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West Side Window

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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.



Happy Thanksgiving To All!

From Larry,

Thank you for your prayer and cards. I am doing well after the surgery. I will soon start my cardiac rehab.

Your love and concern is very humbling. So thankful for brethren like you.

I love everyone at West Side.

Your Brother,

Larry



“...I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am .” Philippians 4: 12

To Those Who are Content

To those who are content

I lift my song--

To those who are at peace

Where they belong--

Who rise and question not

Who go their way

Happily from dawn

To close of day.

Who labor and who earn

The bread they eat,

Who find their rest at night

Is deep and sweet;

Who ask no more of life

Than they can give,

Oh, beautifully fine,

I think they live;

Who are content to serve,

To love and pray,

Leading their simple lives

From day to day.

Grace Noll Crowell



Services

Sunday Morning Class

9:30a

Worship: 10: 30a

(Also live-streamed)

No Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Bible Study

7p

(Also Live-streamed)

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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Leaders in Worship

November 22, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Bill Winemiller, *Luke 17: 11-19*

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors,

"Just Say, 'Thank You'"

Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

This week, Midweek Bible Study, Will Meet on Tuesday, November 24th @ 7p

Song Leading: Jimmy Clark

Prayer: Don Allison

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Westminster Village

Joyce Popplewell -- Heritage in Yorktown

Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care

Pam Smith--Waters of Yorktown Nursing Home

“When the day returns, call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts, eager to labor, happy if happiness be our portion and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure.”
Robert Lewis Stevenson

Blessings of Worship

First and Second Chronicles offers us several great reminders about what a wonderful blessing worship should be to our lives. Especially right now when our routines have been disrupted, we need to make sure we are participating with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

When the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, David declared a day of thanksgiving (1 Chron. 16:7) and began expressing his gratitude to God for all the different ways that the Lord had blessed His people (1 Chron. 16:18-38). And then Scripture says that David went home to bless his household/family (1 Chron. 16:43).

The time spent together in praise of God should be transforming. Our joy and praise and lifting up of God's holy name should translate into renewed spirits that seek to be blessings to others! Our worship of the Lord together should lead to us being more like the Lord at home!

David gave thanks to God and praised Him along with all the people, then he took those things home to his family. May we all do the same! Whether we gather at the building or utilize technology, let us turn the blessings of worship into blessings for our homes.

*Bart Warren
Glasgow, KY*



What Did the Pilgrims Really Eat on the First Thanksgiving?

They didn't have potatoes, either Irish or sweet potatoes. No green bean casserole and no dressing since there was not access to flour. They used nuts and currants and chestnuts to flavor their meat. The meal was likely very "meat heavy". Turkeys were uncommon in the area, so they feasted on venison, goose, duck and shellfish which was plentiful. No pumpkin pie since they had no sugar or flour. Cranberries grew locally but they were not used as we use them since there was not sugar. Corn was plentiful and they served it in the form of bread or a porridge which they sweetened with molasses. They grew onions and herbs and used nuts as fillers. They commonly ate lobster and eels and mussels. If they could con an Indian to fish out of the area, they were happy to munch on oysters. The meat was likely complimented by cabbage, carrots, parsnips and pumpkin which they grew early on. They were actually celebrating their first harvest in the new land and were thankful to have survived the harsh winter with many deaths and constant sickness. Out of 20 women on the Mayflower, there were only 4 of them left to cook for over a hundred white men and Indians. There were a lot of teenagers and young children in the lot, and men outnumbered the women overwhelmingly.



In Need of Prayer

Angie Reed, MS

Adam Huffman, Weekly kidney dialysis and chemo ongoing

Alex Odle, Cancer

Bill Smith, Hernia surgery pending

Bob Owens, Kathy's cousin passed away. Our love and sympathy to her and her family

Dan Proctor, Lela's son in NY. Dan had emergency surgery last Monday night for blood clot on the brain. He remains in ICU and the doctors are hopeful. Lela requests continued prayers on his behalf.

John Shock, Knee replacement. Doing well at home

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kim Ham, Cancer. Dana Kellow's sister

Larry Reynolds, Doing well

Linda Horning, Cancer. Some progress.

Mary Ann Bayer, Covid positive

Mitch Kinder, Cancer, Sally's neighbor

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Has four more weeks of chemo and then evaluation on lymph nodes in lungs and spine. See recent note from Becky posted on board # 1

Ryan McCorkel, Nephew of Jennifer Clark. Mr. McCorkel is a Muncie Police Officer. Covid positive

Skylar Murphy, Test pending for gastro-intestinal issues

Sylvia Carroll, Several health concerns

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

Happy Birthday

**Delores Huffman—
Nov 25**

**Rachel Chambers—
Nov 27**

Julie Allison—Nov 29

Carl Gilstrap--Nov. 30



Thorns in the Flesh

We all have them. Those nagging thorns in the flesh. They come in different levels of severity, but they do come. Perhaps they are seen in the process of aging. We do not like to deal with the changes our bodies and minds go through, but like it or not, it is a part of the aging process (2 Cor. 4:16-18). Perhaps they are seen in the physical struggles everyone may face with surgeries and medical procedures. Right now it seems we are controlled by COVID, keeping us from our “normal” activities. But these thorns in the flesh are not limited to physical struggles and pains. They can be seen day to day while trying to scratch out a living. The job market may be challenging, the economy fluctuating, and of course, our current dilemma of political unrest. All of these begin to affect our emotional well-being. Sometimes these “thorns” may be self-inflicted because of decisions we make that are not always centered on God’s will.

Unfortunately, too often, we allow these “thorns in the flesh” to dictate our lives for the Lord. We allow these struggles to draw our attention from the promises God has shared with us as His children. Perhaps we have allowed our own thoughts and desires to take first place in our lives, relegating God and His will to second, third, or fourth place. Or maybe, we have allowed these “thorns” to diminish our trust and faith in God.

The apostle Paul dealt with an unknown “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor. 12:7-11). He prayed earnestly to God that the “thorn” be removed from him. We handle those “thorns in the flesh” much the same way. We pray they be removed, so as not to plague our lives. But, note the answer God gave to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” And, no doubt, the Lord is giving us the same response. But, unlike Paul, we may continue to gripe and complain and whine about how things are.

What would happen if we would accept Paul’s response to the problems we face in life? “Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” Our society deals with “thorns in the flesh” from a very worldly point of view—my way or else! We have the opportunity each day to shine a light to the Lord, no matter how difficult things may become in our lives. We look beyond the struggles of life and are reminded of the marvelous hope we have of eternal life because of the wonderful grace of God. “Therefore I am well content with weaknesses (thorns in the flesh) ...”

Paul Mowrer

Monticello church of Christ

Monticello, AR

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. Lamentations 3: 22-25 RSV