



West Side Window

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Coming Up

- 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
- October 31, 5th Sunday Singing/Devo at Portland COC. 6p
- November 6, 26th annual Lectureship at church of Christ at Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, OH. Please R5VP. 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

What is Your Response-John Henson

What characterizes your response to Jesus? All of us will respond to him in one way or another. Will our response indicate our rejection of his word, or will it indicate our desire to trust and obey him?

Several different responses are seen in Luke 13:11-17. In what was one of the last appearances Jesus would make in a synagogue, the Lord saw a woman who was so ill she couldn't stand up straight.

The first response was that of the healed woman. She was thankful and began to glorify God. If any of us were in her place would we not do the same? She responded in a very thoughtful and logical way.

The response of the ruler of the synagogue was completely different. According to Luke 13:14 the ruler became “indignant.” The word in the original language of the New Testament means, “to feel much pain.” Now, isn't it interesting this woman who had been coming to the synagogue for 18 years in terrible pain was healed and rejoiced while this ruler was now the one to feel much pain? His pain came from his anger!

Anger has always been a response to Jesus or the truth he taught. Was he not crucified by angry men? Wasn't Stephen stoned by angry men? Did not others persecute those in Christ for the same reason?

Then, there were the adversaries of Jesus in Luke 13:17 who were shamed by the truth of what Jesus said in Luke 13:15-16. Shame comes when a person is convicted by the truth. These who were opposed to Jesus heard his words and their hearts were bruised.

Lastly the crowd, like the healed woman, rejoiced.

There is division in these passages, isn't there? Such is always the case when Jesus taught the truth. In John 7:43, the Bible said, “So there was a division among the people over him.” Didn't Jesus tell his disciples that he had come not to send peace, but a sword? Did he not say that because of him family members would divide? “And a person's enemies will be those of his own household,” (Matthew 10:36). The reason why is that people will respond to Jesus in trust and obedi-

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

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Love. Grow. Serve.

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Scripture, Bill Winemiller, *Matt. 25:30*

Lord's Table: Don Allison

Sermon: Mike Gors,

"The Reality of Hell"

Closing Prayer: Richard Messer

Sound Room: Jacob Clark

Bible Study, October 20th

Song Leader: Don Allison

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Adam Gors

Food Items Needed this Week:

Peanut butter & Jelly

Corrections

Please correct address
for Damon & Sue
Summers as follows:
2534 N. Morrison Rd.

Muncie, IN 47304

Also, please correct
their anniversary date
as being married in 1953



Methods of Growth

The denominational world uses many methods to bring about growth of a congregation. Here are some such worldly methods: "Come as you are" method. This means that you won't have to give up sin and sinfulness. You can continue in adultery, still drink and swear, and you can keep your own moral standards. "Have fun" method. Youth parties and games comprise a great deal of the total work of the congregation. Gymnasiums, social halls, kitchens and other such facilities are built. Banquet tables, sports equipment and uniforms, etc., are major church expenditures.

"Believe as you please" method. This requires no conviction. It allows you to take your choice: Was Jesus God's Son, or just an exceptionally good man? Is baptism immersion, or sprinkling? Is Jesus coming again, or not? Is there really a heaven and hell? Take your choice— believe as you please. Naturally, by such processes many unlearned people (those who don't know what the Bible actually teaches) and many unstable ones (those who don't care what the Bible teaches) are led into such churches. Rapid growth is seen. --- Unknown

Making Time

If my car is broken down, I must find time to fix it. If the house needs painting, necessity demands that time be found to do it. If the weather and all other conditions are favorable, I will find time to go fishing. All of this simply illustrates what has been said many times before - we find time, make time, arrange our schedules, and do what's necessary so that we can accomplish certain things. We will find a way to do the things that must be done, things that need to be done, and especially things that we want to do. Think of the implications of this concerning our spiritual service to God. Faithful attendance is a must (Hebrews 10:25); regular Bible study is a need (2 Timothy 2:15); teaching others is an absolute essential (Matthew 28:19:20). Other acts of service could be added to this list, but our point is established. Now, if we don't do these things, what is the problem? Could it be that we don't understand the commands that God has given? No. Do we fail to see the need for learning more about Him and serving Him faithfully? No. Have we failed to observe the things that are spiritually essential? Probably not. The answer lies in what we want to do. Sir John Lubbock, English statesman of the last century said: "In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking." Jesus put it this way: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me (Matthew 15:8). Are you putting the Lord first? Are you making time for the things that must be done and for the things that need to be done? Do you really want to do the Lord's will in all things? Think! - by Greg Gwin

Happy Birthday

Kristy Burch--Oct. 18

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Colton Fauquher—Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29



Please Pray for

Anna Funk Family

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Beverly Gale, Wife of John Gale who is friend of Norma. She is battling cancer of the kidney and needing Life-threatening surgery

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cora Devine

Damon Summers

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

Nick Hummel, Cancer

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

Karen Jaromin, recuperating from neck surgery

Kendall Clark, Recovering from 2nd back procedure and struggling in his recuperation. Of late, has developed a blood clot in his leg and is on medication to dissolve it

Mike Kreps, Friend of Mary Ann, Kendall and Jane

Susan Cloninger

Tom Davis, Lung cancer. Favorable C-T Scan



With great sadness, we report that Sister Anna Funk passed away this past Friday after a lingering illness. She had been residing in long term care for several years. The funeral will be held in New Castle but as of the printing of this bulletin,, no final arrangements are known.

The Things that Last

Without the Lord what would one's life be?

The careful, spiritual, and mature thinker realizes the following:

- **Our possessions are a trust: we are stewards to use them well on earth.
- **Our possessions are tests: God is testing our character.
- **Our possessions are for time: we will not take them beyond the grave.
- **Our true possessions are timeless: the true spiritual gifts of God are timeless and eternal. Contrary to secular projects of men to accumulate, to gain, to store up, to get, to keep—Jesus challenges us to give it away . (Matt. 6:19-21).

*Love that is hoarded moulds at last,
Until we know some day
The only thing we ever have,
Is what we give away.
Louis Ginsburg*

“...freely ye received, freely give”
Matt. 10:8

S-M-I-L-E

A class of high school sophomores had been assigned a term paper. The day of reckoning had come; the papers were due to be handed in. The teacher knew that “Gene” had not been working steady like all the other students. He was prepared for an excuse and when he went to collect the papers, Gene said, “My dog ate it.” The teacher who had heard it all, gave Gene a hard stare. But Gene insisted and persisted. “It’s true. I had to force him but he ate it.”

Complaints About the Church

We frequently hear complaints about local churches. That's nothing new. In fact, there were some folks complaining about the church in its very earliest days (see Acts 6:1-6). And, we know that some criticism is fully justified and is offered in a constructive way that will, hopefully, bring about needed changes. However, we feel that there is a troubling trend evidenced by the kind of criticism that is often leveled against local congregations. Seldom, if ever, do we hear folks say things like: “I'm disturbed that this church is not more active in the realm of evangelism.” Or, “It really upsets me that we are not supporting more preachers.” And we never hear, “I just think we ought to have more gospel meetings.” What we do hear is things like: “I just don't think this is a friendly church.” And, “There are just not enough social activities, especially for the young folks.” Or, “People here really don't seem to care about each other.” Two observations need to be made. First, a local church is not a social institution. While it is important for people to have social interaction, God placed all such responsibilities in the realm of the home, not the church (1 Corinthians 11:34). If your main concern is about social things, you need to come to a better understanding of the work and function of the Lord's church. Second, those who level these charges should spend some time looking in the mirror. If there are problems - if there are areas that need improvement - what are YOU doing to bring about those changes? Complaints about the church are not new. Oftentimes they are needed and helpful. But, if you complain, be sure you're willing to lend a hand to make the needed improvements. Let's work together to make this church everything that God would have it to be. Think!

- by Greg Gwin