



West Side Window

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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

**Welcome
Visitors**



Looking Ahead

—November 16, Men's Class, 6p

—November 18, Senior Saints, 2p. Final meeting for 2021

—November 20, Food baskets are being pre-packed and deliveries pre-scheduled.

Important

On Thanksgiving Week, Midweek Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd @ 7p.

"You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

(Matthew 7:16-20)

No Sense in Pretense

You tell what you are by the friends you seek,
By the manner in which you speak.
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar and dime.

You tell what you are by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which your burdens bear,
By the sense of humor that you display
By the music that your stereo plays.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself.
So there's really no particle of sense
In any effort at pretense.

Author Unknown

Services

Sunday Morning
Class, 9:30a

Worship: 10:30a

(Also
livestreamed)

**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



Love. Grow. Serve.

Leaders in Worship

November 14, 2021

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Rick Cox

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors

Closing Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, November 17th

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Devo: Gary Reynolds

Prayer: Case Reynolds

The food item for this
week is
**Instant Mashed
Potatoes**

Thanksgiving baskets
to be delivered on No-
vember 20th. They will
be pre-packed and
delivery has already
been assigned. See
Jessica or Cindy if you
know of needful fami-
lies.

**Names must be sub-
mitted today.**

"Life is frittered away by
detail;
simplify, simplify."
Henry David Thoreau

Leaving a Vacancy

Eddie was a clerk in a hardware store. He made a name for himself as the most inefficient and contentious sales-man ever. The atmosphere when he was absent one day was like the tranquil beauty of summer weather after a bad thunderstorm. One regular customer remarked on the difference. "Eddie ain't just away for the day," said the proprietor, "He don't work here no more."

"Do you have anyone in mind for the vacancy?" asked the customer. "Nope," said the proprietor cheerfully, "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

This little story reminds us of some folks in the church. It is so seldom that they attend services that no one really misses them when they are absent. They are such that no great loss is felt if they move to another city. Like Eddie, they leave no vacancy. Others can be absent for only one or two services and they are missed. Why? Because they are dependable. When their seat is vacant people take notice.

Church attendance is not the only matter of importance in the life of a Christian. However, it is a pretty good index to the temperature of one's fervor for the Lord. Non-attending members are usually non-participating in other aspects of the Lord's work. One must fill a place, render needed service, and be a participant before he can leave a vacancy.

What Shall We Do Then?

John the Baptist was a fire and brimstone preacher. His appearance alone would strike fear into most hearts. "Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey" (Matthew 3:4). His sermons were direct and not very commending to the religious order of the Jewish nation. "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance'" (Matthew 3:7-8). He would warn them not to trust in their lineage for God did not approve of their hypocrisy.

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Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer; share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality." Romans 12: 12-13

Happy Birthday

Mary Ann Bayer-- Nov. 16

Ann Witty--Nov 18

Lily Corcoran--Nov. 18

Delores Huffman--Nov 25

Rachel Chambers--Nov 27



Please Pray for

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cory Cross, Cousin of Kendal

Damon Summers

Daniel Montgomery, Recovering from a fall

David Sharp, Stage four cancer, Betty Kellow's brother.

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN. Both Gordon and Brenda are now residing in long term care

Nick Hummel, Cancer

James Veillon, son in law of Joyce Colvin. Passed away from cancer

Kathy Harper, **Hospitalized at IUBMH**

Kendall Clark, Receiving treatment for a blood clot in leg

Marty Gors, Heart catherization done this past Thursday with no blockages

Renee York, Shoulder surgery with several weeks recovery ahead.

Robert Hartley, Covid. Hospitalized with respiratory difficulties. Friend of Delores

Susan Cloninger

Tom Davis, Lung cancer and stroke

The lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; He repaid me according to the cleanliness of my hands. For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not turned from my God to wickedness."

11 Samuel 22; 21-22

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When John was preaching to the people he would rebuke their pretense but then follow up with great words of encouragement. The historian Luke records such a sermon in Luke 3. After warning the multitudes to "*bear fruits worthy of repentance,*" John was asked by the people, "*What shall we do then?*" (Luke 3:10). John outlined five things they needed to do.

First, they needed to give to the needy. "*The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise*" (Luke 3:11). Albert Barnes said of this passage: "In other words, aid the poor according to your ability; be benevolent, and you will thus show that your repentance is genuine." John did not want to make the people think that repentance required only hardship but the attitude of heart that would reach out to other people. A changed heart toward God is a changed heart toward one another.

"And some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than what you have been ordered to'" (Luke 3:12,13). Honesty is a characteristic of the people of God. Tax collectors were hated by the Jews because of their propensity to take more taxes than required by the Romans and pocket the rest for themselves. Zaccheus acknowledged if he had defrauded anyone he would return four times as much (Luke 19:1-10). The author Matthew was a tax collector. John exhorts the people to be honest before all men.

Remarkably, some soldiers came and questioned John the Baptist about what they must do. *"'And what about us, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages'"* (Luke 3:11-14). The final three admonitions are found in response to questions by soldiers. Soldiers had a powerful role in John's world; whether as Romans soldiers or those who served Herod or Philip. Regardless of their place of responsibility, John admonishes them to be kind, be truthful and be content. What a powerful example the soldiers would make for the teaching of John the Baptist to fulfill those roles.

These lessons should not be lost on the people of God today. Our lives must be filled with benevolence (Matthew 25:31-46) for we will be judged by such. Honesty is the golden crown of a Christians life (Ephesians 4:15, 25-32). Kindness and truth should be our garments of grace to others (Colossians 3:12-17). Being content is the admonition of the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:11 and I Timothy 6:8. The Hebrew writer also exhorts the Christians to "*Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you'"* (Hebrews 13:5). John the Baptist had a good sermon. —Kent Heaton