



## 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.

## Do I? (Philemon 4-7)

*For One To Say Of Me  
What Paul Said Of Philemon...*

### I MUST ASK MYSELF...

-Do I love the Lord and all His saints (5)?

-Do I have faith toward the Lord and all His saints (5)?

-Do I share my faith (6)?

-Do others derive joy and comfort from my love (7)?

-Are the hearts of the saints refreshed through me (7)?

-Neal Pollard (Denver, CO)



## Don't Be What You Ain't

The sunflower ain't the daisy,  
And the melon ain't the rose.

Why are all so crazy

To be something else that grows?

Just stick to the place you're planted and do  
the best you know,

Be the sunflower or the daisy,

Be the melon or the rose.

The song thrush ain't the robin,  
And the catbird ain't the jay.

Why are they all a-throbbin' to outdo each  
other's lay?

Just sing the song God gave you and let your  
heart be gay.

Be the song thrush or the robin

Be the catbird or the jay.

Don't be what you ain't,

Just be what you are

If a man is what he isn't,

Then he isn't what he is.

If you're just a little tadpole,

Don't try to be a frog

If you're just the tail,

Don't try to wag the dog.

Edwin M. Boyle



## 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

*August 2, 2020*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Jacob Clark, *Ephesians 1: 3 -6*

Sermon: Mike Gors, *"Redeemed by Father, Son and Holy Spirit"*

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### *Events Pending*

—August 9-13, Gospel meeting at Cloverdale with Stephen Rogers. See flyer

--August 9-12, Gospel Meeting at Stop 11 Rd Church of Christ in Indy with BJ Clark. Flyer posted

--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. See bulletin board # 1

Trust in His timing

Rely on His promises

Wait for His answers

Believe in His miracles

Rejoice in His goodness

Relax in His presence

*Come near to God and He will come near to you.*

*James 4: 8*

## **Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins**

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

Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

## **On and On**

There once was an older man who went out jogging. He was running around a track that circled the school football field while the team was conducting their practice. When the football players began running their sprints up and down the field, the man said to himself, "I'll keep running until they quit." So, they ran, and he ran and they all kept on running. Finally, in total exhaustion the man had to stop. When he stopped, an equally exhausted football player walked over to him and said, "I'm sure glad you finally stopped. Our coach told us that we had to keep running sprints around the field as long as the old guy was jogging."

It seems to me that we can sometimes find ourselves in a similar kind of situation when it comes to anger and conflict. We have a disagreement with someone and get into an argument. Voices get raised. Neither side wants to be the first to give in. Everyone has the attitude, "I'll just keep on till they quit." So, the other party stays mad. So, we stay mad and on and on we go, eventually finding ourselves emotional and physically exhausted by the animosity.

Let me challenge you to do something very difficult. The next time you get in an argument, be the first to give in. Be the first to stop the bad business. Be the first to say, "I'm sorry". It is the quickest way to stop the vicious cycle. "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Pro. 15:1).

Alan Smith, Massillon, OH

## *In Sympathy,*

We are very sad to hear that Todd Stults' father, Gary Stults, passed away on July 27 at his home in Muncie. Mr. Stults was a native of Portland, IN and a graduate of Southside High School. He was self employed as a design engineer until his retirement. He was the father of three, the grandfather of six and the great-grandfather of one. A private family service was held on July 29th per Mr. Stults' request. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Yorktown Elementary Food Pack Program C/O West Side Church of Christ.

Our love and prayers go out to Todd and Genny and their family.

*"Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be my comfort." Psalm 119:55*



## Remembering in Prayer

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

## Happy Birthday

Heather Chambers-- August 3  
Joyce Popplewell--August 13  
Teresa Cox--August 18  
Joan Odle--August 20  
Lela Proctor--August 23  
Pam Smith--August 26  
Bethany Allison--August 29



## In Need of Prayer

**Adam Huffman,** Kidney dialysis 3x's weekly

**Alex Odle,** Cancer

**Angie Reed,** MS

**Betty Kellow**

**Bob Owens,** Cancer. Kathy's cousin

**Carl Gilstrap,** Pneumonia.

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

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

**Howard Goodman**

**Janet Adkins,** Friend of the Allison and Cloninger families. Critical tests ahead

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

**Kathy Harper,** Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

**Martha Gilstrap,** Broken hip.

**Mary Smith,** Stroke

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

**Ryan Dobbs,** Skylar's cousin, cancer treatment

**Sally Anderson,** Health issues

**Shannon Fitzgerald,** Cancer. Genny's cousin

**Susan Cloninger,** Recuperating from surgery

**Susie Long,** Degenerative arthritis in back

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

Oh, the comfort of feeling safe with a person  
Having neither to weigh thoughts,  
Nor measure words--but pouring them  
All right out--just as they are  
Chaff and grain together--  
Certain that a faithful hand will  
Take and sift them--  
Keep what is worth keeping  
And with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.  
D. M. Craik

## How Money Lies

God invented gold, silver, and precious stones to facilitate the survival of the human family. By converting perishable goods at harvest to nonperishable, valuable currency, we trade for necessities at non-harvest time or easily transport value over distance. Ultimately, God chose money and its equivalents to be used in worship as a means of sacrifice. But anything God planned as a benefit to man in this physical world can be corrupted. And money is no exception. Money lies . . . in the following ways:

- Bribery persuades that wrong is right.
- Covetousness convinces that it's more blessed to receive than to give.
- Theft appeals to possession as being "9/10 of the law."
- Greed substitutes "deserving" in the place of earning.
- The trappings of wealth convince others of our superior status or moral dominance, while inside we might be full of dead men's bones.
- Lack of need in this world's goods often induces one to believe he has need of nothing.
- Those in pursuit of "being rich" (an object of comparison with others) are often deceived into believing that riches justify what is often sacrificed to obtain them.
- Simony believes riches can buy God's blessing.
- The money-mind is the philosophy that crowds out God's word and allows the physical to become more important than truth. It is a weed that would love to take root in the garden of our mind.--Jared Jackson

## Furthermore...

*Simony is the act of selling church offices and roles or sacred things. It is named after Simon Magus, who is described in the 8th chapter of Acts of the Apostles (as Simon the Sorcerer) as having offered two disciples of Jesus payment in exchange for their empowering him to impart the power of the Holy Spirit to anyone on whom he would place his hands. The term extends to other forms of trafficking for money in "spiritual things".*

## How Long Should A Sermon Be? Factors other than the

clock should govern the length of a sermon. A sermon should be long enough to accomplish its desired aim. Some tasks can be completed in twenty minutes; some cannot. I have promised, "I will quit when I get through." Having sat through some preachers who kept going long after they got through, that is a pretty good promise! Full disclosure: one church where I preached for several years had a clock in the back of the auditorium where the preacher could see it easily. One Sunday night, following a particularly complex and unusually lengthy lesson, two deacons said, intentionally in my hearing, "Maybe we should take down Cecil's clock and put him up a calendar!" Fuller disclosure: both deacons were good friends of mine and strong supporters of me as a preacher there. So I knew it was mostly in fun. While there are some legitimate reasons to be concerned with time, there are more important reasons to be concerned with devotion, reverence, praise to God, and learning His word. Less important is whether or not we beat the Baptists and Methodists to the restaurants! "Take time to be holy."

--Cecil May, Jr. (Montgomery, AL)