



West Side Window

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A Big Welcome!

We hope you find us sincere in our wish to follow and to teach the gospel of Christ. Our aim is to follow the example of the New Testament church in word and deed, wanting to add nothing nor take anything away from scripture. If you have any questions or concerns concerning anything you have seen or heard here today, the Elders will be glad to speak with you.

If you wish to wear a mask while here, please feel free to do so. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Visitor cards are available in each seating row. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Looking Ahead

—**August 8-12, Gospel meeting at Cloverdale Church of Christ with speaker, Mike Gors. Flyer posted**

—**August 14, Focus (IN) Conference at Eagle Valley Church of Christ in Indianapolis. Flyer on board #1**

—**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**

With Boldness

The Christian life should be characterized by a strict desire to keep the doctrine which we have learned and avoid those who teach otherwise (Romans 16:17). It is with this desire that great boldness is needed to tell the truth of God without giving in to some lie (1 Timothy 2:7). Speaking with boldness means one is outspoken, frank, blunt and all around confident that what he is saying is needful and must be heeded. What needs to be more heeded than God's Word? What do we need to speak with this boldness more than God's Word? When Peter and John spoke to the rulers and elders of Israel, these leaders saw the apostles' boldness (Acts 4:13) and then commanded them "not to speak at all nor teach the name of Jesus (Acts 4:18). This is the same thing that the world commands of the church today. There is no outright command, but it is heard in statements like "Don't you know it is not politically correct to say there is only one church?" Or, "You people should not be so upset over adultery or alcohol ." Please notice that when Peter and John were commanded this that they said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) and then they proceeded to speak the Word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31). How could they do it? They were not afraid of what men could do to them (Matt. 10:28). They were not afraid of offending someone (Matt. 15: 12, 13). They were strictly concerned with teaching the Word of God in purity and boldness.

The fact is, the gospel is surrounded with boldness that everyone should possess. Paul said we have boldness in Christ (Eph. 3:12). Therefore, He is with all Christians and will stand beside them during the most difficult of times, even when it seems that all boldness will fail (1 Cor. 10:13). Yet, even when the faith of one is challenged in dire circumstances, he can rest assured that speaking with boldness will never fail, because, by doing so, he has "boldness in the day of judgment" (1 John 4:17). But, if one is too fearful to speak with boldness what the will of the Lord is, he will be fearful in the day of judgment (Heb. 10:27; Rev. 21:8).

Derrick Coble

Sparta, TN

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: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Case Reynolds

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Speaker: Gary Reynolds

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, August 4th

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

Howard Latta--
Elmcroft Assisted liv-
ing

Judgement Day

Every day is judgement day,

Count on no tomorrow.

He who will not, when he
may,

Act to-day, to-day, to-day,

Doth but borrow

Sorrow.

John Oxenham

Fond Adieu to Our Youth,

We will miss the young and eager faces of our university-bound students as they prepare to go back to classes this week. Heather will be heading back to IU and will be in her senior year. Emma is returning to Ball State where she will finish up this year as a senior. Elayna and Emily will be going south to Freed-Hardeman where Elana will be a freshman and Emily will be a senior.

We wish them all well and Godspeed as they study, work, "play" and seek spiritual guidance and enlightenment from their places of worship away from home. We will welcome them back first break and will keep each one of them in our hearts and prayers. Follow-up with addresses at a later date.



Timeless Message, Newly Said

Many at West side remember the voices of our youth in their practice of song leading, speaking, debating, puppets and all the ways they prepared to be active in the Lord's church. They loved to sing the words to "Sanctuary" as a booster and rallying cry and the campfires at Indogan have always rung out happily with its tune. The words and music relay a timeless message but newly said by the modern day entertainer, Randy Scruggs, who is the eldest son of the legendary banjo player, Earl Scruggs. Earl Scruggs and his partner, Lester Flatt, were a part of a part of the Foggy mountain Boys and went on to muster fame as Flatt and Scruggs instrumentalists.

The words and music of this song were co-written by Randy Scruggs and John Thompson in 1953 but its message rings true for any age and any occasion. Randy Scruggs has spent his entire life performing and writing music and all who have enriched by this song are indebted to him.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true,

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary—for You.

Lord teach your children

To stop their fighting

And start uniting

All as one

Let's get together

Loving forever

A living sanctuary

For—You.

(In Part)

Happy Birthday

Teresa Cox--August 18

Joan Odle--August 20

Lela Proctor--August 23

Jane Clark—August 30



Please Pray for

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

April Stinson, **Cancer**. Friend of Genny

Casey Robinson and His Family

Clare Vannatter, Richard's sister in WV. Progressing enough to go home after car accident

Cliff Nicks, Quintuple heart by-pass. Remains in ICU as of this writing. Some rough patches but normal progression day by day.

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN

Don and Nancy Ellis, Bill's sister, Nancy, and her husband

Family of Lola Harrell, Sister, Roberta,

Family of Norma Perry, Amber Perry, Norma's 24 year old niece, has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. She just recently married and is going through radiation and chemo. Ronnie Gaines, Norma's nephew, passed away in his sleep on July 12th. Lived in MI.

Kathy Harper, Health concerns are escalating

Linda Horning, Hospitalized for pneumonia and bronchitis. Resides with her daughter, Sonja, @ 3805 W Pettigrew Drive, Muncie IN 47304

Marty Gors, Struggling with ongoing health issues

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Susan Cloninger, Radiation treatment

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Wanda Reed

God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

About Skylar,

Many prayers and heartfelt concern go out to Skylar as she navigates the loss of her Mother, Kathy Owens. Skylar is currently residing at her Aunt Joan's house in New Castle and welcomes cards and calls. Let us be mindful of how kind words and thoughtful deeds can soothe a breaking heart.

Skylar murphy

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Everyone Needs a Sword!

Growing up I often played with sticks, gift paper cardboard rolls, and basically anything that could have even resembled a sword. Thinking back, I realize that the image of a sword was something that I was exposed to in literature, TV, movies, and video games. Shows like Zorro, He-Man, Star Wars, Thunder Cats, Conan, and countless others, exposed me to heroes defeating evil using swords.

The first object in the Bible called a sword seems to have been made by God to keep Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. "Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take fruit also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life" (Genesis 3:22-24). The sword has been part of our history since then.

God warns Christians that we need a sword. We are in a spiritual battle and facing the devil's schemes daily. "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). The importance of God's word to our lives can never be overstated. The word of God is important in every avenue of our life. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The word of God helps defend us from the evil one and can be used to help others who are still enslaved by their sin. We need to be a sword using, sword carrying people.

Brad Tolbert

Monticello church of Christ

Monticello, AR



Meet the Summers



Welcome to Brother Damon and Sister Sue Summers who placed membership with West Side this past Sunday. In the past, Damon has served as a deacon at West Side as well as an elder at Towne Acres. He and Sue are longtime Hoosiers but Damon's birthplace was in Warren County TN and Sue hails from McMinnville, TN. They are parents of two daughters and have 3 grand children and 2 great grandchildren. Damon is retired from Delco Remy and was a self employed plumber and Sue worked as a beautician in the Yorktown area. We welcome the Summers' to the West Side fold and look forward to many fruitful years of Christian fellowship..

Damon and Sue Summers

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Sue—May 6, 1934

Anniversary: Nov. 21, 1954