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West Side Window

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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.

Please Note the Changes in Our Services

*Sunday Morning: Worship at 10:30 with no classes.
Live streamed*

*Sunday Evening and Wednesday Night Bible Study will be
life-streamed only*



Events and Cancellation

--October 24, Fall Supper at Camp Indogan cancelled

--October 25, Fall Homecoming at Portland COC
Flyer is posted.

--October 31st, If you are interested in taking part in a
“Trunk or Treat” in the West Side parking lot, see Emma Gors.



Latest letter from Cannon Taylor is posted on the Missions Board for your reading pleasure.

Requested pantry items for this week are: Canned vegetables and canned meats.

Honor: Great Respect, High Esteem

That is how the dictionary explains honor. In these times of peril to our health, we are daily reminded of our health care workers in the hospitals, medical offices and agencies and honor them for their work and expertise. These are people amongst us in our own congregation and are among our own family members, friends, and neighbors. These workers selflessly and obediently show up for work to minister to the sick and very contagious patients who come their way. Are the workers apprehensive? Are they wary? Are they anxious? You can answer that. Wouldn't you be so affected if you were in the line of fire on a battlefield? This is what health care workers face every day in their work. Yet, they show up, they “suit up” and they give their all to whom they administer.

Let us be mindful of the daily and continuous battle they are fighting and lift them up in prayer. We human beings tend to think “this and that” happens to someone else and not to us. That way, we can manage the feelings of worry that sometimes fill our hearts. But the coronavirus affects many people and, yes, it can strike to the very core of our church, our family and to us individually.

We have several here at West Side who are putting their own lives in jeopardy to care for the sick of our community. We honor them, we thank them and pray they will be diligent on the job, that they will remain safe from illness and they can serve in the realm of health care for many productive years, if that is their wish.

In John, 15: 12-13, The Master distinguishes greater love: “This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” And make no mistake, these workers are putting their own lives in the line of fire.

May God bless every one of them and help them to be strong and valiant in heart and to remain brave in the face of the adversity that they face in their daily line of work.

Services

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

Wednesday Bible Study
Live-streamed only

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

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Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Bill Winemiller, *Matt. 6, 25-33*

Lord's Table: Jay Kellow

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Winning the War Over Worry"

Closing Prayer: Bill Smith

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Wed. Evening Bible Study

*Live-streamed only. Please join us
for the lesson.*

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

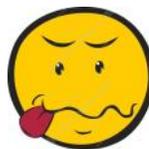
If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the doctrine conforming to Godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing...

1 Timothy 6: 3, 4

Is Your Tongue Tamed?

When angry men from another tribe confronted Gideon about why he had not waited for them for judgment on enemy leaders, he replied, "What have I accomplished compared to you?" In minimizing his own role and exalting theirs, Gideon avoided what could have been a terrible confrontation. So much can affect our words. Perhaps the tone of a stressed or bad day can leech through our words. Perhaps the state of our heart can overflow from our lips. Just being a product of this fallen world before we put on Christ in baptism will make our old habits of interacting with people surface during difficult times. Someone once said in prayer, "Father, so far today I haven't angered anyone, gossiped or lost temper but soon I am getting out of bed and will need a lot of help!" The tongue, James says, cannot be tamed. It "is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and itself set on fire by hell." But, our influence for Christ is at stake. We must capture every word as well as thought and deed for Christ. Is your tongue tamed?

Doug Kashorek
Plattsburgh, NY



Each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;
And each must make, ere, life has flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

There are two kinds of people on earth
that I mean
Are the people who lift and the people
who lean.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Learn the Lesson of the Ant

They get into everything. They are bothersome, contrary, persistent and, on top of all, they hurt! However, the Bible tells us: "go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise (Prov. 6: 6). Thus, we go to the ant for some guidance and instruction and some motivation. Please consider these three characteristics about ants.

Ants Work Hard

This is the point of Prov. 6: 6 -8. I am struck with how much Proverbs has to say about hard Work. I am impressed and amazed with how much God's Word has to say about working hard. Other verses include: lazy hands make a man poor but diligent hands bring wealth (Prov. 10: 4). "He who works his land will have abundant food but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement" (Prov. 12: 11).

Ants Don't quit

Ants never quit. Each day, they us keep going. Whenever faced with problems and road blocks, it is easy to quit. However, the wise person knows that giving up is not always the answer. The Bible says, "Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Ga. 6: 9). It is interesting to note that some Greek authorities translate the last part of this verse as "caving in." We must not cave in. Ants don't; they rebuild.

Ants Always Rebuild

When rain, kids or my lawnmower destroys the ant mounds, those ants rebuild. In like manner, when we find ourselves "mowed down: by problems, accident, sin or guilt, let us recoup. We need to rebuild by remembering the following: *We are God's possession; We have access to God's throne of mercy and help during our time of need; God answers prayer.*

Let us have the attitude that God's people had in ancient days when they returned to rebuild the temple, "I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me...They replied, "let us start rebuilding. So, they began this good work (Neha 2: 18).

Larry Fitzgerald
Abilene, Tx



Kristy Burch--Oct. 18
Donna Qualkenbush--Oct. 25
Todd Stults--Oct. 27
Jade Meyers--Oct. 28
Colton Fauquher--Oct. 28
Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29



In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Kidney dialysis and chemo

Alex Odle, Cancer. Hernia repair last Thursday

Angie Reed, MS

Bill Smith, Recent diagnosis of cancer. He and his doctor are currently reviewing options for treatment

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

Dan Proctor, Lela's son. Doing better

David & Carol Southern, Sister to Beth Cline. Carol has MS and is being cared for by her husband, David. He has been diagnosed with covid. They live in Bedford, IN and attend Oolitic COC

David Terry, Heart issues. Very debilitated

Evonna Shirley, Sister to Ray Blakeley. Not doing well. Resides in a nursing facility in Tipton

James Veillon, Husband of Debbie and Teresa's cousin, Trudy. Procedure scheduled to remove blood clot from his brain. Family lives in Louisiana and had to relocate temporarily due to hurricane activity close to them

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kenny Idle, Janet's uncle. Able to return home

Kim Ham, Cancer. Taking chemo treatments

Larry Reynolds, Heart surgery on Oct 21st

Michael Cox, Jessica's Dad. Covid positive. Patient at IUBMH with some improvement

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nick Hummel, Eldest son of Scot and Becky Hummel. Diagnosis of testicular cancer which has metastasized to his spine. Chemo began this past Monday. Cards may be sent to the Hummel address

Robbie Murphy, Stroke. Issue with left hand

Skylar Murphy, Gastro-intestinal issues

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

Those Who Never Learn

Anyone who is willing can learn the truth and be saved. Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). John wrote, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Anyone with a truly good and honest heart will accept and obey the truth.

That same honest person will learn from his mistakes. He will sincerely and earnestly strive to correct them. Like the prodigal son, he will learn from experience (Luke 15:11-32). Solomon said, "...rebuke a wise man and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning" (Prov. 9: 8-9).

The attitude of the wicked is much different. They fail to learn from experience because they are too stubborn to change their ways. If they receive good in life, they will not show appreciation by turning to God. Isaiah said, "Let favor be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:10). If they receive evil in life, they do not humble themselves before God. The Israelites saw Korah and his company destroyed for their rebellion but the next day, they rebelled themselves (Num. 16). Psalm 78 is a tragic record of a nation that refused to learn from the past.

The wicked refuse to listen towards of correction. Solomon spoke often about such an attitude. He wrote, "He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot (Prov. 9:7). Some are so foolish, Solomon taught, that repeated, severe correction will not awaken them "though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him (Prov. 27: 22).

A wicked man can change his ways but only if he changes his attitude. As long as he has a rebellious heart, he will not turn to God, even in spite of words and experiences that should change him.

Kerry Duke
Livingston, TN

Did He Mean Me?

From the beginning, the Word has always existed. John wrote through inspiration concerning the nature of the creation and the fact that all which was created was created through the Word and the Word was God. In Him, the Word was life and the light revealed to all of mankind. This Word was sent to man so that man might see his condition because of a universal affliction of sin (Rom. 3:23). This light, this life, shined in the midst of a world made dark by sin, yet the world did not comprehend what they were seeing (John 1:1-5).

When the question is asked, "why is man lost?", quickly must come the response: because of sin. This lesson was humbling to the Pharisees who brought the woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus (John 8). To the ones who thought there were lesser sins, which deserved lesser punishment, Jesus shared the reality, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). So, when Jesus told the world that He came to "Seek and save that which is lost (Luke 19:10) some may have invariably asked, "**DID HE MEAN ME?**". To which, Jesus would have replied, "**YES!**".

In our life, the best tool available to us for detecting flaws remains God's word (Heb. 4:12-13). The Hebrew writer is clear when he tells of the greatness found in the word of God. He begins by saying it is living and powerful. Power drives the word. It bears relevancy to every life. But only if the life is ready to receive it. Piercing is the description of the word's impact on the life. If one is willing to receive the word, it will cut truly to the heart. Finally, the word reveals the person, the secret thoughts, intentions, and desires of the heart. When one searches the scriptures, they cannot hide from the truth revealed to them, about them and cannot escape their duty to conform to God's standard.

Each time we encounter God's word, whether it be in private or organized Bible study, public proclamation, or individual study, we should never question the power of the impact the word will have on our lives.

When God's word is read or spoken, we should never fear what is revealed, especially if it reveals an aspect of our life out of harmony with God's standard. The next time we question if God's word is directed toward us, we should humbly accept its exhortation and admonition for our lives.

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