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West Side Window

November 29, 2020

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.

West Side News

--Tuesday night Men's class is on hold until January 5th when the Study of Jesus' life will resume with teacher, Mike Gors

--Thank you to the Thanksgiving Basket Crew, Steve Gors, Jessica Gors, Cindy Taylor and Mike Gors who coordinated the shopping, packing and delivery of the baskets and thank you to the many drivers who showed up to get the baskets to the rightful recipients. West Side sponsored 12 baskets this year. Now, on to the Christmas Baskets and a plea to help re-stock the cupboard. This week, please consider donating boxed meals such as mac and cheese, hamburger helper, Rice-a-Roni and stuffing mixes. See Jessica or Cindy if you have questions or see Steve if you want to donate money or suggest names. Your help and your interest will fuel this good cause.

--Looking ahead: With the Christmas holiday coming up, we will observe the usual Wednesday Bible Study at 7p for the week of December 20th.

Things That Promote Peace

In Romans 14:19, we are instructed to "pursue the things which make for peace" (NASV). Ephesians 4:3 teaches that we should be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." What are some of the things that are necessary so that we can obey these commands and enjoy peace among brethren?

The Scriptures teach us that all of these things are important for peace:

1) Humility. Pride is a great hindrance to peace. It provides an "explosive atmosphere" for strife and turmoil. Those who are proud can be easily provoked into a fight. God's Word urges us to "be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5).

2) Love. Instead of following the many instructions concerning love (1 Jn. 4:20,21; Jn. 13:34,35) we are often too ready to engage in harsh, presumptuous judging. This, of course, is plainly condemned by God (Matt. 7:3-5).

3) Carefully chosen words. We are warned that our words have the power to "stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1). For this reason, "let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how to answer every man" (Col. 4:6)

4) Putting others first. We live in a selfish, self-centered society. This selfishness is a root cause of much fighting and bitterness. To combat this we must "look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:4).

5) Forgiveness. It is inevitable that problems will arise; wrongs and offenses will occur. When this happens we have to be ready to "forgive one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

6) Truth. There can be no real peace if we are not firmly established together in God's truth (2 Jn. 9-11). When we speak the truth we demonstrate our love (Eph. 4:15) for both God and our fellow man.

- by Greg Gwin

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

INDIA

Bible Correspondence

Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

November 29, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Jay Kellow

Scripture: Steve Gors, *Luke 18:1- 8*

Lord's Table: Bill Winemiller

Sermon: Mike Gors,

"Will Jesus Find Faith in the Earth?"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, November 2, 2020

Song Leading: Case Reynolds

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Bill Winemiller

Please see schedule of Wednesday Bible Study for the months of Dec-April posted on board # 1

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

Riddle Me This

"I make you weak at the worse of times

I keep you safe, I keep you fine;

I make your hands sweat and your heart grow cold.

I visit the weak but seldom the bold.

Answer on page 3

Where Has Brother and Sister 'So and So' Been?

One of the most frequently asked questions to a preacher is, "Where has brother and sister so-and-so been lately?" This question is generally asked by a member who has noticed that another member has been missing services. It's good that folks recognize when others are missing. It tells me they miss them. It reminds me a bit of what Jonathan told David, "thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18). It also tells me that they're somewhat concerned for their spiritual well-being (cf. Heb. 10:24-25). I say "somewhat" because I sometimes wonder just how genuinely concerned these folks (myself included) really are.

Allow me to explain. If members of our spiritual family have been absent from our assemblies for a few weeks, shouldn't we, as concerned

family members, be asking those absentees ourselves where they've been? I understand that elders and preachers should be leading the way when it comes to visitation, especially the shepherds who have been given the responsibility to watch for our souls--to feed and lead (Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:28). But doesn't the responsibility to know where brother and sister so-and-so

have been fall on each of us? All Christians are obligated to "bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1-2), "warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak" (1 These. 5:14), "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" (Jam. 1:27), "go after that which is lost until you find it" (Luke 15:4), "convert the sinner from the error of his way" (Jam. 5:19-20).

Maybe instead of asking the preacher where brother and sister so-and-so have been, it would be more advantageous for us to ask them ourselves.

Terry R. Townsend

Curry church of Christ

Jasper, AL

Susie Faye Long, age 85, one of the first to work and worship at West Side, passed away in Knoxville, TN this past week. She had been residing in a Church of Christ assisted living facility for the last year. Susie was a much beloved teacher of the very young for many years at West Side. She was a native of Winchester, TN, and the youngest of eight children. She worked many years in the office at Borg Warner.

Susie was the wife of Tony Allen, the mother of two and grandmother of several grandchildren. She had a rich sense of humor and sincere love of children and possessed the will to help them to believe and understand the gospel. It was an ardent mission for her. She will be remembered for her faithfulness and as an advocate of Christ for young and old alike. Many children, through the years, had the distinctive opportunity to sit at her feet and learn the gospel through her passion for the scripture. Our sympathy to Susie's family and to her many friends in this area.



*"It takes a big
heart to shape
little minds."*

Anon

Answer to riddle: Fear

Julie Allison—Nov 29

Carl Gilstrap--Nov 30

Colton York--Dec. 3

Scott Hummel--Dec. 6

John Schock—Dec 13

**Shawna Schock—Dec
15**

Nathan Bayer—Dec 18

Kathy Harper—Dec 18

Karen Jaromin—Dec 24

Sally Anderson—Dec 27

Adam Gors—Dec 30



In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Kidney dialysis weekly

Angie Reed, MS

Alex Odle, Cancer

Bill Smith, Surgery scheduled for Dec. 11th

Dan Proctor, Lela's son in NY. 2nd emergency brain surgery with stay in ICU. As of this printing, Dan is holding his own. Doctors are hopeful

John Schock, Knee Surgery. Recuperating at home

Kathy Harper, Respiratory issues

Kim Ham, Cancer, Dana Kellow's sister

Larry Reynolds

Linda Horning, Cancer

Mary Ann Bayer, Covid

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nick Hummel, Cancer. Chemo Ongoing

Skylar Murphy, Gastro-intestinal issues

Sylvia Carroll, Several health issues

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

Oh What a happy soul am I!

Although I cannot see,

I am resolved that in this world

Contented I will be;

How many blessings I enjoy

That other people don't.

To weep and sigh because I'm blind

I cannot and I won't.

This poem was written by Fanny Crosby who wrote 8000 hymns and gospel songs. She was also a teacher and a rescue mission worker. She used 200 pseudonyms to get her music published because many of the publishing houses were hesitant to have so many hymns credited to the same person in one song book.

Good Addiction

"Now I urge you, brothers – you know the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints – be subject to these, and to every fellow worker and laborer" (1 Corinthians 16:15, 16). Nobody in Corinth was a Christian before Stephanas and his family. And what did that family think that being a Christian was all about? They “devoted themselves to the service of the saints.” As the KJV puts it, they “addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.” Nobody had to beg them to do good works. They served and served to the point of exhaustion but never wanted to stop. Is that the way you think about service? Take note that “service” and “ministry” and “servant” and “minister” are interchangeable terms. Nobody is a minister without being a servant. And everybody who serves is a minister. The lines drawn in religion between ministers and the rest of the church are unbiblical in that regard. Some of the best ministers would never claim that label or have it applied to them by other people. Their work may not get much attention. But God knows who they are, and His work in the church and in the world depends on them (Hebrews 6:10) What should we do when we see such Christians? Be subject to them. Be like them. If they say they could use some help, jump in eagerly! Who are some fellow-Christians you know who have this good addiction? “There is much to do; there’s work on every hand!”

–Danny Boggs (Neosho, MO) via Old Paths

“Nature does not require that we be perfect; it requires only that we grow and we can do this as well from a mistake as from a success.”

Rollo May

“Lord, my heart is not proud nor my eyes haughty. Nor do I involve myself in great matters or in things too difficult for me. Surely, I have composed and quieted my soul... Psalm 131: 1 - 2

The story is told of a farmer who called into a radio station during a contest, and being the fifth caller, he was given an all expense trip paid to New York City. The farmer was absolutely overwhelmed by his trip and the new experiences. A stretch limo picked him up and took him to the airport; his first flight; his first glimpse of New York City, etc.

As the bell hop carried this farmer’s luggage into the five star hotel, they opened the door and entered a room. The bell hop noticed a look of disappointment on the farmer’s face and asked, “Sir, is something wrong? You don’t look like you’re satisfied.” The farmer said, “I shouldn’t complain because I haven’t paid for any of this, but I am a little disappointed that my room is so small and that I have to share it with two other people (there were two other people in the room also). The bell hop looked at the farmer with a puzzled look and said, “Sir, your room is 60 floors up. This is just the elevator to take us there.”

Well now, before we chuckle at this farmer, we may find that we are making the same mistake that he made. Sometimes people will question whether or not God really loves them. They wonder why pain, suffering, and sorrow are a part of their lives if God loves them.

The answer is simple. We, like the farmer, have confused our journey with our destination. Friends, God never promised Heaven on Earth, but he did promise Heaven after Earth to all who are faithful.

Next time you’re tempted, due to less than ideal circumstances, to question whether God loves you, remember that this life is the journey and not the destination.

Steve Higginbotham

Karns church of Christ

Knoxville, TN

Brother Steve Higginbotham is currently undergoing immunotherapy in Houston, TX every two weeks for treatment of cancer. Our prayers go out to him and his family as they travel this difficult path.