



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.

Copies of Leaders in Worship for August are on the table.

Looking Ahead

- July 27, Men's Class, 6p
- July 30-31, Family Seminar at Shelbyville Road church of Christ in In Indy. RSVP requested. See flyer on board # 1
- August 14, Focus (IN) Conference at Eagle Valley Church of Christ in Indianapolis. Flyer posted
- August 19th, Senior Saints, 2p
- August 28, Ladies Day at Coldwater Church of Christ in MI. See flyer
- September 18, Goshen Church of Christ Ladies Day. Please RSVP. See flyer on board # 1

“Savior, I have no one else to tell and so I trouble Thee. I am the one forgot thee, so dost Thou remember me?”
Emily Dickinson

Life Changing Experiences

What are some phrases that you never want to hear: “*It is cancer; there is nothing we can do; he didn’t make it; there has been an accident; you are fired; we have decided to make a change; I’m leaving; I don’t love you anymore; I have found someone else; you are under arrest.*” Each of these phrases can bring chills, tears, and despair. Once you hear one, there will be change in your life. They tell of death, divorce, loss of job, loss of reputation and loss of love.

They can also serve as benchmarks of change in someone’s life for good or for bad. We see that when these situations happen, some turn to God and some turn away from God. All same situations but with different outcomes.

When we look at the life of David, there were many of these phrases that he heard. He had to hear that his mentor, Saul, wanted him killed; his baby from a sinful relationship with Bathsheba was sick and died; his children committed terrible sins and one even wanted to kill him. And David was told that he was guilty of murder, according to a prophet of God. When these things happened, David turned to God. He referred to God as his refuge in 2 Samuel 22:3: “My god, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge.” There are 40 references to God as a refuge in the Psalms. A refuge is a place of shelter, safety, and hope. And we all need a place of refuge from time to time. We can see that God was David’s refuge and he also should be ours. David shares some wonderful news with us in 2 Samuel 22:31, “As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the Lord is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.” This plainly tells us that God is willing to always be our refuge.

When we encounter these “life-changing” moments, let us, like David, turn to God as our refuge and allow Him to be our place of shelter, safety, and hope.

Craig Evans

Calvert City, KY

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

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Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Scripture: Jim Clark, *Ephesians 6: 10-13*

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“Stand Against the Schemes of the Devil”

Closing Prayer: Todd Stults

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

Bible Study, July 28th

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Adam Gors

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison Woods

Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care

Howard Latta--Elmcroft Assisted living

Build a little place of trust around today;

Fill each space with loving work

And there-in stay;

Look not through the sheltering bars

Upon tomorrow,

God will help thee bear what comes

Of joy or sorrow.

Mary Frances Butts

Is This the Answer?

The following facts were published from a “posh” executive Sales Club memo and suggests a very likely reason why a lot of our own personal work bears so little fruit.

Notice:

80% of all sales were made after the fifth call back

48 % of the salesmen made one call and quit

25% make two calls and quit

12% made three calls and quit

Looking at these percentages, and noting that 80% of all sales were made after the fifth call, it is no wonder we often fail in “selling” the gospel of Christ.

Selected

Which are You?

An attender or an absenter?

A pillar or a sleeper?

A wing or a weight?

A power or a problem?

A promoter or a provoker?

A giver or a getter?

A goer or a gadder?

A doer or a deadhead?

A booter or a bucker?

A supporter or a sponger?

A soldier or a sorehead?

A worker or a worrier?

A friend or a fault-finder?

A helper or a hinderer

A campaigner or a camper?

Have a Chuckle: "An ungrateful man is like a hog under a tree eating acorns, but never looking up to see from where they come."

"You can't pray for others when you have clenched fists and grinding teeth."

Happy Birthday

Joey Harper--July 27

Mike Gors--July 30

Heather Chambers-- August 3

Teresa Cox--August 18

Joan Odle--August 20

**Lela Proctor--August
23**



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Casey Robinson and his family, Recovering from thyroid surgery with radiation treatment. Both of his parents are also battling cancer.

Cliff Nicks, Cliff has been cleared for heart surgery. (Yet to be scheduled)

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN

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

Family of Lola Harrell, **Lola's** Sister, Roberta,

Kathy Harper, Health concerns are escalating

Marty Gors, Struggling with ongoing health issues

Scott Hummel Family, Death of Scott's brother, Michael

Nick Hummel, Cancer

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

Susan Cloninger, Radiation treatments have begun

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Wanda Reed

*Once someone said something nice about me
And all undeserved, I knew it to be,
I treasured it there on my heart's deepest shelf,
Till one day, I quite
Surprised even myself
By honestly making an effort to be,
That nice thing that someone said about me.*

Helen Lowrie Marshall

Don't Blame the Messenger

Beginning in Luke 4:16, we read of Jesus going to His hometown of Nazareth. It was the Sabbath Day and as was His custom He went to the synagogue to read and teach. On this day He chose to read from the prophet Isaiah which just happened to be a messianic passage about Himself. After reading, He sat back down and everyone was watching Him. Then He said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." And they marveled at this hometown boy who spoke with such authority. He then proceeded to teach that they would reject Him just as the Jews had rejected the prophets of old. This angered the crowd so much that they proceeded to throw Him out of town, carried Him up a hill so that they could throw Him off a cliff. Jesus easily escapes to continue His ministry. There are times when elders, teachers and preachers must present biblical teaching that can be convicting to some individuals. These difficult admonitions must be presented with the correct attitude of humility and love (Eph. 4:15). All too often, the recipient of God's warning becomes angry at the messenger, accusing them of being condescending and breaks fellowship with the teacher or in some cases leaves the church altogether. We all should realize that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23) and God corrects those that He loves (Heb. 12:6). Becoming angry at the one delivering the message serves no other purpose than to divide the church and give Satan the victory. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God." (1 John 4:7) — Jay Launius 2020

Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person."

Colossians 4: 5, 6

A cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man and never fails to see a bad one."

"Only in winter can you tell which trees are truly green. Only when the winds of adversity blow can you tell whether an individual or a country has courage and steadfast fullness." President John F. Kennedy

The Cost of Anger

Not only does the Bible contain many infallible proofs that testify to its divine inspiration, but it also offers many practical commands that are of benefit to the general health and well-being of every human being. One of those practical commands is found in James 1:19-20: "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

Beginning with the vicious murderer Cain, throughout the Bible, we see the negative effects of human anger. The book of Proverbs is filled to overflowing with precautionary remarks about controlling anger and avoiding habitually angry men. Interestingly, the modern medical profession has thrown its two cents into the anger discussions. In their thought-provoking book titled *None of These Diseases*, medical doctors S.I. McMillen and David E. Stern brought to light the fact—well known in the medical community—that habitual anger not only is destructive, but also has the potential to kill. On page 205 of the book, they quoted doctors Redford Williams and Virginia Williams: "Getting [habitually] angry is like taking a small dose of some slow-acting poison—arsenic, every day of your life." Later in the chapter, titled "Danger—Anger," McMillen and Stern cited a study carried out in 1981 on the hostility level of 255 medical students. Of those who tested in the high-hostility level, 13 percent died by middle age. Of those in the low-hostility level, only 2 percent died.

Of course, anger in and of itself, in certain proportions, is not necessarily destructive. Even Jesus, on occasion, was angry (Mark 3:5). However, the unchecked attitude of "venting one's feelings of anger" does not produce the righteousness of God. Instead, it leads only to destructive, sinful behavior that negatively affects the body and soul. Truly, the Proverbs' writer expressed it eloquently when he wrote:

"He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city" (16:32).

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