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He may have been sad and alone but through it all he could not help himself. He had to preach the gospel and that was pleasing to God. We all need to take from Jeremiah and change our mindset and also change the way we look at the scriptures. I love the way he puts it; it needs to be like a fire shut up in our bones that we can't help but talk to others about. He also shows us that no matter what the circumstances you can always teach others about God. The next person is someone that I think most all of us are familiar with and that is Paul the apostle. Paul, the apostle is well known for being a very hard worker within the church. One story in particular is very inspiring to me and it's in Acts chapter 14, so let's turn there and see what it says;

"Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead."

So Paul is walking into this city ready to preach and before he can say anything these crowds of people gather around and start stoning him. They throw rocks at him until they thought he was dead then they dragged him outside the city and just left him there to rot. If we keep reading, we'll see the greatest part of this story. Let's continue. "However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe."

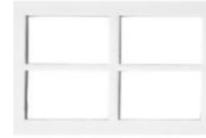
Paul is not discouraged at all by these people who will not listen to what he has to say. He stood back up and walked right back into the city where the people there had just tried to kill him. Just think about that! His face had to be bloody, he was probably limping but ignoring all that, Paul gets up and walks right back in there. That had to take courage and determination to do. Sometimes we may feel like Paul in that situation. The world might beat us down but we need to be like Paul and have the guts to get up and keep doing work for the lord and keep moving forward. My final example is somebody I know for sure we all know. It is Jesus Christ himself. Jesus dealt with so many people persecuting him, mocking him and attempting to prove him wrong but through all of his hardships, he kept moving to please his father and to save us from our sins. We know, of course, his greatest hardship was enduring the pain of the cross for us and even though he was scared, he went through it for us so we should be willing to go through anything for him. Take a look at Hebrews 12:2,3.

In conclusion, I would like to leave you with a verse, 1st Corinthians 15:58; "Therefore my beloved brethren be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the lord knowing that your labor is not in vain in the lord."

**If you hear a kind word spoken  
Of some worthy soul you know,  
It may fill his heart with sunshine  
If you only tell him so.**

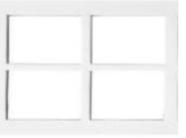
**If a deed, however humble  
Helps you on your way to go,  
Seek the one whose hand has helped you,  
Seek him out and tell him so.**

**Author Unknown**



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# West Side Window



**September 13, 2015**

## SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —  
9:30 am  
Worship — 10:30 am  
& 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study —  
7:00 pm

## MINISTER

Michael Gors

## ELDERS

Michael Gors  
Gary Reynolds  
Larry Reynolds  
Todd Stults

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Fellowship

Kendall Clark  
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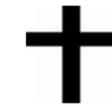
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Laconia Church of  
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*The Cross: Symbol of Fear or Faith?  
By Keith Mathison*

As we all know, it is our job as Christians to spread the gospel throughout all of the world, whether you are young, old, rich, poor, boy or girl, it is our duty to teach others about God. We are commanded to do so in Mark 16:15. It says "And he said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Even though we are commanded to do it, sometimes we get discouraged. Just about a month ago our church had a Vacation Bible School. Hoping to attract some families, we went out, door knocking. We knocked on hundreds of doors all around town. When we arrived on the first night, only a few people out of those hundreds of doors had come. I could have easily been discouraged by that, however, I knew that what we had done was pleasing in God's eyes, regardless how many people responded and that is our main goal, pleasing God. Let's look at some men in the bible who could have also been easily discouraged but overcame it.

The first person I want to look at is Noah. When we think of Noah, our mind automatically goes to the ark. I want us to see what Noah was up to before the ark and the work he did leading up to the flood. In 2nd Peter God calls Noah a preacher of righteousness. Noah preached for roughly 100 years before the flood and besides his family, he had no responses at all. I wonder what it was like after preaching the gospel for 10 years and getting no responses or 50 years and still having no one change their wicked ways. Noah had all the reason to be upset and discouraged but he kept on teaching. The youth at Westside and I, altogether, knocked on a few hundred doors and got a few responses over the course of a couple days but Noah had hundreds of years to teach. Just think about all of the people he tried to convert and how few listened. But through all of the difficult times, he continued working at it and that was pleasing to God. Moving on from Noah, we will next be looking at a man named Jeremiah. Probably the least known of all the men I will be speaking about today, however, he is no less important. In fact, I find Jeremiah's story very encouraging to think about. Jeremiah was a prophet; he did a lot of work for the lord. Through all of his works, he was alone. God tells him at the beginning of chapter 16 in the book of Jeremiah that he cannot have a wife or any kids because if he did, they would die. He was a very lonely man and often times was discouraged because of it. But not only because of his loneliness was he discouraged, he was also beaten, mocked and thrown into prison. If you would turn to Jeremiah 20, we'll begin reading in verse 7; "O Lord, You induced me, and I was persuaded; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; everyone mocks me for when I speak, I cry out. I shout, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me a reproach and a derision daily. 9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not."

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**WORSHIP FOR  
September 13, 2015  
MORNING WORSHIP**

Announcements: Todd Stults  
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
1st Prayer: Richard Messer  
Scripture: Adam Gors  
Sermon: Mike Gors  
Closing Prayer: Danny Odle  
Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

West Side— Outside: Jacob Harper  
                  Inside: Jim Smith  
East Side— Inside: Adam Gors  
                  Outside: Jimmy Clark

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Announcements: Todd Stults  
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
Prayer: Bill Smith  
Scripture: Rex Harper  
Sermon: Mike Gors  
Communion Table: Bill Winemiller  
Closing Prayer: Chad Bobo  
Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

**Group Three Duties- Sept. 13th**

**Door Greeters:** Bill & Pam, Don & Teresa, Ginger  
**Lock-up:** Joe & Wanda  
**Communion Clean-up:** Jerry & Maria  
**Communion Prep** for September: Betty C. & Lola

***Remember In Prayer***

**Andrew Weyman**, Leukemia. Two year old Andrew went home for Labor Day but is back in Riley Hospital for round two of chemo

**Brenda Huffman**, Lung cancer. Sister-in-law of Delores

**George Robison**, Margaret Goodman's brother who lives in Indianapolis. Cancer in multiple organs

**Herb & Betty Smith**

**Janie Miller**, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Mike's aunt & his mother, Marty's, sister. Janie had surgery and is undergoing treatment.

**Jeremy Fortner**, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall

**Jerry Winsor**, Recent diagnosis of aggressive cancer. Brother-in-law to Pat Ergle. Jerry and wife, Charlene, live in TN

**Jim Zachary**, cancer, Tom Davis' nephew

**Kameron Graddy**, Friend of Justin. Kameron has a 5 inch tumor on leg which doctors fear is cancerous.

**Laura Spaulding**, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults

**Linda Bigler**, Return of tumors to brain

**Mike & Mary Ann Bayer**

**Ralph Zeek**, Rehabing at Willow Bend Nursing Facility

**Sandra Crawford**, Cancer. Wife of Kendal Clark's friend

**Sandra Mincey**, Aortic valve replacement last Wednesday. Aunt of Jessica Gors.

**Sharon Adams**, Had very serious back surgery this past week. Condition still guarded.

***Good News About Rachel Hoyt***

***Rachel has successfully completed a trek of the Appalachian Trail. This spring, she began in the state of Georgia and completed the trail in Maine. Congratulations, Rachel, on a challenge that only the brave and stout hearted would attempt.***

**Our Shut-ins: Remember with prayer, cards & visits**

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft

Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft

Jim & Marylou Witty—At home

Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care

Vada Zeek—Willow Bend

**Attendance for the Week of  
September 6th**

Sun. AM Bible Study	87
Sun. AM Worship	123
Sun. PM Worship	92
Midweek Bible Study	63

***Midweek Service, Sept. 16th***

Speaker: Richard Messer  
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman  
Prayer: Richard Messer

***Happy Birthday***

*Emily Stults—Sept. 13*

*Moissa Hummel Sept.13*

*Mark Stewart—Sept. 16*

*Martha Gilstrap—Sept. 17*

*Maria Hoyt—Sept. 18*

*Ellen Welker—Sept. 19*

*Marjorie Smith—Sept. 20*

*Kids Return from Fall Rally*

*Today*

**...And Looking Ahead**

Sept. 15, Men's Breakfast at IHOP, 8 a

Sept. 15, Women's Breakfast at IHOP, 10a

Sept. 19, L2L Kick-off at the BSU Student Center, 1-4p. Pizza, drinks and bowling for all. Parents, please come and help your young ones to choose what projects in L2L they are interested in pursuing this year.

Sept. 19, Goshen church of Christ Ladies Day with speaker, Tiffany Secula. See flyer on bulletin board.

Sept. 19, One day lectureship at Tipton Church of Christ. See flyer on board. Topic is "Apologetics".

Sept. 24, High School & College Age Devo at Towne Acres, 7p

Sept. 24, Ladies Deep Bible Studies, 7p

Sept 25, Bible Series, "Keeping Congregations Viable in 21st Century Culture" at Washington Ave. Church of Christ in Evansville. See flyer.

Sept. 26 "Canoeing and Devo" in the Woods at Turkey Run State Park for all youth.

October 25-28, "Re-energizing the Church in Troublesome Times," at Greenfield church of Christ . Flyer posted

*Item Needed this Month for Food Pantry:*

*Any type of packaged potato product*

*FYI: There is a new letter from Jonah*

*Posted on the missions board*

*"If wrinkles are written on*

