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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.

**Sunday Worship at 10:30. No Classes; Live-steamed
Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study at 6p
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Live-Streamed only
No Sunday Evening Worship**

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

--Copies of "Leaders in Worship" for November are on the table

--Please be mindful of the food pantry which needs to be stocked for the Thanksgiving baskets to be given away. See Cindy Taylor or Jessica Gors. See Steve Gors if you want to donate money for this work.

What About Today?

***You can say a kind word. You speak about 4800 words per day, why not devote some of them to kindness?*

***You can encourage someone to try again. Expressing confidence in them will provide the emotional support they might need.*

***You can allow God to speak to you. Instead of having a "sound proof" head, spend time in careful Bible study.*

***You can be great or you can remain just another insignificant human being. How to be great? Jesus said, "whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant" (Matthe*

w 20:26).

Everything I Needed to Know about Life I learned from a ZigSaw Puzzle

1. When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return (compare Mark 6: 31).
2. Be sure to look at the big picture (John 4: 35). Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
3. Don't force a fit (Exodus 23: 29).
4. Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece (Exodus 23: 29)
5. When one spot stops working, move to another (Ecclesiastes 11:6). But be sure to come back later. (see # 4).
6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook (2 Peter 1: 3).
7. Variety is the spice of life. It is the different colors and patterns that make the puzzle interesting (Acts 10:34- 35).
8. Working together with friends and family makes any task fun (Nehemiah 3:1- 32).
9. Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order (Proverbs 22: 6).
10. Don't be afraid to try different combinations (Luke 5: 4). Some matches are surprising.
11. Take time often to celebrate your successes-- even little ones (Philippians 4: 4).
12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can not be rushed. (Galatians 6: 9).

Steve Higginbotham
Knoxville, TN



Services

Worship: 10:30a
(live-streamed)

**No Sunday Evening
Service**

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

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Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

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Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Todd Stults

Scripture: Rick Cox, *Joshua 1: 5-9*

Lord's Table: Volker Jaromin

Sermon: Mike Gors

"I Will be With You"

Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Wed. Evening Bible Study

Live-streamed

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

"Seek the Lord and His
strength; Seek His face con-
tinually. Remember His won-
derful deeds which He has
done." 1 Chon.10: 11-12

"And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was seeking to see who Jesus was but on account of the crowd he could not see because he was small of stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him for he was about to pass that way" (Luke 19:2-4).

Have you ever wanted to see something really bad but couldn't because your view was obstructed? Several years ago, I had the opportunity to see an Ohio State vs. Michigan football game, live and in person. Unfortunately, the tickets I had purchased were in the nose-bleed section of the Horseshoe and I was only able to see half the field of play. No matter how I positioned myself in that seat, I could not see the action going on below me. Only the scoreboard and the roar of the crowd kept me informed as to who was winning and losing.

Luke, by pen of inspiration, depicts a man who had a desire to see Jesus but couldn't because his view was impeded. Isn't this true, even today? Many, like Zacchaeus, want to see and know Jesus but find it difficult because their vision is obstructed; that is, there seems to be something always standing between them and the Lord. Riches impede the vision of many (Matt. 19: 21-22); 1 Tim. 6:10). For others, their vision is obstructed by false teachers and the traditions of men (Col. 2:8; Matt. 15: 13-14). Worldliness keeps many from truly seeing the Lord (2 Cor. 4:4). Time and or convenience constricts the vision of some (Acts 24: 25).

What is keeping you from truly seeing and knowing Jesus? May we, like Zacchaeus, have a desire to seek Him above all else (Matt. 6:33). May we be willing to cast off all fears and climb to new heights, settling our affection on Him instead of on things here below (Col. 3: 1-2).

Terry Townsend
Jasper, AL

Obstruction of View



From Near and Far, Please Pray for:

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

David Terry, Heart issues. Very debilitated. Friend of Teresa Allison

Kim Ham, Cancer. Taking chemo treatments. Dana Kellow's sister

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Expecting Unexpected Turbulence by Troy Albers

On a flight overseas, first, the flight attendant and then the caption announced over the intercom that the seatbelt signs had been turned on because they were "expecting unexpected turbulence."

The is nothing like a good oxymoron to entertain exhausted airplane passengers. However, the long light gave me ample time to contemplate the idea of expecting unexpected turbulence e on our Christian journey.

The Christian life is a journey, a long journey with quite a bit of turbulence. And the turbulence we experience often comes at unexpected times. And, while we might not be able to predict when turbulent times will come, we can and should expect them.

In preparation for the turbulence in life, the Christian needs to buckle up. In other words, we need to utilize the safety measures we have at our disposal. Understanding that God is ever present in our lives provides a strong belt of peace of mind that comes from knowing for certain that we are protected from any calamity that might come our way.

We can be sure of this because we read in Psalm 46: 1-3 that, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, even though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its water roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling."

This journey that we are on will be long and exhausting and full of turbulence. But getting to our destination is worth the trip. "We must, through many tribulations, enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22). Buckle up, hang on and enjoy the flight.

Donna Qualkenbush--Oct. 25

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Jade Meyers--Oct. 28

Colton Fauquher--Oct. 28

Happy Birthday



In Need of Prayer

Angie Reed, MS

Adam Huffman, Kidney dialysis and chemo

Alex Odle, Cancer

Bill Smith, Cancer. Reviewing options for treatment

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

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.

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kenny Idle, Sadly, Janet's uncle passed away last Wednesday in OH

Michael Cox, Jessica's Dad. Covid. Returned home last Friday from hospital

Nick Hummel, Eldest son of Scot and Becky Hummel. Diagnosis of testicular cancer which has metastasized to his spine. Major surgery last week as well as beginning chemo treatments. Cards may be sent to the Hummel address

Robbie Murphy, Stroke

Skylar Murphy, Gastro-intestinal issues

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

About Larry Reynolds: Had open heart surgery last Wednesday and returned home on Thursday. According to his son, Mark, he is doing well under Connie's care. Cards may be sent to:

3078 Pickett Lane
Columbia City, IN 46725

Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy is an unpleasant word signaling an empty existence and shallow life. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be what he is not or one who pretends to be better than he really is or wishes to be seen as virtuous without really being so.

Thayer defines hypocrisy as “the acting of a stage player.” Strong defines the same word as “acting under a feigned part”. The concise Oxford English Dictionary defines the word as “The practice of aiming to have higher standards or more laudable beliefs than is the case.”

Does this definition define anyone that came in contact with Jesus? It is the Scribes and Pharisees. And Jesus talks directly to them and tells them of their hypocritical behavior in Matthew 23: 13-36. Jesus is using their behavior as a warning to others and even us. Do not be like the Scribes and the Pharisees. Why? Because they were hypocrites.

So how about us today? Our outward appearance and our inner character must match. In this regard, maybe the following poem will help us:

The Praying Hypocrite

I knelt to pray when day was done and prayed, “God bless everyone.
Lift from each heart the pain and let the sick be well again.”
And then I woke again one day and carelessly went on my way;
The whole day long I did not try to wipe a tear from any eye.
I did not try to share the load of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see the sick man just next door to me.
Yet, once again when every day was done, I prayed, “Lord, bless everyone.”
But, as I prayed, to my ear came a voice that whispered dear;
“Pause hypocrite, before you pray; whom have you tried to bless today?
God’s sweetest blessings always go, by hands that serve Him here below.”
And then I hid my face and cried, ‘Forgive me Lord for I have lied’
Let me but live another day and I will live the way I pray.”

Those who would grow to be mature Christians must lay aside guile and hypocrisy (1 Peter 2: 1-3), practicing an unfeigned love for both God and man (Romans 12: 9, 1 Peter 1: 22-23). I hope to see everyone at the place where we can mature and learn to love God and man.

Lance Morrisett

Hooker, OK