



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 .

What is Happening Today?

** Lynn Church of Christ area singing, 6p

**Gospel Meeting begins today at Church of Christ at Tipton with speaker, BJ Clarke, continues through July 21st

Looking Ahead

—July 20, , Men's Class, 6p, at building

—August 28, Ladies Day at Coldwater Church of Christ in MI. See flyer

“When you are on your “high horse”, the best thing to do is dismount at once.”

In Memory of Kathy

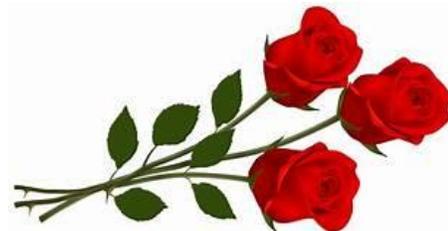
It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Kathy Murphy Owens who died in a house fire in her home, early Monday morning. It was her highest honor to serve her family and her Savior. There are not many in the number at West Side that have not felt the impact of Kathy's concern, her kind and compassionate ways, and her gentle spirit of brotherly love –delivered in non-judgmental concern.

If there was work to be done, Kathy was first in line. If there was an assembly, Kathy was there. If there was sickness or dilemma, Kathy knew about it. Her heart yearned to be a help and, she was, by her encouragement and support. She began attending West Side as a teenager with her best friend, Dana Ivory Kellow. Kathy believed, she obeyed the gospel, she served and never left the West Side family going forward.

She leaves behind her daughter, Skylar Murphy, her parents, Barbara and Tom Owens, her sister, Joan Owens, her former husband, Robbie Murphy and a host of other family. All of us, that had the privilege of knowing Kathy, grieve over the loss of God's ardent servant and our own sister in Christ.

Jesus speaks to us in John 14: 1-2, “Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In my father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself so that where I am, you may be also. You know the way where I am going.”

Our love and prayers go out to Skylar and her family in this most grievous time.



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

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Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Jimmy Clark, *James 4: 13-17*

Lord's Table: Gary Reynolds

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“A Life Shaped by God”

Closing Prayer: Don Allison

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Bible Study, July 21st

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Devo: Jimmy Clark

Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

Howard Latta--
Elmcroft Assisted living

“Search thine own
heart; what paineth
thee in others in
thy self may be.”

—Whittier



How Should One Read the Bible?

1. *Read carefully, remembering that it is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3: 16-17; 2 Peter 1: 20-21).*
2. *Reading candidly with an open mind, free from prejudice. (Acts 17: 11) is essential to understanding.*
3. *Constant readers we must be. Plan our time with the Book”, letting nothing interfere (Psalm 1: 1-2).*
4. *As we read, be committed to the truth that we learn, so that, whatever that truth is, it is going to be part of our lives.*

Rock or Sand

What was our Savior teaching in Matthew 7:24-27? He was not trying to entertain, but rather to teach principles that God expects to find in the lives of His followers. It does little good to read what He said then fail to apply the teaching to our lives.

Every human being who has religious inclinations, even of a lesser sort, needs to reread this section of scripture periodically, to see how he/she measures up.

When involved in a religious discussion, pay close attention to what your friends, parents, children are using as their basis of authority? If you hear them say, "Well, I feel this way about that" or "I just can't accept that God would...", they are informing you that the basic in religious matters, for them, is **FEELINGS**. With many otherwise good people, Biblical authority for what they practice in religion is foreign to their thinking. The ultimate deciding factor, for them is feelings. You have yours and they have theirs and what the Bible teaches does not matter.

How difficult it is to teach those who decide issues based on emotion or how they feel about it. Have they never read Colossians 3 :17? Paul declares, "...whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. To do something in the name of the Lord is to do that thing "by His authority" not by how we might feel about it.

We are building either on a "thus saith the Lord," or upon human feelings. On what kind of foundation are you building?

Wayne Price

Rush Springs, OK

Happy Day

Gary Reynolds--July 22

Cindy Traub--July 23

Joey Harper--July 27

Mike Gors--July 30



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Casey Robinson, Recovering from thyroid surgery with radiation treatment. Casey's mother is also battling cancer as well as his father who has just recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer

Cliff Nicks, Sees pulmonologist tomorrow

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN

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

Family of Lola Harrell, Sister, Roberta, now residing in long term care with hospice. Lives in VA

Kathy Harper, Health concerns are escalating

Marty Gors, Struggling with ongoing health issues

Michael Hummel, Brother of Scott Hummel. Terminal cancer with hospice giving comfort measures as of yesterday. Mr. Hummel lives south of Indy

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Ray Miller, Husband of Gail Welker Miller. Follow-up surgery scheduled for July 29th

Susan Cloninger, Radiation

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Wanda Reed

"I called to the Lord in distress; the lord answered me and put me in a spacious place, the lord is for me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me with the Lord as my helper...". Psalm 119: 5-7

For the Joy of It

The Hebrews writer advised his readers to always be "looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Notice that phrase, "for the joy that was set before him." It suggests the sustaining power of joy. Jesus endured the hostility of sinners and the humiliation of the death on the cross for the sake of the joy that was set before Him. One who is motivated by joy finds the strength to do mighty things.

But what is meant by "the joy that was set before him?" The writer seems to be referring to the Lord's being the author and the finisher of the faith by which we may come to God, and to His sitting down at the right hand of God, having completed His work. Jesus had come to do His Father's will (John 6:38), and to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The accomplishing of these purposes was to Him "by unspeakable and full of glory."

What, if we today, would act "for the joy set before us" in a similar way? What if doing of our Father's will and helping people to come to Him was real joy to us? What if worshiping our wonderful God and serving our fellow man were things we did for the joy? I suspect that we would find the strength to accomplish more than we ever thought possible. We would be able to endure until the victory is won. Perhaps, the church today needs to do fewer things for the pleasure of it and more things for the joy of it. We need hearts which find joy where Jesus did.

Bill McFarland

via Highland Drive Church of Christ

Happy Poplar Bluff, MO

Dead Leaves

You will find it harder to uproot faults than to choke them out by gaining virtues. Think less of others' faults. In every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong: honor that, rejoice in it and, as you can, try to imitate it and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes." Ruskin

A Preacher Speaks

How humiliating it is to find I am pained when I learn that "M" or "N", does not like my preaching. Yet, I am calmed when I remember that "all" the alphabet, for years, rejected my Master's Message.

J.W. Alexander