided attention. The world is begging for your adoration. It's harder than ever to focus with all the distractions offered every moment of every day. But all those distractions are rooted in idolatry and self when they get you to take your eyes off of your heavenly Father and His great plan for your life.

Ask yourself these questions: "How much time do I spend flipping through magazines or googling the latest celebrity gossip? How important is it that I fit in, look the part or am successful? Do I measure my success based on the opinions of other people?" Now ask yourself this: "How much time do I spend reading the Word of God and allowing Him to speak to me? Do I respond to the things around me by first seeking God's wisdom?" Our aim should be to approach earthly things with a heavenly mindset. But as we all know, this can be very difficult.

So how do we guard ourselves from creating idols? I think Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) says it best: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." So, before anything else, seek first the Lord!

*Michael Meredith
Center Hill church of Christ
Paragould, AR*

"The man who offers an insult writes it in sand but for the man who receives it, it is chiseled in bronze."

"An apology is the best way to have the last word."