



West Side Window

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If You Stand Firm

Paul was worried about the brethren in Thessalonica. He barely had any time with them before circumstances have driven him from the city. Paul had wanted to return to them but Satan had kept that from happening. All he really wanted to know was ‘were they faithful’?

Finally, when he received the news from Timothy that, yes, they were, Paul is overjoyed. It had been a tough time for him. Mistreatment, suffering, accusation, setbacks had plagued his efforts. Yet, when he hears the brethren are on the right track, he is comforted. He says in 1 Thessalonians 3:7-8, “for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.”

Do you want to make a preacher quit? Do you want to break an elder? Do you want to burn out a preacher? It’s not the long nights or the hard choices that do it. It isn’t tight budgets or difficult questions. Sure, those can wear you down and make things hard, but it’s when the people you are serving give up that you want to too.

When a person leaves the church they don’t just hurt themselves. They harm everyone that has tried to teach and guide them along the way. Yet, when a person is found faithful, that’s when they really live. It restores purpose, it gives inspiration it provides comfort.

It has been easy over the past year to get out of the habit of assembling together. Don’t just think of yourself in that situation, however. Your faithfulness might be what helps the church to have life.

Your absence may just help to kill it.

Barry Haynes

Hope, AR

**“...if you do not stand firm
in your faith, you won’t
stand at all.” Isaiah 7: 9**

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

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Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Jacob Clark, *Matt. 10: 27-36*

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“Confess, Don't Deny It”

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, August 4th

Song Leader: Adam Gors

Devo: Mike 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

Keep a-goin'

Taint' no use to sit
and whine

Cause the fish ain't
on your line;

Bait your hook and
keep on tryin',

Keep a-goin'

Welcome From the West Side Family

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 .



—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

What a Pitcher!

November 2020, Lindy McDaniel passed away. If you look him up in the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, you will notice that he was well-known in baseball circles. His pitching career spanned 21 years (from 1955-1975). He was an amazing relief pitcher who "saved" many games. Wikipedia makes one additional brief mention. It states: "He was a minister for the Church of Christ." What Wikipedia doesn't say is that in Lindy's professional contracts, he had written in that on Sundays, his team had to allow him to attend worship services at a local church of Christ before a ballgame. Lindy was known as "THE Christian Gentleman" among the rowdy professional sports stars. He didn't cuss, drink or run around on his wife. During his sports career, Lindy taught and baptized many baseball players. After his last baseball game, Lindy preached full time throughout the brotherhood. When he died, at the age of 85, he was serving the Lavon, Texas church of Christ (near Dallas). Jesus teaches us: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Mark 6:33). This is something Brother Lindy McDaniel took seriously.

Larry Fitzgerald

Woodlawn church of Christ

Olivia Jaromin, August 2, 2009

Heather Chambers--August 3

Teresa Cox--August 18

Joan Odle--August 20

Lela Proctor--August 23

Jane Clark--August 30



Happy Birthday

In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Casey Robinson and His Family,

Clare Vannatter, Involved in a head-on collision in WV. She was life lined to a hospital in Charleston and is in critical condition. Richard Messer 's sister

Cliff Nicks and Tami, Heart Surgery scheduled for tomorrow at St. Vincent. Confidence is high!

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN

Don and Nancy Ellis, Bill's sister, Nancy, has a broken back and is residing in extended care. Her husband, Bill, has cancer on outside of lung wall

Family of Lola Harrell, Sister, Roberta, residing in nursing home in VA. .Diagnosed with Cushing's Disease with comfort measures in effect.

Kathy Harper, Health concerns are escalating

Linda Hams, Passed away. Sister of Brian Huffman

Marty Gors, Struggling with ongoing health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Phil Vandenbasch, Passed away on July 20th from cancer of the bladder. Brother Phil was Pat Lee's brother-in-law and lived in FL

Ray Miller, Husband of Gail Welker Miller

Susan Cloninger, Radiation treatments

Scott Hummel Family

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Wanda Reed

The Good Confession of Romans 10:9-10

"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved" (Romans 9:9-10).

When Bobbie was 9 years old, his teacher asked him to write an essay about an oak tree. Here is what he wrote: "An oak tree can be cut down and sawed into boards. You can make baseball bats out of them. You can also make home plates out of the boards. You can make bleachers out of the boards so people can watch baseball games."

Can you guess what was on Bobbie's mind? By the way, little Bobbie grew up to be Bob Feller one of the all-time great baseball pitchers. At the age of nine years, he was saying - "For me to live is baseball."

In Romans 10:9-10, the word that is translated "confession," literally means "to say the same thing." This is the confession that Paul tells us is part of what we must do to be saved.

What is it that we need to confess? What is it that we all need to be saying? Peter said in Matthew 16:16 "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God." Martha said in John 11, "I believe that you are the Christ the Son of God, who was to come into the world." Paul says that in our text that we are to confess that Jesus is Lord.

Unfortunately, there are many people who have said these words, but haven't made the confession in their hearts.

And there are people who have made this good confession, believed, repented, were baptized and are highly zealous workers in the church. But when people meet them on the street, they'd never know they were Christians.

What does "LORD" mean? In the days of Jesus, it meant that someone was your "Master." Many times it meant you were a slave. Consider, when you say "Jesus Christ is Lord," you are saying that He owns you. To confess Jesus as your Lord means He owns everything you call your own - your possessions, your family, your spouse, your time, etc.

To confess Jesus as Christ (Messiah) means that he is our "anointed one."

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