



## From the Elders

Welcome to West Side Church of Christ. We are thankful for your presence today and are happy that we can provide a safe place for worship of our Lord.

We ask that you please adhere to the guidelines of our governor who advises that we wear masks and distance ourselves from close contact with each other while at services. Communion packets and baskets for the contribution are at the double doors. Thank you for protecting yourself and each other while we are together.

## How to Respond

How do we respond to others when they mistreat us? With love and understanding so that we can, hopefully, share the “Good News” with them? Or, do we respond with whatever the law will allow? Of course, if we choose the second one, we may never have the chance or opportunity to share the saving message of the gospel with that person. I think we have to ask ourselves in all situations of life, how would Jesus respond. What would be Jesus’ reaction to this? The following story helps demonstrate a Jesus-like response to others who hurt us.

“A Chinese Christian awoke one morning on his rice farm to find that the water was gone from his fields. The situation was mysterious because the farmer flooded his fields every night. One night, he crept stealthily to a prepared hiding place near his fields and watched his neighbor steal the water. The man broke out a portion of the earthen dike that kept the water in and let the water drain into his own fields. The neighbor carefully repaired the dike so that the break was hardly noticeable.

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“The Christian man prayed for an answer to this problem. His neighbor was not a Christian and was clearly stealing property not his own. Should the Christian report the man to the authorities? He had every legal right to do so. Should he confront his neighbor and demand repayment? Surely, it was owed him and maybe such a confrontation would stop the neighbor's theft in the future. But wouldn't confrontation anger the neighbor though the Christian man was in the right; how could the grace of God be included in this problem?

“As he prayed, the Christian man thought of a solution. That night, he flooded his fields as usual but he also flooded his neighbor's fields as well. When he awoke the next morning, his fields and his neighbor's fields had water in them. He did the same thing for several nights. Finally, one morning, he awoke to a pounding on his door. He opened it to see a very surprised neighbor who ask him why he had done such a thing. Clearly, the neighbor knew that the Christian man was aware of what had been happening with the water. He wondered aloud why the Christian reacted in kindness and generosity instead of anger and legal action?

The Christian explained his faith in God and how his prayers had led to his solution. Not only should we treat people as we wish to be treated (Matt. 7:12) but we should also treat people with love and kindness greater than what the situation calls for. Christians shouldn't react to others the way they might do to us. We have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16) and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) through His word which demonstrate His love for all people (Rom. 5:5).

Lance Morrisett

Hooker Church of Christ

Hooker, OK

*Do not work for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal.” John 6:27*

# 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

### INDIA

Bible Correspondence  
Course/ Bibles

# Leaders in Worship

July 26, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Todd Stults

Scripture: Rick Cox, *Hebrews 10:19-25*

Sermon: Mike Gors: *“Encouraging the Body of Christ, Worship”*

Lord’s Table: Don Allison

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

## Pray for our Young People in the Military

Zach Privett, US Army in Middle East.

Devyn Riggs, Cherry Pointe Air Station in NC.

Alex Odle, US Marines, in NC

Larry Greene, National Guard in Middle East

Michelle Bess, Air Force, Deployed to Middle East

### *Upcoming,*

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

--Read of various opportunities for study and worship at Fishingier 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

### What Do You Owe God, You Ask?

Suppose he sent you a bill. One hundred thousand dollars for the sun upon the hills. Two thousand for the brook that runs along the way. Five hundred for the nighttime and a thousand for the day. Six hundred for the tiny flower which tell us that it’s spring--These are the bills which everyone in every clime forget. If God should charge you what you owe...you’d always be in debt. Unknown

# Jesus Understands

Is the way o’er cast with shadows?

Does the road seem rough and steep?

Are you weary, heavy laden?

Do you long for rest and sleep?

Jesus knows! What consolation

That the Savior’s loving hands

Wait outstretched to help and guide us;

Troubled soul--he understands.

Anon

## Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

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

## Refreshing the Hearts of the Saints

*One of my all-time favorite passages of scripture is found in Philemon 7. There, the apostle Paul commended Philemon "because the hearts of the Saints have been refreshed through thee, brother."*

*Wouldn't it be wonderful if that could honestly be said of every member of the church? Every Christian could be like that with a little work on the matter of "attitude." Unfortunately, some who profess to be Christians just never seem to "get it" concerning the importance of having a Christ-like spirit and wind up spending most of their lives "out of sorts," disgruntled and unhappy. Isn't there enough gloom and doom in the world already without Christians adding to it? Let us resolve to be like Philemon in this regard and spread a lot of cheer and sunshine in the lives of those with whom we come in contact. One question: are others refreshed when they see you coming?*

*Maxie B. Boren*

## In Need of Prayer

**Adam Huffman**, Kidney dialysis 3x's weekly and placed on kidney donor list

**Alex Odle**, Cancer

**Angie Reed**, MS

**Betty Kellow**, Back home after a stay at hospital

**Bill & Smith**, Shingles

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

**Carl Gilstrap**, Pneumonia.

**Gary Stults**, Todd's father. Collapsed lung. Out of hospital and back home

**Carl Lafferty**, Bethany's Grandfather in-law

**Dan Proctor**, Health issues. Lela's son

**Howard Goodman**

**Kathy Brown**, Stoke. Martha Gilstrap's daughter

**Kathy Harper**, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

**Martha Gilstrap**, Broken hip. Currently living with daughter in Economy.

**Mary Smith**, Stroke

**Mitch Kinder**, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

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

**Sally Anderson**, Health issues

**Susan Cloninger**, Recuperating from surgery

**Susie Long**, Degenerative arthritis in back

**Wanda Reed**, Recovering from chemo and radiation effects

## Happy Birthday

**Jerry Hoyt--July 27**

**Joey Harper--July 27**



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For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

## The Severest Sin of Christians

The severest sin of Christians is a numbing lack of concern, an anesthetized attitude of “I don’t care. I am in the fold. Why should I concern myself?”

When Gideon was through thinning out his frightened and indifferent soldiers, he discovered that only one out of one hundred was brave and really meant business. I trust three is a better percentage of courageous and sincere people in our church membership today.

However, it has been stated that “one fourth of the members of the average church could be dropped from the rolls and they would never know it happened and the church would be no weaker as a consequence.”

My guess is that the percentage is closer to one half rather than one fourth. Is it a wonder that people are rushing head-long to perdition? While you read these lines, thousands are perishing “dead in trespasses and sins.” It is estimated that 40, 000 people die everyday in this world who have never even heard the name--Jesus Christ.

Insensitivity   Indifference  
Apathy  
Spiritual Drowsiness   Complacency

These are lulling the church of the Lord Jesus Christ to sleep. The unorganized indifference within the ranks of the church members is far more destructive to the work of the Lord than all the organized forces of iniquity assailing it from the outside.

Like the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, how often has Jesus checked on you found you sleeping? Christians sin far more against the Lord by what we fail to do rather than what we do. We grapple more with the sins of omission rather than sins of commission.

Friends, there are prayers to be prayed, sick to be visited, lost people that need taught the gospel, people who need love, young people who need to be encouraged, etc. It is time for the church to be all to this community that God intends us to be.

Via Highland church of Christ

Poplar Bluff, MO

There is a famous poem concerning the blind men of Hindustan who went to “see” an elephant. Each was sightless and each stationed himself at a different vantage point surrounding the elephant. Each came away with vastly different concepts regarding the elephant. The first said, “An elephant is like a rope,” because he felt the tail. Another, stationed at the ear, concluded it was like a fan. Another, feeling the elephant’s leg, said it was like a tree. Another thought an elephant was like a wall. A partial view of the Bible is like that. Prejudice blinds many a person to the whole truth. Sectarian dogma, shallow teaching, emphasis on tradition, parochial thinking and emotional persuasion contribute to spiritual blindness. As John Saxe said of the blind men in his striking poem:

Each in his own opinion  
 Exceedingly stiff and strong,  
 Though each was partly in the right,  
 And all were in the wrong!

We must pursue “all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27) and desire to be fully instructed on every Bible subject. The sum of God’s Word is truth (Psalm 119:160). Taking all that the Bible says on any doctrine forms the best commentary on the scriptures. This allow us to see the harmony and blend in God’s grace and man’s obedience.

Via Keltonburg church of Christ, Smithville, TN