

## Be Thinking About "Storms"

*Youth Retreat Weekend in February 26-28, 2016*

A large cabin in Pigeon Forge, TN. will be made available to West Side families who choose to take their youth to this week retreat. For one price, your food and lodgings and admittance to the retreat will be included. Todd Stults is working on this plan so speak to him with your questions or your intent.

## West Side Welcomes a New Group of Friends

Adoption Connections of Indiana is a support Group called "Grafted In" and is coordinated by Jessica Gors. The group will meet at West Side the third Thursday of each month. This group will offer support, discussion, guest speakers and is concerned with the experience of adoption and the hidden issues that may be part of the adoption process. A flyer is on the small bulletin board across from the

## Looking for a Golden Opportunity?

It awaits you if you join the ladies of the congregation this Sunday evening after worship in the large classroom.

The group will be hosted by Maria Hoyt with a new and exciting adventure to present to you. It involves the youth of West Side and could be called The Ruth's and Naomi's. If you are intrigued, if you want to make a difference, if you are ready to roll, make plans to be present.



## ...This and That...

—All ladies, don't forget to come to the Ladies Speaker program on Oct. 24th. Rachel Hoyt will speak to us on "Walking the Christian Walk and Hiking the Appalachian Trail." Rachel finished her adventure in 8 months, beginning in Ga and finishing in Maine. She has a lot to say so don't miss it. The program begins at 10a and lunch will be served at 11:30a. If you would like to bring a dish to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the small board across from the Missions Board.

—Food pantry items for this month are: Pancake mix, syrup and any canned soup

—From August—October, West Side has had the privilege of helping 24 Yorktown Elementary students with weekend food packs. The students and school officials are very thankful for this service to local children.

## Midweek Service, Oct. 14th

Speaker: Chad Bobo  
Song Leader: Jimmy Clark  
Prayer: Richard Messer

## Directions to Sally's House for October

### 17th Bonfire Supper

*About 4 miles from Meeker Ave.*

--South on Meeker and cross SR 67

--Meeker will curve into 450 South

--At 188 East, turn right

Look for an "S" curve that goes into

200 East. The house is about 1 mile on

left side of road. 765-729-1859

*Come at 4:30, leave when you please.*



Volume 21, Issue 40

# West Side Window



October 11, 2015

## 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  
Larry Reynolds  
Todd Stults

## DEACONS

Don Allison  
Fellowship

Kendall Clark  
Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-Media

Volker Jaromin—  
Communication and  
Advertising

## MISSION WORKS

Russia & India

Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of

Preaching

Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of

Biblical Studies

Preaching

Caleb Taylor

Jonah Stults

Florida School of

Preaching

Scott Pfetscher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of  
Christ

Shane Belanger

## The Women at the Tomb

Christianity is unique among prevalent world views. Dr. Craig Hazen (2011) declared, "One thing that sets Christianity apart from the other world religions is that Christianity is testable (compared to other divine powers, paragraph 8). Indeed, we are encouraged to test the truthfulness of claims, even those individuals professing to be Christian (1 Thess. 5:21, Acts 17:11). Let us now test the claims of the resurrection narrative concerning the women at the empty tomb. As a model for historical investigation, scholars use what is known as the "Criteria of Authenticity", which includes six factors of multiple attestation, dissimilarity, embarrassment, historical congruence, Semitism of the Aramaic and Hebrew language, and coherence of corroborative evidence (Stein, 1980).

When we apply the criteria of authenticity to John 20:1-2, Luke 24:1-2, Mark 16:1-9 and Matt 28:1-10, we can discern that the inclusion of the women at the tomb is no meaningless detail.

As we can see from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we have four separate accounts of the women at the tomb, from four different writers (multiple attestation). The four gospel accounts are also dissimilar. For example, concerning the number of women per account, Mark 16:1 records Mary Magdalene, Mary (Mother of Jesus) and Salome. John 20:1 records the presence of Mary Magdalene. Luke attests to the appearance of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, mother of Jesus and other women. Matt 28:1 documents Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.

The Gospel accounts of the women at the tomb are indeed different, but they are not contradictory, just incomplete. McDowell (2015) stated concerning Biblical analysis that "An incomplete report is not a false report" (page 186). When the investigator seeks to establish an overall context, it is important to observe that the "burial story and the empty tomb story are really one story, forming a smooth, continuous narrative" (Craig, 2010, p. 225). In other words, we have a coherent corroborative harmony when we take the empty tomb reports as a whole, despite the independent nature of the reports.

Of special note is the factor of embarrassment. According to early Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, the testimony of women was not admissible in a traditional Jewish Court (Antiquities, IV.8.14). Josephus recorded, "Let not the testimony of women be admitted on account of the levity and boldness of their sex" (Antiquities, IV.8:15). The early Jewish text, the Sotah (19a) records, "Sooner let the words be burnt, than delivered to women" (as cited by Craig, 2010). Taking into consideration the legal and social status of women during the time of Jesus, Habeas (2009) concluded "The reports only make sense if it reflected what actually happened" (paragraph 27). These Semitic characteristics were in harmony with the prevailing languages (Hebrew, Latin and Greek) of the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries (Jackson, 1998).

In conclusion, the gospel account of the women at the empty tomb fulfills the criteria of authenticity in historical investigation, enhancing the credibility of the most significant event in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we may believe (John 20:31).

Jim Clark

## Those Serving Today, Oct. 11

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt

1st Prayer: Richard Messer

Scripture: Adam Gors

*Acts 9:10-16*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*‘Transformation of a Terrorist’*

Closing Prayer: Danny Odle

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

### COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side– Outside: Jacob Harper

Inside: Rex Harper

East Side— Inside: Richard Messer

Outside: Jimmy Clark

### EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt

1st Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Rex Harper

*Hebrew 4:11-15*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*‘We Have a High Priest’*

Communion Table: Bill Winemiller

Closing Prayer: Chad Bobo

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

### Group One Duties Oct. 2015

**Door Greeters:** Richard, Janet, Sally

**Communion Clean-up:** Sue/Nancy

**Lock-up:** Chad Bobo

**Communion Prep for Oct:** Sue

## Remember In Prayer

**Andrew Weyman**, Leukemia. Two year old toddler

**Bob Rutherford**, Missionary. Cyst on spine

**Brenda Huffman**, Results of lung biopsy pending

**Debby Perry**, Shingles

**George Robison**, Brother of Margaret. Multiple cancers in different organs

**Herb & Betty Smith**

**Holly Chambers**, Abdominal issues

**Janie Miller**, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Janie is Mike's aunt & his mother, Marty's, sister.

**Jeremy Fortner**, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall

**Jerry Winsor**, Aggressive cancer with condition worsening. Brother-in-law of Pat Ergle Cards can be sent to:

**Jerry & Charlene Winsor**

**305 Millhouse Road**

**Smyrna, TN 37167-2336**

**Jim Zachary**, Undergoing chemo treatment in Indianapolis

**Kameron Graddy**, Friend of Justin. Results of biopsy still pending. Cancer suspected.

**Larry White**, Stepfather of Sally. Results of tests point to heart issues.

**Laura Spaulding**, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults

**Margaret & Howard Goodman**

**Marshall Staggs**, At home

**Mike Bayer**, Heart problems

**Sandra Crawford**, Cancer. Wife of Kendal Clark's friend

### Please Remember our Shut-ins

**Evelyn Vannatter**—Elmcroft

**Forrest Hurst**—Elmcroft

**Jim & Marylou Witty**—At home

**Lana Blanchard**—Albany Health Care

**Ralph Zeek**—Willow Bend

**Vada Zeek**—Willow Bend

*This week, two of our families at West Side have lost close loved ones:*

*—Linda Bigler passed away last Tuesday in Kentucky. She was the daughter-in-law of Vivian Bigler. The funeral was held Saturday.*

*—Eula Neal, sister of Herb and Paul Smith, passed away Thursday morning in Byrdstown, TN. Eula's funeral service was held on Saturday.*

**Our love and sympathy is extended to each of these families in their loss.**

**“Whereas, ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.”**

**James 4:14**



### Happy Birthday

*Kristy Burch—Oct. 18*

*Forrest Hurst—Oct. 23*

*Donna Qualkenbush—Oct. 25*

*Betty Smith—Oct. 27*

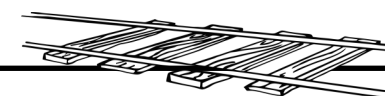
*Todd Stults—Oct. 27*

*Colton Hale—Oct. 28*

*Lindsey Daunhauer—Oct. 29*



**“The truth may travel slowly but it wrecks nothing on the way.”**



## ...At West Side on Oct. 11th...

**2:15 p** Devotions at Bethel Pointe. Girls Year Round Song Leaders, please be there at 2p

**7:00p**, After evening worship, Ladies Meeting in large classroom. See page 4.

**And...**

**Oct. 11-14th**, Eagle Valley Church of Christ, 2015 Fall Gospel Meeting at Crawfordsville, IN begins today. Speaker is Stephen Rogers. See flyer on bulletin board for details

### Looking Ahead

**Oct. 13**, Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 8a

**Oct. 13**, Women's fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 10a

**Oct. 17**, Everyone is welcome to the Bonfire and Soup Supper at the Doug & Sally Anderson Home, beginning at 4:30p. Bring 2 liter soda and either soup or your choice of a side or desert. Remember to dress warmly and bring your lawn chairs. ( page 4 for directions to the Anderson home.

**Oct. 22**, Bible Study at Elmcroft, 2p

**Oct. 22**, Ladies Deep Bible Study at 7p

**Oct. 22**, High School & College age Devo, Towne Acres, 7p

**Oct. 23**, Group 3 will have a carry-in fellowship Dinner at Lela Proctor's home at 5:00p. See Lela as to what you can bring.

**Oct. 24**, Rachel Hoyt will be the speaker for a ladies Devotional and lunch. See page 4

**Oct. 25-28**, Columbus Ave. Church of Christ, Gospel Meeting with speaker, AJ Cox. Pitch-in dinner on Oct. 25th. See flyer.

**October 25-28**, “Re-energizing the Church in Troublesome Times,” at Greenfield church of Christ. Flyer posted

**October 31**, Youth Bon Fire and Supper over the Coals at the Stults Home, 7-10p. Singing, games, treats

**Nov. 7**, 20th Annual Lectureship at Church of Christ of Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Flyer is posted on board.