



West Side Window

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A Big Thank-You to the workers who took part in our fall Clean-Up/Spruce-Up. We were able to get rid of junk, clean and spruce up our spare rooms and a giant dumpster can speak of our efforts to that effect.

If you have any ideas as to how we can further make our building spiffy—see Todd.

A Thought...

Our building makes an impression on our visitors. It tells them if Christians are proud of the building that houses the assembly and it attests to the reasoning that what you love and cherish—you take care of.



DON'T MISS THIS

What? Fall Fun Festival

Where? West Side

When? Begins at 5p. Eat at 6p

Why? Because we want to carve pumpkins, have an open fire-pit with 'smares, sing and eat good grub.

Please bring either soup or chili and the fixing's and be prepared to usher our beautiful Indiana autumn in with fellowship and festivity.

See Don or Teresa if you have questions

See You There!

Coming Up

- October 12, Men's Class at West Side, 6p
- October 16, COC Fall Picnic at Camp Indogan. See flyer
- October 21, Senior saints to meet at West Side
- October 23, All Fun Festival at West Side. Fall activities, fun and food.
- October 24-27, "Praising God Through Psalms" at East Allen County COC. See flyer for schedule
- November 6, 26th annual Lectureship at church of Christ at Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, OH. Please RSVP. See flyer
- November 13, Youth Rally at East Allen County COC. Flyer posted

Welcome

It is our wish to teach and live the gospel of Christ. Our aim is to follow the example of the New Testament church in word and deed, wanting to add nothing nor take anything away from scripture. If you have any questions concerning anything you have seen or heard here today, the Elders will be glad to speak with you. If you wish to wear a mask while here, please feel free to do so. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Visitor cards are available in each seating row.

WE HOPE YOU WILL WORSHIP
WITH US AGAIN

"Listen, the wind is rising and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves." H. Wolfe



Services

Sunday Morning Class
9:30a

Worship: 10: 30a
(Also live-streamed)

**No Sunday Evening
Service**

Wednesday 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

INDIA

Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture, Rick Cox, Phil. 2: 12-18

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Be an Influencer”

Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, October 13th

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Todd Stults

Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins
**Anna Funk--
Morrison Woods**

The food pantry is being prepared for holiday food baskets. If you know of a needful family, please submit that name to either Jessica or Cindy. If it is more convenient for you to donate monetarily, that will be heartily appreciated, too. Food items for this week are:

**Peanut Butter
and Jelly**

Are You Thankful for the Church?—Jay Launis, Maude TX

In the letters to the churches of Rome, Corinth, Colossi and Philippi, the Apostle Paul expressed his deep gratitude for those congregations. He was thankful for their faithfulness, fellowship and spiritual growth. Even though these groups of Christians struggled with temptation and sin, Paul appreciated his relationship with the church. Can we say the same about ourselves? Are we thankful for the church? If so, how do we express our appreciation? Here are a few ways and reasons we should be eternally grateful for this great institution:

—Jesus Christ Died for the Church - Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:24-2

—The Benefit of a Spiritual Family – Eph. 3:14-15

— Love for One Another is Found in the Church – 1 Peter 1:22

—Forgiveness is Found in Church Fellowship – 1 John 1:7

— Gratitude Shown by Consistent Fellowship - Acts 2:42

—Physical Needs are Met Thru the Church - Acts 4:34

— Peace and Harmony is Found in the Church - Rom. 15:5

—One Can be Worry-Free in the Church – Phil. 4:6-7

—Our Thankfulness is Shown by Giving – 2 Cor. 9:6-8

—Spiritual Support is Found in the Church – James 5:13-16

—Good Works Come from the Church – Eph. 2:10

—Christ is the Savior of the Church – Eph. 5:23



Be Kindly Affectionate By Tony Turner

Romans 12:9-21 is often subtitled "Behave as a Christian" and is a good guide on how we ought to act with other Christians and those outside the body of Christ. Verse 10 is especially helpful as a guide to dealing with others. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love. That sounds wonderful but what does it look like? The word kindly is defined as having a sympathetic or helpful nature. Affectionate means feeling or showing warm regard. Scripture can help us to determine how best to be kindly affectionate with brotherly love. First, we must give preference to others (Romans 12:10) and not think of ourselves more highly than we ought (v. 3). As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10). We must also rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Rom. 12:15). Likewise, we must try to live peaceably with all men (v.18). Finally, to show brotherly love we must love each other as Christ loves us so that the world will know that we are His disciples (John 13:34-35). That is a brief discussion of how to be kindly affectionate with brotherly love. Here are some examples of how not to be kindly affectionate to one another. It is not kindly affectionate to ignore a brother's or sister's needs (James 2:15-16). It is not kindly affectionate to argue or dispute over doubtful things (Romans 14:1). It is not kindly affectionate to allow contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, and dissensions to control us (Galatians 5:20). Lastly, it is not kindly affectionate to publicly criticize (backbiting) other Christians, on social media or in person. Paul rightly condemns backbiting as one of several serious issues in 2 Corinthians 12:20. Brothers and sisters, the last year has been difficult for us. We will get through it and flourish if we are kindly affectionate with brotherly love to each other.

Happy Birthday

Kristy Burch--Oct. 18

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

**Colton Fauquher—
Oct. 28**

**Lindsey Daunhauer--
Oct. 29**



Please Pray for

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cora Devine

Damon Summers

Duane & Kara Latta, Death of Duane's Father, Howard

George Huffman, Now residing at Signature Health Care in Muncie. Room 703

Daniel Montgomery, Fell several feet in his pole barn and sustained injuries including a broken back. Husband to Richard & Janet's granddaughter, Holly

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN.

Martha Gilstrap, Death of spouse

Mia Allison, Some difficulty after knee surgery

Nick Hummel, Cancer

James Veillon, son in law of Joyce Colvin. Acutely ill with aggressive cancer. Joyce and Cindy Taylor are sisters

Kendall Clark, Had a second back procedure done last Friday. At home and welcomes your prayers, cards and calls

Mike Kreps, Friend of Mary Ann, Kendall and Jane. Mike has Covid with complications and is still on ventilator at IUBMH

Susan Cloninger, MRI showed favorable results

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

"I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me because He considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry..." 1 Timothy 1: 12

Finding My Worth in God

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself” (Phil 2:3 NKJV).

One of the greatest struggles for humanity is the discovery of our own value and self-worth. People often feel so very empty and insignificant. The cares of life tend to batter down our self-image and leave us with a sense of meaninglessness and even self-loathing. This is part of the reason why so many people turn to so many vices—alcohol, drugs, sexuality—in an attempt to “fill the void.”

The world is quick to offer solutions. The self-appointed therapists of afternoon talk shows and the mega-rich attitude coaches of late-night infomercials tell us that we need to practice “self love,” and engage in more positive “self-talk.” They tell us that we have to love ourselves first before we can ever learn to love anyone else. Yet, however quaint their advice may be, it is as far from truth as the east is from the west.

The Bible tells us that positive self-image does not come through believing we are wonderful, but through the knowledge that God loves us. We don’t need better “self-esteem,” but need a better understanding of God’s estimation of us! In fact, the Bible tells us that the first step to wholeness is understanding and accepting our own wretchedness and turning in utter dependence to God’s awesome grace. Perhaps the old children’s song has more practical advice on developing self-esteem than all of today’s pop-psychology: “Jesus first, yourself LAST, and others in-between.”

--Kerry Williams

“...Be satisfied with what you have for He Himself has said ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ Therefore, we may boldly say The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” Heb. 13:



Snickers Corner

What object goes round the house and round the house then round the garden but only makes one track?

A wheelbarrow

Conquered Words

They were cruel words made to crush and sting

Unspoken now they form a ring

Of laughing flowers, I can sing!

They were harsh words of rush and hate.

Unsaid, they now swing wide the gate to life’s abundance,

I can wait.

Where once such words cast love away,

And made my heart a thing of clay,

Such words are now mastered.

I can pray.

Thank God for conquered words.