



West Side Window

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Facts About The Bible

The Bible is composed of 66 books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Some 39 or 40 men had a part in the writing of the Bible, from Moses to the apostle John. It took over 1500 years to produce the Bible. Out of all the men who wrote the books of the Bible, Luke "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14) was the only Gentile. He penned the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. The first section of the Old Testament is called the Pentateuch. It contains the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). These books, written by Moses, cover the period of time from Creation to the death of Moses, just prior to the entrance of God's people into the promised land. The Old Testament contains twelve books of history, from Joshua through Esther. There are five books of poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. There are five books of the major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. There are 12 minor prophets, from Hosea through Malachi. The New Testament contains four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), each telling the story of the life of Christ from different viewpoints. The New Testament has one book of history, the book of Acts, which tells of the establishment of the church and the growth of Christianity in the first century. It also has 21 epistles (Romans through Jude), the majority of which were written by the apostle Paul, and one book of prophecy (the Revelation), penned by John while on Patmos. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew (with the exception of Daniel 2:4b-7:28 and Ezra 4:8-6:18). The New Testament was written in Greek. - selected



Chuckle After Thanksgiving

I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing. He is generally poor and often very lousy. The turkey is a much more original native of America.

Written by Benjamin Franklin in a letter to Sarah Bache in 1784

The Upward Road

I will follow the upward road today,
I will keep my face to the light.
I will think high thoughts as I go my way,
I will do what is right.
I will look for beauty by the side of the road,
I will laugh and love and be strong,
I will try to lighten another's load
This day as I fare along.

Mary S. Edgar

Services

Sunday Morning
Class, 9:30a

Worship: 10:30a
(Also
livestreamed)

**No Sunday
Evening Service**

Wednesday Bible
Study, 7p

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Preacher

Michael Gors

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Jim Clark

Scripture: Bill Winemiller

Lord's Table

West Side: Bill Smith

Richard Messer

East Side: Danny Odle

Seth Gors

Sermon: *Mike Gors*

Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Sound Room: Case Reynolds

Bible Study, Nov. 30th

Song Leader: Jacob Clark

Devo: Don Allison

Closing Prayer: Lowell Huffman

We are honored by your presence today. We welcome you and hope you have been enriched by what you have heard and seen here. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. You will find masks at the front door and visitor cards can be found on each aisle. If you have questions, the West Side Elders will be glad to meet with you.

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem



The text and tune of this hymn were written by Robert J. Boyce in 1887. He came from the small community of Link, TN and he made his living by dairy farming, insurance, a fruit market, and a nursery store. Early on, he showed a love of music and became a proponent of shape music which he felt allowed everyone of the most minute music training to "read" music. He studied with Vaughn Music Publishing and traveled the south teaching shape music in Singing Schools.

Robert was the father of 11 children. Early one day, when he was milking the cows, words and music came to him as he milked. He thought of nothing else all day. The next morning, he grabbed pad and pencil and sat alone in the kitchen. It wasn't quiet for long once the 11 children and their mother arose. One was singing loudly and all the racket began to irritate him when all he wanted to do was think and compose. He grumpily took himself to the barn across the road and finished the melody and words to this beautiful song. It has been chosen to be sung in the white house and many of today's country singers have lent their voices to its simple refrain.

In 1968, he passed from this life and on his deathbed, raised his arm and proceeded to beat out time as though he was leading a song.



Coming Up

—Dec. 19, Christmas holiday baskets delivery

—Dec. 20, Blood drive in parking lot, 8::30-12

FYI: The number of holiday baskets has been met for this year.

This week, please bring sugar & flour

Remember Our Shut-ins

Norma Haffner

Kay Wall

Linda Horning

Suie Holloman

Copies of Leaders in Worship, December 2022 are on the table

News

A big welcome back home to Larry and Connie Reynolds who moved back to this area last week from Columbia City. They will be attending Towne Acres and we look forward to "Touching Shoulders" with them again.

Nov 27—Rachel Chambers

Nov 29—Julie Allison

Nov 30—Elzi Saddadi, 2021

Dec 3—Colton York

Dec 6—Scott Hummell

Dec 13—John Schock

Dec 15—Shawna Schock

Dec 18—Nathan Bayer

Dec 24—Karen Jaromin

Dec 27—Sally Anderson

Dec 30—Adam Gors



Remember in Prayer

Barbara Owens, Skylar's grandmother has been diagnosed with liver cancer

Delores Huffman, Surgery pending

Deneice Glackin, Daughter of Betty Kellow, COPD which is worsening. Family has called in hospice.

Dennis and Gina Murphy, Dennis has Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis and is bed ridden and Gina is suffering from lymphoma. Friends of the Nicks'

Jim Smith, Has been delayed going home due to covid. Hopes to return home next week

Kinsley Simmons, Newborn daughter of Michael & Morgan Simmons who are friends of CJ and Morgan (Richard's grandson). Baby Kinsley was born on Nov. 16th and, once at home, began having seizures . It was discovered she had a brain bleed and infection throughout her body. Currently a patient at Payton Manning Children's hospital

Marla Curry-Shelley Marla required a third surgery on her back and is now re-habing in a facility in Murphysboro, TN

Robby Murphy, Evaluation ongoing as to cancer diagnoses

Sandy Isgrigg, Colon cancer and broken hip, Tyler and Alayna Isgrigg's grandmother. .

Susan Cloninger, After consultation, it was decided to evaluate results again after a scan in near future .Spots are smaller and in different locations and it is hoped that once she begins a certain medicine regimen, the spots will clear up. Doctor is optimistic

Tom Cloninger, Sr, Heart attack. Found to have a

NO PICTURE, HOWEVER BEAUTIFUL, CAN BE SO GREAT AS A CONGREGATION INFLUENCING EACH OTHER. A. WHITEHEAD

Learning to Worship

"The preacher's eyes I've never seen, though light in them may shine; for when he prays he closes his, and when he preaches, I close mine." If I knew who wrote it I wouldn't embarrass him by telling. Besides, if the writer had been worshipping as he should, he wouldn't know that the other's eyes are closed during prayer. That preacher had probably made a studied effort to learn how to get and keep attention. How many of us make a studied effort to give attention? Both sides may be failing. Granting (please do, or I'll feel terrible) that absolute and unwavering attention is impossible; surely there is some way to improve single-mindedness in the public worship. Perhaps the most important prerequisite is an honest appraisal of our desire. If we do not care - are so little acquainted with true worship as to think "attending," "visiting" and "gazing about the auditorium" is all God expects of us -- there is little use in going further with this. But people who really want to worship God can improve their efforts. . . 1. "Make not Provisions for the flesh" (Rom. 13:14); that is, do not sit where there are distractions - move toward the front of the building. Unless you are forced (small children, physical disability, etc.) you cannot afford to overlook this means of improving your attention span and enriching your worshipping experience. 2. Practice charity - hear the monotone singer as one who sings to God; and the trite expressions in prayer as the efforts of an embarrassed man, saying what he thinks is expected. (You can pray your own prayer, you know; and if you lead publicly, you can set a better example for others.) 3. Listen with a view to learning! Take notes, reason through the process, being critical in a positive fashion. Better to forsake the preacher while making a note of your own, than to drift sleepily into "limbo." 4. And, when you drift, apologize to God, right then! Ask His help, and worship will become more meaningful. - by Robert Turner

Two Means of Justification

The dictionary defines the word "justify" to mean: "to defend or uphold as blameless or right; to declare guiltless; absolve; acquit." When it comes to our soul's condition, there are two very different ways to approach the business of justification. The first way is by means of the soul redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. When we humbly acknowledge our own sinfulness, and in true faith obey the commands of God, we are "justified by his blood" and "shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9). Those who do not find real justification by God's plan often follow another route that we refer to as "self justification." This is not new. Many men, past and present, have made such efforts (Luke 10:29). Several common tricks are employed when folks try to justify themselves. They will often: 1) Ignore the problem. Some seem to think that if they don't acknowledge their wrong, it will somehow disappear. It never does. 2) Deny the sin. Their "heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing" (Matt. 13: 15). The sin remains. 3) Make excuses. When their failures are discovered, they will frequently describe the extenuating circumstance that led to their sinful words or deeds. In reality, an excuse is an admission of fault, and does nothing to truly justify the sinner. 4) Blame others. This approach is as old as the very first sin. Adam blamed Eve (Gen. 3:12), and millions have imitated his fruitless effort to shift blame. Yes, others sin - and sometimes their sins have an impact or influence on us - but such things never justify us to go against God. 5) Blame God. Adam tried this, too. He was wrong, and so is everyone who tries this. God has always desired what is best for us and His laws are designed for our benefit (Deut. 6:24). We all need justification. Be careful not to be deceived by "self justification," but, rather, seek true justification by obedience to God.

by Greg Gwin