



West Side Window

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Points from the Pulpit

How to Know that We Are Pursuing Righteousness?

1. Desire to be right with God (Matthew 3:17).
2. Want to do what is right with God (John 4:31, 34).
3. Desire to see that right is done by doing His will

Things That Might De-Rail Us

Mark 4:19

**Cares of the world

**Deceitfulness of riches

**Desire for other things: anything but Jesus

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They trusted God to deliver their souls; “then, the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment” (2 Peter 2:9 NKJV). Whatever may come of our culture, we can trust, that, in the end, God will vanquish the foe and His children will be victorious. God is in control! Let us say with Paul, “... I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day (2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV).

Let us, like Noah and Lot, stand strong in hard times by declaring the righteousness of God, never becoming complacent and trusting God with the care and salvation of our souls.

Paul Pryor

Cleaning Crew for October

Restrooms: Vivian B. & Betty Smith

Auditorium: Sue

Classrooms:

Foyers: Genny Stults

Dangerous Assumption

A beautiful white rabbit, used in Willie's nature class, was to be given away to one of the children in a drawing. To take part in the drawing each child had to bring a note from his or her parents saying they could keep the animal if they won it. Willie's mother was terrified by the thought of a rabbit as a pet. She emphatically said, "NO!", much to the disappointment of Willie. Willie's father, seeing the deep hurt on Willie's face, intervened.

I don't think it would be such a difference around here if we had one little rabbit." He then turned to Willie's mother, winked, and said, "Besides, what are the chances of Willie winning the rabbit with twenty-eight other students in the class?" And so they gave Willie the permission note the next morning. That afternoon Willie rushed through the front door and excitedly announced that he was the big winner. The rabbit was his! "You mean that out of all twenty-eight students in your class you won the rabbit?" his mother asked trembling. "Well, not exactly," said Willie, I was the only one with a note!"

Assumption can often be disastrous, leading to much worse than that above. Think of our assumption that leaves so much of the Lord's work undone. A friend or neighbor well known to us is ignored rather than taught the Word. We assumed someone else would do it. A brother or sister in Christ who is well known by us becomes negligent. We say or do nothing in their behalf, assuming someone else will encourage or admonish them, and they fall away. Visitors are observed at our worship services, but we make no effort to welcome them and invite them back. They never return and we wonder why. Could it be because we assumed that someone else would make them feel welcome. Contributions fall short, Bible class attendance drops, teaching positions go unfilled, facilities are uncared for, -etc. etc. all because of our assumptions, dangerous assumptions, that someone else will meet the need.

Let us never be guilty of assuming that others will fill the place we ourselves fail to fill No one can do the work God has marked for YOU!!

Tim Woodward

*It is no use to grumble and complain;
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain--
Why, rain's my choice.*

James Whitcomb Riley

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

Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison-

Fellowship

Jim Clark-

Visitation

Lowell Huffman-

Media

Volker Jaromin-

Communication and

Advertisement

MISSION WORKS

India

Mark Reynolds

MSOP

Drew Reese

Cannon Taylor

*"A problem not worth
praying about is not
worth worrying about."*

Standing Strong in Hard Times

In II Tim. 2:1-5, Paul tells Timothy what the world would be like in the last days. Even a cursory glance at today's culture and we can see that Paul painted a pretty accurate picture of current Western civilization. One should not be surprised. Man has always been in rebellion against God and the rise and fall of civilizations attests to this. Christians trying to be faithful in the climate of today's culture may find themselves becoming very discouraged. One may throw up his hands in disgust and exclaim, "**What is the use in trying to be faithful and moral?**" How can I raise my children to be faithful and morally upright in this climate? The antidote to this type of despair is found in II Peter 2:1-9. Peter tells of two men, Noah and Lot, who were faithful and stood strong in times which were much worse than our own. How did they stand strong? Let us learn at least three things from them:

They were preachers of righteousness . God did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing the flood on the world of the ungodly (2 Peter 2:5 NKJV). One cannot simply fold his hands and say "Let the world go headlong into hell; they deserve it". Those of Noah's and Lot's day were doomed to destruction, but this did not stop either of them from wanting the lost to be saved and saying so. The Apostle Paul knew that all men were sinners who would one day stand before a righteous God to be judged by Him. This drove him to declare the Gospel vigorously. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and, I trust, well known in our own consciences (2 Corinthians 5:10-11 NKJV).

They did not become complacent with or accustomed to evil. God delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds (2 Peter 2:7-8 NKJV). Have we lost the ability to blush (Jer. 6:15, 8:12)? I fear that many have. That which would have burned the eyes and ears of our forebears, we routinely and willingly watch on television, the internet and in theaters with very little vexation to our consciences. The modernist and liberals cry you can't live a sheltered life. This is a fallacious statement. One need not play in the middle of the street to realize the danger of oncoming traffic. So, Christians can understand the dangers of sin and immorality without constantly exposing themselves to it through the popular media.

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Leaders in Worship Today

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MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
1st Prayer: Gary Reynolds
Scripture Reading: Case Reynolds
Lesson: A.J. Cox
Closing Prayer: Rick Cox
Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

COMMUNION TABLE

West Side--Outside: Steve Gors
 Inside: Jay Kellow
East Side-- Inside: Cliff Nicks
 Outside: Rex Harper

AFTERNOON WORSHIP AT 1:15PM

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
1st Prayer: Danny Odle
Scripture Reading: Gary Reynolds
Lesson: A.J. Cox
Communion Table: Jay Kellow
Closing Prayer: Richard Messer
Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Group One Duties for Oct.

Greeters: *Annex, Front, Carport*

Lock-Up:

Trash to Curb:

Communion Clean-up:

Communion Prep for October: Todd

“So that I will sing praise to Your name
forever,

That I may pay my vows day after day.”

Psalm 61:8

Remember in Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer . Visiting in Muncie last week. Now back to his Marine base in South Carolina

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter-in-law of Joe and Wanda

Bevin Green, Breast Cancer. Surgery scheduled for Oct. 9th

Bob Owens, Cancer, Kathy’s cousin

Brad Southwick, Steve’s friend. Cancer with radiation pending

Emily Graham, Recent diagnosis of PVL, a brain disease found in newborns

Gordon and Brenda Huffman

Jennifer Duke Odle, Cancer

Jerry Winsor

Jessica Gors, Breast cancer

Joe Walker, Heart Problems.

John Reed, Cousin of Teresa Cox. Brain cancer with hospice being called in

Kathy Harper

Kay Wall, Staying with her daughter after a hospital stay for several different health concerns. Given a blood transfusion but in need of further monitoring. Would appreciate cards

Larry Reynolds, Became ill last Saturday and taken to emergency room. Two separate incidents followed. Diagnosed as vertigo and sinusitis

Leslie Crandall, Friend of Karen. Testing for cancer

Maya Logan, 10 month old with recent diagnosis of eye cancer. Niece of Genny’s co-worker

Maria Hoyt, Surgery set for Oct. 16th. Presently ill from bronchitis

Pat Kidd, Very ill. “Would love to hear from everyone.”

Hospital Room: 8124 IUBMH

Home Address: 2923 South High, Muncie, 47302

Cell #: 765-730-5970

Sherry Robinson, Recovering from cancer surgery

Susan Allison Zachary

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back.

Tia Lindsey, Surgery completed for a tumor behind eye and in sinus cavity. Possible loss of sight. Granddaughter of Dorothy’s friend

“We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on Him afterwards.” R. Leighton

Weekly Contribution Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for Sept. 23rd

\$2153

Bible Study --Oct 3rd

Teacher: Mike ,Romans 12:1-12

Song Leader: Adam Gors

Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Don't Forget Our Shut-ins

Lana Blanchard--Albany Health Care

Joyce Popplewell--Heritage in Yorktown

Raelena Shumaker--Albany Health Care

Attendance for Week of Sept.

23rd

Sunday Evening Worship 57

Wed. Bible Study 40

Happy Birthday

Volker Jaromin--Oct. 2

Anna Funk--Oct. 4

Julia Clark--Oct. 7

Kathy Owens--Oct. 8

Angie Akins--Oct. 8

Kristy Burch--Oct. 18

Donna Qualkenbush--Oct. 25

Betty Smith--Oct. 27

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Jade Meyers--Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29



What is Happening Today?

Our Gospel Meeting with A.J. Cox concludes Today

9:30a Lesson

10:30a Worship

Carry-in at Noon

1:15p Lesson

No Evening Service

What is Ahead?

--Oct. 2, 10:30a, Women’s Breakfast, Cars leave lot at 9:30

--Oct. 6, Eagle Valley COC Ladies Day. See flyer. Please RSVP by September 23. Flyer on board # 1

--Oct. 6-7, Webster St. church of Christ, 9th annual lecture-ship, “Studies in the Sermon on the Mount 1V, Dayton, OH.

Flyer posted

--Oct. 7-10, Eagle Valley Church of Christ fall gospel meeting with speaker, Justin Hastie. See flyer posted.

--Oct. 12-13, Teaching Rocket Seminar at Paulding church of Christ, Paulding, OH. Speaker, Michael Whitworth. Info posted.

--Oct. 25-27, Gospel Meeting, Fishinger Rd & Kenny COC in Columbus OH. Refer to Flyer

“If you want to be listened to, you should put in time listening.” Marge Piercy

Pantry items for this week are canned vegetables and canned fruit. Cash donations are also welcome.

What two names are given to the Lord and what do they mean?

Read Matthew 1:21-23