



Volume 27, Issue 40

West Side Window

October 4, 2020



From the Elders

Welcome to West Side Church of Christ. We are thankful for your presence today and are happy that we can provide a safe place for worship of our Lord.

We ask that you please adhere to the guidelines of our governor who advises that we wear masks and distance ourselves from close contact with each other while at services. Communion packets and baskets for the contribution are at the double doors. Thank you for protecting yourself and each other while we are together.

**Let each man think himself an act of God,
His mind a thought, his life a breath of God;
And let each try, by great thoughts and good
deeds,**

To show the most of heaven he hath in him.

Philip James Bailey

West Side News,

- Congrats to Elayna Reynolds who was accepted to Freed Hardeman University for the fall of 2121.
- October 17, 2nd annual Church of Christ picnic at Camp Indogan sponsored by Goshen COC. See flyer
- West Side will be sponsoring 15 food baskets this year for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will begin this week by collecting canned yams. Also, if you want to donate monetarily, see Steve who will be heading this endeavor.

Changing My Life into the Likeness of Christ

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Christ was and I must be:

Humble (Phil 2:3- 11; James 4:6)

Forgiving (Luke 23: 24; Mark 11:25)

Zealous (John 9: 4; 2: 17; Titus 2: 14)

Prayerful (Mark 1: 35; 1 Thess. 5: 17)

Compassionate (John 11: 35; Romans 12: 15)

Unretaliatory (Matt. 26: 59; Rom. 12: 17-21)

Submissive (Luke 22: 42; Matt. 6: 10)

Serving (Matt. 20: 28; Matt. 20: 26-27)

Passionate (Luke 19: 41; Romans 9: 1-3)

Giving (Matt. 20: 28; Luke 6: 38)

With Paul may we affirm, “So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:20,21).

Then, we can sing, and really mean it, “I want to be more like Jesus.”

Wendell Winkler

Via Chapman church of Christ

Ripley, MS

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

October 4, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Case Reynolds

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

October 7th

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Westminster
Village

Joyce Popplewell --
Heritage in Yorktown

Linda Horning-- West-
minster

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

Pam Smith--Waters of
Yorktown Nursing Home

A Lesson on Morals from a Corn Field



An ambitious farmer, unhappy about the yield of his crops heard of a highly recommended new seed corn. He bought some and produced a crop that was so abundant his astonished neighbors asked him to sell them a portion of the new seed. But the farmer was afraid that he would lose a profitable competitive advantage and so refused. The second year, the seed did not produce as good a crop and when the third year crop was still worse, it dawned on the farmer that his prize corn was being pollinated by the inferior grade of corn his neighbor's fields.

In a lot of ways, we are not that different from the farmer. We look for ways to improve our condition. We look for guidance, We try out the newest ideas and advice. We set goals and resolutions. We read self-help books. However, no matter how much we implement improvements, there is something that will always work against us until we do something to fix it. The problem is our neighbor's crops. Confused? Let me explain.

The farmer had an opportunity to surround his crops with a quality product. Unfortunately, instead of his good crop influencing the bad, the bad crop negatively influenced his good crop. And the exact thing can happen to us spiritually if we are not careful. 1 Cor. 15:33 details out the problem, "Do not be deceived: bad company corrupts good morals."

The people we surround ourselves can do incredible things to build us. They can also do horrendous damage to our good morals. Whether it is through evangelism or cutting out bad influences, we need good people around us. Don't think bad friends are impacting you? This is exactly why we are warned to "not be deceived."

Brett Petrillo
Denver, CO

Growing in Prayer

Most of us would like to be better at prayer. We would like to do it more often and with more power. Just like the disciples of Jesus who came to Him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray: (Luke 11:1). We long for divine guidance in this area.

One of the great pertinent passages to consult is Col. 4:2-4: "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ on account of which I am in prison--that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

Continue Steadfast, Don't give up. Be persistent. Don't quit.

Be watchful. Be specific in requests, petitions, confessions and admissions of struggles. Vague generalities simply are not good enough: This becomes extremely helpful in our ongoing quest to avoid temptation (Mark 14:38).

Be Thankful. Giving careful thought to the blessings that have come our way helps us to avoid being selfish (James 4:1-3).

Think of others. Paul said, in effect, "In addition to praying for yourself, pray for us too." A mature faith is demonstrated in the fact that one will not only include others in their prayers but one will pour out heart and soul on behalf of others. It was said that Epaphras was "always struggling on your behalf in his prayers that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12). When we pray do we struggle on behalf of others?

Be spiritually Minded. It is righteous and good to pray for the physically sick but our prayers for others must not be limited to this. We must pray for gospel opportunities. We must pray for open doors for the word to be spread. We must pray for the sin-sick and lost.

Bart Warren, Glasgow, KY

Anna Funk--Oct. 4

Julia Clark--Oct. 7

Kathy Owens--Oct. 8

Angie Akins--Oct. 8

Nick Johnson, Oct. 9, 1998

Kristy Burch--Oct. 18

Donna Qualkenbush--Oct. 25

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Jade Meyers--Oct. 28

Colton Fauquher--Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29



**Happy
Birthday**

In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Kidney dialysis and chemo

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Bill Smith, Awaiting diagnostic tests

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

Carl Gilstrap, Covid positive

Dan Proctor, Health issues. Lela's son

David Terry, Works with Teresa. Serious heart issues. Now in ICU and on a ventilator in Indy

Nick Hummel, Scott and Becky Hummel's oldest son, possible diagnosis of cancer

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kenny Idle, Janet's uncle, diagnosed with sepsis.

Kim Ham, Cancer. Taking chemo treatments

Larry Reynolds, Heart surgery on Oct 21st

Linda Horning, Cause for encouragement with one lesion decreased in size but another lesion has shown up in another area.

Martha Gilstrap

Mike Haviland, Scheduled to go to Mayo Clinic for trouble solving

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Robbie Murphy, Stroke. Using cane. Now home

Sally Anderson, Health issues

Steve Higginbotham, Cancer.

Susie Long, Degenerative arthritis in back

Skylar Murphy, Gastro-intestinal issues. Tests pending

Vivian Bigler, Weakness and significant weight loss

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

“Heaven is not reached at a single bound; But we build the ladder by which we rise, From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, And we mount to its summit round by round.” Josiah Gilbert Holland

“Every man is the builder of a temple:
his body”

Henry David Thoreau

Persons of Conviction

A traveling preacher in pioneer days asked a backwoods woman if she had any religious convictions. She said, “Naw, my ole man neither. He was tried for hog stealing once but he warn’t convicted.”

Some people understand the word conviction about as much as this woman did. Yet, conviction is the very heart of what motivates us to live the Christian life. Conviction is being convinced and believing. It is the assurance and confidence of true Bible faith. What is faith? The essence of faith is conviction. It is being genuinely persuaded. The American Standard Version gives a good translation of Hebrews 11:11: “Now, faith is assurance of thing hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.”

Conviction drives a person to be baptized. When the eunuch asked about being baptized, Philip said, “if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest” (Acts 8:37). If a person really believes in heaven and hell, how can he keep from obeying the gospel?

Conviction moves a Christian to stand up and defend the gospel. If a man really believes that God means What he says, he will not stay quiet when people abuse God’s word.

Conviction motivates a person to evangelize. If he really believes that his friends and relatives are bound for the place “Which burns with fire and brimstone” (Rev. 21:8), he will do all he can to save them. Paul said, “As it is written, I believed and therefore have I spoken: we also believe and therefore speak (2 Cor. 4:13).

Conviction keeps a Christian faithful to the doctrine of Christ. It keeps him from being “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Eph. 4:14).

Conviction moves a person to give up sin. The conviction that he will stand before god will motivate him to live right more than all the wisdom human psychology can offer. Conviction keeps a man from sin. When Joseph was approached by Potiphar’s wife, his conviction in God kept him pure: “How then can I do this wickedness and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:9).

Conviction is behind every area of genuine service to God. It moves us to attend all the service, give as we should, get involved in the work of the church and order our lives after God’s will. Do we wonder why people in the church don’t act like they should? The answer is simple; there is a lack of conviction. The stronger the conviction, the greater the service.

God help us to ‘increase our faith” (Luke 17: 5).

Kerry Duke

Livingston, TN

Webster New Collegiate:

- 1. A firmly held belief or opinion**
- 2. The quality of showing that one is firmly convinced of what one believes or says.**