



# West Side Window

## Group Three Has Building Duties for Today

Greeters: Front Door: Rick & Teresa  
 Annex: Teresa A  
 Carport: Delores

Lock-up: Sun: Don Wed. Todd

Communion Clean-up: Genny

Trash to Curb: Todd



## What is Coming Up?

- September 24, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
- September 27-29, West Side Gospel Meeting
- September 28, Goshen COC ladies Day. See flyer
- October 6-9, Eagle Valley Church of Christ, Indianapolis, fall gospel meeting with Stephen W. Rogers. See flyer.
- October 19, Goshen COC fall picnic. Flyer posted
- November 2, 24th annual lectureship at Church of Christ of Auglaize Country in Wapakoneta, OH. Flyer is posted

### Hey You...

Pantry items for this week are canned fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your participation.

*"Sow an act, reap a habit, sow a habit, reap a character, sow a character, reap a destiny."*

*This Week*

## Our Gospel Meeting September 27-29

### Speakers:

Drew Reece, Mark Reynolds,  
 Larry Reynolds, Robert Ray,  
 Ryan Cox, Caleb Taylor

Begins Friday night at 7p,  
 Saturday Sessions begin at 9a  
 Lunch provided on Saturday

Sunday Speaker at 9:30a  
 Worship

Noon Carry-in  
 Speaker at 1:15

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

*We welcome you and hope you will join us to hear the power of the gospel!*

### News of Dorothy

Dorothy has found a house to buy and is waiting for the paperwork to be finalized. She and her dog, Skittles, have coffee out on the porch every morning and has already garnered friends who wave to her every day as they travel the highway. She is attending Estes Church of Christ where Josh is the youth minister. She sends her best and wants everyone to know she misses all of us.

## 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

*September 22, 2019*

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark

Scripture: Steve Gors

*Luke 18: 1-8*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*"Steadfast in Prayer"*

Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

### *Communion*

West Side Outside: Bill Winemiller

Inside: Todd Stults

East Side Inside: Richard Messer

Outside: Joe Reed

### *Evening Worship*

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Adam Gors

Scripture: Case Reynolds

*Hebrews 12: 12-15*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*"Pursue Happiness or Never See God"*

Communion Table: Todd Stults

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

"Be Like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there."

J. Billings

*Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:*

Joyce Popplewell--  
Heritage Care in Yorktown

### Bible Study

September 25th

Teacher: Lowell

Song Leader: Seth

Prayer: Jimmy

Good things happen in your life when you surround yourself with positive people.

- ROY BENNETT

He came to my desk with a quivering lip-- The lesson was done.

"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said; "I have spoiled this one."

In place of the new leaf so stained and blotted, I gave him a new one all unspotted

And into his sad eyes smiled-- "Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul. The old year was done--

"Dear Father, dost thou have a new leaf for me? I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new leaf, one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled--

"Do better now, My child."

**A New Leaf**  
Anonymous

## Appropriate Responses to Jesus

In Luke 4 there is a major focus on who Jesus is and the way people respond to Him. Obviously, there are both appropriate as well as inappropriate ways to respond to His presence and call.

*Some appropriate responses to Jesus would be:*

***Praise Him for His powerful message (Luke 4:15).***

Jesus reveals insight into ancient prophecies, the keys to heaven and salvation, how to live well, how to properly view life, how to deal with pain, suffering and anxiety, etc. This is a message worthy of praise!

***Become a servant with a grateful heart (Luke 4:39).*** The proper response to being healed is gratitude and action.

***Take as many others to Him as possible (Luke 4:40).*** When there is a problem (your own or that of others), go to Jesus!

***Beg Him to stay (Luke 4:42).*** Once you have the One with the words of eternal life, don't let Him go!

*Bart Warren*

*South Green Street church of Christ*

*Glasgow, KY*

## *Happy Birthday*

**Melinda Sheffield--Sept. 24**

**Elayna Reynolds--Sept. 25**

**Don Allison--Sept. 25**

**Sylvia Carroll--Sept. 25**

**Kay Wall--Sept. 26**

**Cliff Nicks--Sept. 26**

**Virginia Southard--Sept.**



## In Need of Prayer

***Alex Odle***, Cancer

***Bob Allison***, Don's father. Tests pending after surgery

***Anna Funk***, Lung Cancer. Chemo ongoing

***Angie Reed***, MS

***Bob Owens***, Radiation treatments, Kathy's cousin

***Gary Reynolds***, Doing well after back surgery

***Greg Kellow***, Third surgery. Patient at Methodist Hospital in Indy

***Jennifer Odle***, Cancer.

***Jessica Gors***, Breast cancer.

***Kathy Harper***

***Kay Wall***, Broken wrist

***Larry Reynolds***, Sees cardiologist this week

***Marian Hoyt***, Stomach cancer. Jerry's Uncle

***Melinda Sheffield***, Breast surgery.

***Norma Haffner***, Doing well at home after back surgery

***Roy Ogletree***, R.I.'s son. Motorcycle wreck

***Susie Long***, Debilitating arthritis in back

***Wanda Reed***, Diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery pending

--***Will Porter***, Ziggy's great-grandfather, cancer.

***We are grieved by the sudden death of Charles (Chuck) Smith, son of our brother, Jim Smith. Chuck was 61 years old, the husband of Carol Jean, and the father of two sons, a daughter and grandchildren.***

***Chuck attended Yorktown schools and had, for many years, worked in the grocery business. We extend our love and sympathy to the Smith family in this time of deep sorrow.***

***Final services are pending at this time of this publication.***

Job had been sitting on the ground in misery. Everything had been taken from him. He showed amazing restraint after losing all his possessions. Even more incredible self-control was on display when he was told about the death of his children. Even after being afflicted with a painful illness, even after his own wife told him he should just curse God, Job still would not do it. In fact, the Bible says that he worshiped God (Job 1:20)! However, everyone has a breaking point. When three of his friends came by, they sat with him for seven days. Afterward, Job finally speaks and curses the day of his birth. Understandable? Yes, I think so. But I'm sure at the time what he said was shocking to his friends. Job just wants to die.

Now, here's what I want you to consider. If one of your friends (who is suffering for some reason) went on a ten-minute rant cursing the day their mother gave them birth; how would you reply? Yes, they are hurting but what they said offended your sensibilities. What you want to do is let them have it, right then. You want to tell them how they're so wrong to talk that way, how they better snap out of it and be a little more grateful for the good things God gave them. And that's what Job's friends did. In the first reply, Eliphaz says "Call if you will, but who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? Resentment kills a fool and envy slays the simple" (Job 5:1-2). Of course, this damages their friendship. Job later says "Now you too have proved to be of no help" (Job 6:21).

I suggest that in times of pain and crisis sometimes people say things that they don't really mean. Some of these things will seem insulting to you. You might have some righteous indignation when they question God's plan or justice. However, wisdom shows us that instead of replying right away there are times when it is a good idea to wait until they (and you) have calmed down. That remains true even if you are personally insulted: "Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult" (Proverbs 12:16). When someone is struggling, they will appreciate your loving presence much more than your indignant snap-judgements on something that was misspoken due to pain. In my experience nine times out of ten the person apologizes later anyway. If you remember love is patient and love is kind you will be way more helpful than Job's friends.

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## Do Better than Job's Friends

### Take the Harder Road

Building godly character is hard work. "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love" (2 Peter 1:5-7). Every effort is right. That's what it takes to make these qualities a part of our lives. People don't change easily . . . leading to modern day proverbs like "a tiger doesn't change its stripes." Breaking bad habits and creating new godly ones is something that requires a daily focus for a long time. It probably takes the help of another Christian – and accepting that help takes a lot of humility. All that work, all that brokenness, is not something everyone is willing to go through. There are many who would much rather focus on the flaws of someone else.

There is more than one way to build up confidence in who you are. You can work, and grow, and daily become someone who better reflects the light of Jesus Christ. Or, you can focus on the shortcomings of the people around you. "Well, I know I need to change what I choose to watch but at least I'm not like the guy who just got arrested for beating his wife. I definitely don't do that." "Yes, I know I don't know my Bible well enough but at least I'm doing better than that church over there that doesn't even know what baptism is for!" Yes, that's certainly one way to feel better about yourself. Unfortunately, as Lonnie Jones put it: "cutting that guy's legs off doesn't make me one inch taller." Looking down on others doesn't make you a better person. And you're not qualified to do it. We cannot even semi-accurately judge where others are unless we have first judged ourselves: "How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:4).

I want to suggest to you that it is better to take the harder road. Take a moment today and examine your own life. What are some areas that you can improve? What in the 2 Peter 1 list do you need to add to your character? What are you currently doing that God would like you to change? Are your prayer and reading habits what they should be? Do the hard work of asking yourselves these kind of questions and seek to improve the answers. Then you can have the confidence of knowing that you are doing what you can to be the person God wants you to be. That's a much more satisfying way of being happy about who you are.

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