



West Side Window

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November 3, 2019

Group Two Has Building Duties for Today

Door Greeters, Building Lock-up, Communion Clean-up, Trash to Curb
Communion Prep for November: Genny

Looking Ahead...

--November 5, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a

--Nov. 7th and 21st, Senior Saints to meet at West Side, 2p

--Nov. 9, East Allen County Church of Christ, 10th annual youth rally with speaker, Drew Reece. See flyer.

--Nov. 23, Food baskets to be packed & delivered, 9a

--Dec. 14, Blood drive at West Side, 8-12n

Food Pantry Needs for this Week

Pancake Mix and Maple Syrup

Steve thanks everyone for the build-up of pantry items and with your help, we will gather together to pack food baskets and deliver them.

Says Steve, "It is all through the Lord's bounty and your dedication."

November 23rd

8:00 a, Breakfast Served for Volunteers

9:00a, the work will begin. If you are unable to deliver, there is plenty of packing to do and, if you can do both, your efforts will be most appreciated.

Please remember, if shopping is inconvenient for you, monetary donations are gratefully accepted.]

Please submit all names to Steve by Nov. 17th

Biblical Trees



1. Myrtle-- Common shrub of Palestine hillside. Isaiah used it as a symbol of God's generosity (41:19, 55:13).

2. Almond--Valued for its oil and nuts (Gen. 43:11). Admired for the beauty of its blossom which was depicted in the décor for the ark (Ex. 24:33).

3. Apple--Apart from the figurative use of "apples of Gold" in Pro. 25:11, the apple tree and its fruit are only seen in the Song of Solomon 2:3, 7:8. Apples can be cultivated in Israel.

4. Cedar of Lebanon-- large coniferous tree whose wood is much prized for its strength and durability. It was used in building David's house (2 Samuel 5:11).

5. Palm--Flourished in the Jordan valley. Jericho was known as the "city of palm trees" (2 Chron. 28:15). It is tall and slender and in many cultures used as a symbol of grace and uprightness. In hurricanes, it sways and remains standing in place.

6. Sycamore--The Egyptian and Palestinian sycamore is a sturdy, fig-bearing evergreen. It was cultivated in Egypt for both timber and fruit but in Israel mainly for its fruit. (1 Chron. 27:28). Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to get a better view of Jesus (Luke 19:4).

7. Willow--this tree is commonly found growing next to streams in the middle east and biblical references to them usually associate them with water (Is. 44-4). The "willow of the brook" in Lev. 23:40 was probably a poplar as were the willows by the rivers of Babylon (Psalms 137: 2).

Wedding News



--Our love and hardy congratulations to Ben Wright and Lindsey Whitesel on their marriage yesterday in Anderson. Ben is Cindy Taylor's grandson. He works for the deputy sheriff in New Castle.

--Love and best wishes to Brittany Sheffield and Shaun Sizemore who were married in OH on October 26th. They are both physical therapists working in the Cincinnati area. Brittany is Melinda's daughter.

Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Wed. 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

MSOP

Cannon Taylor

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Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

November 3, 2019

Morning Worship

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Case Reynolds

John 8:31-36

Sermon: Mike Gors

"The Marks of a Disciple"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Communion

West Side Outside: Riley Burch

Inside: Rex Harper

East Side Inside: Todd Stults

Outside: Gavin Burch

Evening Worship

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Cliff Nicks

Scripture: Steve Gors

1 Peter 2: 18-21

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Submission is Commendable in God's Sight"

Communion Table: Todd Stults

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Weekly Contribution
Goal :

\$2440

Contribution for
October 27th

\$1799

*Don't Forget Cards
and
Calls to:*

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care in
Yorktown

Bible Study

November 6th

Teacher:

Song Leader: Riley

Prayer: Jimmy

Attendance for week of:
October 27, 2019

Morning Classes: 52

Morning Worship: 74

Evening Worship: 45

Wed. Bible Study: 35

How did Jehoshaphat, the Fourth King of Judah, Possibly Get His Odd Nickname?

Jehoshaphat reigned from 870-848 B.C. It is believed he came to be known as "jumping Jehoshaphat" when he threw a "tizzy" after a fleet he ordered to be constructed (1 Kings 22: 48) was lost in the gulf of Akaba.

When I am Tempted

When I am tempted I dare not stray for many people
look my way;

Loved ones to sicken and distrust if I betray my sacred
trust;

Weak ones to stumble and to fall If I should heed temp-
tation's call;

Young ones to follow in my wrong if my heart's not kept
pure and strong;

Older ones to mourn and grieve if I the way of truth
should leave;

The holy church to suffer, too, if my soul is not right
and true.

My charge is plain--my duty clear, my soul to keep, my
Lord to fear,

My light to shine, my savor keep—truth to teach, souls
to reap,

A hope to gain, a crown to wear-- A race to run, heaven
to share,

When I am tempted, I dare not stray-- too many people
look my way. --Owen Cosgrove

Natalie Corcoran--Nov. 1

Jim Clark—Nov 2

Mary Ann Bayer—Nov 6

Jennifer Clark—Nov 6

Lonnie Ertle—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

Jade Myer--Nov. 28

Julie Allison—Nov 29

Carl Gilstrap--Nov. 30

**Happy
Birthday**



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Alex Light, Jay's grandson, Stomach issues being explored with tests ongoing.

Anna Funk, Lung Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Angie Reed, MS

Bill Bess, Released from hospital to home .

Bob Allison, Don's father.

Bob Owens, Radiation continues. Kathy's cousin

Brett Allison, Blood disorder.

Dennis Griffey, Fell at his home and remained down for two days before he was discovered. Released to rehab after several days in hospital.

Gordon Huffman, Stroke. Cards appreciated

Greg Kellow, Moved to rehab. In Castleton

Jennifer Odle, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Kathy Harper

Linda Curry, Breast cancer.

Patsy Clark, Friend of Genny. Terminal liver cancer

Ryan Dobbs, Cousin of Skylar. Kidney transplant

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Wanda Reed

Will Porter, Ziggy's great-grandfather, cancer.

Zach Privett, Stationed in Afghanistan with US Army

In Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy to Wanda Reed on the death of her youngest brother, Kenneth Conyers. He was 57 years of age and succumbed from quick progression of pancreatic cancer. He resided in Delaware County. His funeral service was held last Friday.

*Zane Schuetz, Zane has been a visitor at West Side from Freed-Hardeman. His paternal grandfather, Homer Schuetz, passed away this past week. Mr. Schuetz, the elder, was a resident of IL. Our condolences to Zane and his family.

Oh, Those Noble Bereans!

“...received the Word with all readiness and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”

I believe one of the greatest scriptures listed in the New Testament, in fact, in the entire Bible, would be Acts 17: 11. Beginning in verse 10, ***“Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness and search the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”*** I like especially the latter part of verse 11 that states ***“...received the word with all readiness and searched the scriptures daily...”***

In Berea, Paul, Silas and Timothy found an audience in the synagogue which wanted to hear about Jesus. The NAS version of the Bible uses the words ***“great eagerness” in place of “readiness”*** as in the NKJ version. The word “eagerness” means fervor or zeal. As was Paul’s custom, he reasoned with them from the scriptures, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead.

The receptive audience here at Berea had a reverent attitude. They listened and they researched the Word to be sure that the message from Paul was true. They talked and reasoned together about it, then responded to the gospel invitation, accepting the conditions of salvation as set for in the gospel plan. These were noble men and women seeking the truth, striving to be obedient to God’s commandments.

The conditions of pardon that Paul preached to the Bereans are the same conditions as set forth today in the New Testament. What made a Christian then will make a Christian today in God’s simple plan of salvation through Christ. One must ***hear*** (Rom. 10:17). One must ***believe*** (Heb. 11:6). One must ***confess*** Jesus as Lord (Matt. 10:32). One must ***be baptized*** for the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 2:38).

The Bereans offered themselves in obedient faith and became children of God, members of the New Testament church, the kingdom of God.

God’s children must take seriously the need to “search the scriptures” and grow. Oh, how urgent and essential it is for those who believe themselves to be followers of Christ to “receive the Word with all readiness.”

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if more and more people in the world desired to “search the scriptures and receive the word. Well, this is our responsibility to take it to them. The harvest is white...workers must respond! In verses 5 and 6 of Acts 17, we find that a mob was in search of Paul and Silas. Not finding them in the house of Jason, the mob ***“...dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, ‘those who have turned the world upside down have come here too.’”***

What a compliment and how Jesus would be pleased today if Christians were so determined in an effort to ***“turn the world upside down”*** for His cause.

Charles D. Beebe
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