



West Side Window

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What is Happening Today?

“Praising God Through Psalms”
Begins Today Through October 27th
At East Allen County COC

Coming Up

- October 26, Men’s Class, 6p
- 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 RSVP. See flyer
- November 13, Youth Rally at East Allen County COC. Flyer posted



Think Happiness

Think of the things that make you happy
Not of the things that make you sad;
Think of the fine and true in mankind,
Not its sordid side and bad;
Think of the blessings that surround you,
Not the ones that are denied;
Think of the virtues of your friendships,
Not the weak and faulty side;
Think of the good of you that’s spoken,
Not some cruel, hostile word;
Think of the days of health and pleasures,
Not the days of woe and pain;
Think of the days alive with sunshine,
Not the dismal days of rain;
Think of the hopes that lie before you,
Not the waste that lies behind;
Think of the treasures you have gathered,
Not the ones you’ve failed to find;
Think of the service you may render
Not of serving self alone;
Think of the happiness of others,
And in this you’ll find your own!

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**

Robert Farley

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



Love. Grow. Serve.

Leaders in Worship

October 24, 2021

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Bill Smith, Acts 20: 26-32

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors,

"The Value of the Church"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, October 27th

Song Leader: Adam Gors

Devo: Case Reynolds

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Reminder to bring
food items for Food
Pantry.

...Also

Please submit names
to Jessica
or Cindy

"Every man has his se-
cret sorrows which the
world knows not; and
oftentimes we call him
cold when he is only
sad."

Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

Reach Out and Touch Someone

By D. Bowman

It may well be that the besetting sin of modern day discipleship is its failure to procreate itself. Speed has been so aggrandized in our society that it has become necessary that whatever we do we must do in a hurry. We seem to be possessed with a determination to succeed more than to be spiritually inclined and equip ourselves for eternity, so we tend to put off things that don't pertain to our quests. One of those things is reaching out and touching someone. I have a theory. It may not be right, or it may be a bit simplistic, but it's worth considering anyway. I don't think anybody will go to heaven by himself: he will go with someone or take someone with him.

Discipleship does not depend on some kind of human machinery for its procreation. It depends on the disciples themselves. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). That process is so simple. But where is it being used? How sad, because it works. If every person in the congregation here decided to convert just one soul to Christ in the coming year, and if there are 300 in our congregation, the church would be 600 in twelve month's time. Will that not work? The problem is not that the plan won't work; the problem is we won't work the plan. (Cont. on page 4)

In Sympathy

We will miss our dear Sister, Anna Funk, who passed away on October 15th. She was 84 years of age and was added to the Lord's Church at an early age. She was a native of White County, TN and made her living as a beautician along with a partnership with her husband, Max, in an agricultural farm implement business in Losantville. She was the mother of four children, grandmother to four grandsons, and had several great-grandchildren. Final service was held yesterday on October 23, in New Castle, IN. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Ann's family. It was an honor to worship alongside Anna and to witness her faithfulness and her courage in the face of a lingering illness.



Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Colton Fauquher—Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29

Natalie Corcoran--Nov. 1

Jim Clark—Nov 2

MaryAnn Bayer—Nov 6

Jennifer Clark—Nov 6

Lonnie Ergle—Nov 7

Connie Reynolds—Nov 15

Steve Gors--Nov. 15

Mary Ann Bayer--Nov. 16

Ann Witty—Nov 18

Lily Corcoran--Nov. 18

Delores Huffman—Nov 25

Rachel Chambers—Nov 27

*Happy
Day
TO
YOU*

Please Pray for

Anna Funk Family

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cory Cross, Cousin of Kendall, doing well after heart related surgery

Damon Summers

Daniel Montgomery, Recuperating from a fall, sustaining serious injuries

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. Taking medication and has been prescribed a regimen of rest for blood clot in his leg

Mike Kreps, Friend of Mary Ann, Kendall and Jane, passed away from Covid related issues

Renee York, Shoulder surgery with several weeks recovery ahead.

Susan Cloninger



"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for everything under heaven-... A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted...."

Eccl. 3: 1, 2

(Cont. from page two)

What is necessary to get at the business of making known the gospel to those who come under your influence? I suggest just four:

Concern. When Jesus saw the multitudes, “he was moved with compassion” (Matt. 9:36). We emphasize his feeling of “compassion,” but fail to consider that the compassion *moved* Him. It took Him from unconcern to concern, from indifference to distress. It is that movement of compassion that caused Him to die for the sins of the world. “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son” is a statement of His concern for the lost souls of men. The gospel is the power to save (Rom. 1:16) and that power is retarded only to the extent that it is not used. How about you? Are you actually concerned for the lost souls around you? Are you actually *moved* by what you see? If you are not, why not? I hardly see how one can call himself a Christian and not be moved by the number of lost souls he sees every day.

Boldness. One of the Devil’s most effective tools in retarding efforts to convert people is diffidence, a lack of confidence. It takes courage to try and teach someone. You run a kind of risk. You are apt to fail a lot of the time, and knowing that makes it more difficult to make the effort. But make the effort we must. Jesus failed. In fact, he failed most of the time. But some will come, some will be interested, and even if you just snatch one soul from the fires of Hell you have done well. “Be not weary in your well doing,” said Paul (Gal. 6:10), “for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” If we would just keep that in mind our mission would be an easier one, our work more diligent, our successes more often.

A Willingness to be Inconvenienced. We are wedded to convenience in this society. We don’t want anyone or anything to invade our comfort zone. That proclivity to be comfortable has thwarted many an effort at converting someone to Christ. We make flimsy excuses, give faulty “reasons” why we can’t make arrangements to teach someone. It gets in the way of our plans. What that says, most of the time, is that our plans are out of order, our priorities ill arranged. You have to want to convert someone before you will do it.

Faith. We don’t have enough confidence in the gospel. Is it or is it not *power* of God to salvation? If it is, then why don’t we treat it as such? If you suddenly came across the cure for cancer, would you let anybody know about it? Would you treat it nonchalantly? Certainly not! You would want everybody to be delivered from the malady. You hold in your hand the power to save men from a malady much greater and more dangerous than cancer. You have in the gospel; it can save men from their sin. How can you put much confidence in it to save your own soul if you don’t have confidence enough in it to recommend it for the salvation of the souls of others?

It’s time we got busy about evangelism. It’s time we got to the business of making the gospel work in the places where we live and work every day. How long has it been since *you* talked with someone about his soul?