



# West Side Window

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## How Many Roads Lead to Heaven? By E. Percell



On a map you can see many roads into any major city. You can pick whatever route suits you. Many people think the same thing about variety among churches -- "We're all on different roads to the same place," they say. Can such a thing be so?

Do you believe we can follow different roads? What does the Bible say about it? The Bible speaks of only two roads. In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus said, "... *the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*" Yes, there are different roads, but only one goes to Heaven, and it is narrow.

In John 4, when the woman at the well met Jesus, she immediately pointed out that her people worshipped differently from His (John 4:19-20). Jesus did not reply that both roads led to the same place. He said that one road was right and the other was wrong (John 4:22), and that if she wished to please God, her worship must be "in truth" (John 4:24).

In Acts 15:1-31, the apostles disputed with some who believed in Jesus but taught error about what one must do to be saved. Instead of concluding that there were different roads, they gave notice to the churches that one road was right and the other was wrong.

The idea of "different roads" is used to avoid discussing different religious teachings and practices. After all, does doctrine really matter if your attitude is right? Indeed it does. The Bible says that there are doctrines that God hates (Revelation 2:15), and that some doctrines are of demons (I Timothy 4:1). Taking heed to doctrine is necessary for salvation (I Timothy 4:16, II John 9), because obedience to God's "form of doctrine" is what makes one free from sin (Romans 6:17-18). Even many who believe in Jesus are on the wrong road because they do not obey (Luke 6:46, Matthew 7:21-23).

Multiple roads result when men choose their own ways, but only God's way is right. The "different roads" philosophy has led churches to abandon the question of what is right, and instead accept a wide diversity of belief. But we should not be ashamed to say that some beliefs are right, and others are wrong, because that is what God says. "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death*" (Proverbs 14:12). If people are on different roads, they are not all headed for Heaven.

## 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



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## Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Don Allison

Scripture: Steve Gors, *Col. 1: 9-18*

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors,  
*"Jesus, the Creator"*

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### *Bible Study, December 8th*

*Song Leader: Case Reynolds*

*Devo: Gary Reynolds*

*Prayer: Jimmy Clark*

Remember  
Our Shut-Ins with  
Calls & Cards

\*\*Kathy Harper at Signa-  
ture Health & Rehab

### *From the Elders*

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you have been enriched by the worship of our Lord Jesus. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. You will find masks, communion packets and contribution baskets at each double door. Visitor cards can be found on each aisle. If you have questions about what you have seen or heard while here, the Elders would be glad to meet with you.

## News of Our Own

\*\* Cliff and Tami Nicks send their greetings and want everyone to know they are here with us in spirit and listen to every service. Cliff is in intensive rehab 3x's per week and it leaves him very exhausted. His heart issue is stable but the immediate issue is related to pulmonary fibrosis. Much of the workouts are for dual conditions. Tami is doing well with her past heart issues and drives Cliff back and forth to workouts in Indy. We thank God that the Nicks are at West Side and we will lovingly welcome them back whenever the time is right.

\*\*Martha Gilstrap has re-located to her new abode in economy IN. She moved across the street to her daughter, Kathy. Martha will be attending church in Jacksonburg, IN. Our love and Godspeed to you, Martha, in your new home.

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## Given to Change By Terry W. Benton

*"My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with those given to change; For their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin those two can bring?" (Proverbs 24:21-22)*

To be "given to change" is to be reckless. This is not a person who is careful to "prove what is acceptable to the Lord" (Romans 12:1-3). This is a person who likes to push the "change for the sake of change" button because it gives them a sense of power and control and because they cannot be content and operate within the established order. They cannot prove the established order is unscriptural and therefore needs to be changed. Scriptural authority is the least of their concerns. It is therefore not wise to associate with those given to change, for they are not afraid to act without authority of God or even against the revealed order. When change is needed, it is to be because we have learned that the will of God demands it, or because it is most expedient in doing the will of God, not because we are drawn to the personality and whims of people who are "given to change".

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

**HAPPY  
DAY!**



## In Need of Prayer

**Alex Odle**, Alex, along with his finance, Jessie, were rescued from a house fire, both sustaining serious injuries and life threatening smoke inhalation. They have been released from the hospital but are under doctor's care. We are all praying for you, Alex and Jessie.

**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.

**Kendall Clark**, Blood clot in leg

**Marty Gors**, Suffering lasting effects of covid

**Renee York**, Shoulder surgery

**Shawna Schock**, Stomach trouble

**Tom Davis**, Hospitalized at IUBMH

**Volker Jaromin**, Covid

*"As one whom his mother comforts,  
So, I will Comfort you..."*

*Isaiah 66: 13*

*"All the adversity I've had in my life, all my struggles and obstacles have strengthened me... you may not realize it when it happens but a kick in the teeth may be best thing in the world for you."*

*Walt Disney*

## An Anecdote About “Raccoon” John Smith

by Louis Cochran



In passing a Methodist camp meeting one day in September he stopped to watch a young Methodist preacher baptize a howling, rebellious infant by sprinkling water on the squirming body. When the service was concluded, “Raccoon” stepped to the front of the crowd and, identifying himself, took the preacher firmly by the arm and attempted to lead him toward the creek a few yards away.

“What are you trying to do, Brother Smith?” the young preacher protested. “Are you out of your mind?”

“What am I trying to do?” John affected deep surprise. “Why, sir, I am going to baptize you by immersion into the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to his commandment.”

“But I have no desire for such baptism. I know of you; you are called ‘The Dipper.’ But you are not going to dip me. I’m a Methodist; let me go!”

John tightened his hold on the man’s arm while the crowd watched, some in apprehension, others in amusement. “That is a scoffer’s blasphemy of a holy ordinance,” John said sternly. “Are you a believer?”

“Of course I’m a believer,” the preacher said indignantly. “But I’m not willing to be immersed. It would do no good for you to baptize me against my will. It would be wrong!”

“I don’t understand,” John said. “Only a few minutes ago you baptized a helpless baby against its will, although it screamed and kicked. Did you get its consent first? Come along, sir, we will have no more of this foolishness.”

The crowd broke into open laughter, and John gave the young preacher a quick pull toward the creek, and then as suddenly released him.

**Note by Dudley Ross Spears: John Smith lived in and around Wayne Country, Kentucky and left denominationalism to follow the New Testament only. He was a rugged and very strong farmer who was responsible for numerous conversions and established many local churches in the Commonwealth.**

### **On Memory:**

**Forget it enough to get over it. Remember it enough so it doesn't happen again.**

*The happiest people don't have the best of everything—they just make the best of everything.*