



West Side Window

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We are honored by your presence today. We welcome you and hope you have been enriched by what you have heard and seen here. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. You will find masks at the front door and visitor cards can be found on each aisle. If you have questions or concerns, the West Side Elders will be glad to meet with you.

*A bit of The Book in the morning
To order my onward way,
A bit of The Book in the evening,
To hallow the end of the day.*

Margaret Sangster



Worse Before it Gets Better

Standing up for what's right can make things worse before they get better. Like when Moses went to Pharaoh and said it was time to let the people go. I'm sure the enslaved Israelites were thrilled that someone was sticking up for them. But not for long. Pharaoh's response was to make their slave labor a lot harder, and then the leaders go back to Moses and say, "May the Lord look on you and judge you!" But do you know this story? It gets a lot better.

When you decide to do what is right life might not get better right away. It might get worse. Telling your supervisor you're not going to be dishonest on your business reports anymore might lead to trouble at work. If you decide to start disciplining a child who you previously let do whatever they wanted, that's going to be a nightmare for a while. You start doing what is right—and things get worse. When that happens it's your job to power through. *Don't fold!* If Moses did that the Israelites would never have been free. Stay on the right path. It will get better. *Doug Wells*

Harmony with One Another

In some ways, being a Christian would be easier if you didn't have to deal with people. You could just study God's Word and have a personal relationship with God. But that lifestyle (isolation) isn't what being a Christian is all about. If we are truly "Christ-Like" we must interact and have relationships with other people. And those interactions and relationships often bring about disagreement and conflict.

Peter tells us how to live and get along with each other—how to be "Christ-Like." "All of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic: love as brothers, be compassionate and humble" (1 Pet. 3:8).

Peter understood that even though brothers and sisters in Christ sometimes differ in matters of opinion, they can still get along and love each other. All it takes to live in harmony is: sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility. When we employ these things in our Christian life, we become more and more "Christ-Like," and the disagreements and conflicts grow smaller and smaller. Are you living in harmony with one another today?

Bill Whiteman

Copies of "Leaders in Worship, October 2022" are on the table.

Services

**Sunday Morning
Class, 9:30a**

Worship: 10:30a
(Also
livestreamed)

**No Sunday
Evening Service**

**Wednesday Bible
Study, 7p**

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Preacher

Michael Gors

Deacons

**Don Allison
Fellowship**

**Jim Clark
Visitation**

**Lowell Huffman
Media**

Leaders in Worship

September 25, 2022

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Scripture: Bill Winemiller

Ephesian 4: 11-16

Lord's Table:

West Side: Seth Gors

Todd Stults

East Side: Danny Odle

Jacob Clark

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Moving On To Maturity"

Closing Prayer: Richard Messer

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, Sept. 28, 2022

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Devo: Rex Harper

Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Benevolence In the Works

The ladies of the congregation are planning a project to show attention to our shut-ins and to provide benevolent service. The first work will be to design and sew blankets. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor, talk to Kista, Genny or Jessica. If you are unable to help with the construction but would like to take part, a monetary contribution would help greatly.

The Human Touch

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,

The touch of your heart and mine,
Which means more to the fainting heart

Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,

And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice

Sing on in the soul always.

By Spencer M. Free

October 2nd Blood Drive, 12:30-4p

Your donation of blood is sorely needed in this area. Please sign up or use the app to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, though you may have to wait. Request: on October 2nd, Sunday morning, please leave the four parking slots next to the carport empty so the blood mobile can park there for convenience sake. See Lowell if you have questions.



Remember Our Shut-ins

Norma Haffner

Kay Wall

Linda Horning

Damon Summers

Suie Holloman

**"Write injuries in sand,
kindnesses in marble."**

French Proverb

Today, we will sign cards, 2p

... AND COMING UP

—October 2, Sunday blood drive at West Side, 12:30 noon to 4p.

—October 9, Card signing, 2p

--October 15, 2nd annual Church of Christ picnic at Camp Indogan. See flyer

—October 15, Ladies inspirational Day at East Allen County Church of Christ in New Haven IN.
Flyer posted

—October 23, Card signing, 2p

**Reminder: we will meet on the
2nd and 4th Sundays to sign cards**

Congratulations to Joey Harper on the birth of her daughter, Orphelia Linnlee-Ann Wallace who made her appearance last Saturday, September 17th.

Baby girl weighed in at 5 lbs, 13 oz and measured 18 & 3/4 inches long. She joins big brother, Lincoln Joseph, in the nursery and if he could talk would likely say, "Ok, She's cute but I'm the boss." Happy parenthood to Joey and Brandon.



Sept 25—Sylvia Carroll
Sept 26—Kay Wall
Sept 26—Cliff Nicks
October 2—Volker Jaromin
October 7—Julia Clark
October 8—Angie Atkins
October 18—Christy Burch
October 27—Todd Stults
October 29—Lindsey
Daunhauer



Remember in Prayer

Damon Summers, Rehab at Morrison Woods.

Deb Chambers, Rachel & Rochelle's brother's wife

Janet Messer, Covid

Jim Smith, Fell sustaining abrasions and minor cuts.

Joyce Colvin, Chest pain. Released to home

Linda Horning

Martha Gilstrap, Broken foot

Please remember in your prayers the family of Sister Evelyn Bailey Northcutt who passed away on Sept 13th. She attended Towne Acres.

Our love and sympathy is extended to the Miller-Henderson-Welker Families as they mourn the passing of their wife, mother and sister, Gail Welker Miller on September 20 in Lincoln, NE. Gail was the elder daughter of George and Ellen. She was a teacher by profession, a mentor and servant by heart and, a dear and treasured friend to the many at West Side with whom she grew up. She leaves behind her husband, Ray, two children and four grandchildren but, as her son, Les stated, she was a grandma to any baby who would sit with her. Gail is honored as a strong Christian woman whose life was a tribute to her family, friends and her Heavenly Father. Funeral service was held yesterday in York, Nebraska.



Why Care About Anything 2000 Years Old?

The Bible teaches that the message of Jesus is for all people and all time. Since the very first day it was preached, some 2000 years ago, it was "the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth --- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6). It is tempting to dismiss something this old, but there are good reasons to be interested in it. Let us look at some reasons why the gospel of Jesus Christ is never out of date, and why we should consider it carefully.

1. The nature of truth does not change. Rather than being non-existent or relative it is absolute. Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,32).
2. The nature of evidence does not change. When witnesses are credible, and these gave their lives for their testimony, regardless of its age, we have "many unmistakable proofs" (Acts 1:3) of the accounts. "That which we have seen and heard we declare to you" (1 John 1:3).
3. Man's real problem does not change. "Your sins have separated you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2). When we feel loneliness or anger or despair it is because we are incomplete without the reconciliation to God that comes through the gospel of His Son.
4. God's unchanging plan is our only real hope. "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...for the promise is to, you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:37-39). If we live for our family, our work, our stuff, for learning, for travel, for fun...it's too little. It's not enough. When Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), He pointed us beyond all these things to God Himself, - by Robert Hines

What One Tolerates, the Next Accepts

John Wesley once wrote, "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." Both sacred and secular history have proven the truth of this assessment time and time again. Everything from dancing to drinking, from abortion to mercy-killing, has gone from toleration to acceptance. In the home and in the church, everything from immodesty to immorality has been first allowed and then endorsed. Adulterous marriages, gambling, and other similar sins, have gone from being permitted to being sponsored. Remember when wearing shorts and attending dances were generally condemned as sinful? Now, in some places shorts are being worn to church services and dances are sometimes held in church buildings! Truly, "what one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." One generation tolerated sprinkling for baptism if a person were seriously ill. The next generation accepted sprinkling for baptism as an option for everyone. One generation approved a "head" elder. The next generation appointed some elders "bishops." One generation introduced instruments of music as an aid to poor singing. The next generation demanded we worship with instruments. One generation accepted the "fellowship hall" (which, at first, was just a few tables in the basement for social meals). The next generation built gymnasiums and "Family Life Centers." One generation apologized for "hard preachers" who opposed denominationalism. The next generation saw their sons and daughters joining those denominations. One generation spoke of the need to reach out in a "nonjudgmental" way to our Catholic and Protestant friends. The next generation welcomed Presbyterians into "our fellowship" with only a handshake. One generation spoke of congregational singing as "one of our traditions." The next generation defended choruses and choirs. One generation applauded preachers who closed their sermons with an appeal for sinners to be baptized for the remission of sins. The next generation denied the gospel plan of salvation in general and baptism in particular. What does this say to us? What is our responsibility? "You shall observe to do therefore as the Lord... hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left" (Deut. 5:32). "Hold fast the form of sound words" (2 Tim. 1:13). "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (2 Tim. 3:14). "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). The next time we are tempted to deviate from the word of God, let us remember that what we tolerate, our children will embrace. - by Mark White