



# West Side Window

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## Little Things

One of the intriguing stories of the book of Judges is the death of Abimelech, He murdered his rival brothers at Shechem and ruled Israel for three years. He got his just deserts when, while seeking to expand his dominion, he was killed by a woman at the city of Thebes. The city had just been defeated by Abimelech and his troops; the remaining citizens, men and women, gathered in the city watchtower, seeking refuge from Abimelech and his warriors. The army surrounded the tower and was positioned to burn it and destroy all its fear-stricken residents. A woman spied a millstone nearby, picked it up, dropped it from the tower, and it struck Abimelech on the head and crushed his skull. Abimelech remained conscious long enough to call on a fellow soldier to finish him off so it would not be said, "A woman slew him" (Judg. 9:54). When Abimelech's marauding army saw their general was dead, each man departed for his own home. "Thus God," by a woman who had little prowess as a soldier, "requited the wickedness of Abimelech" (Judg. 9:56). The same God killed a nine foot giant with a single rock from a sling wielded by a small lad whose only professional training was watching sheep. He also used a man with a stammering tongue to lead his people from bondage in Egypt, organize them into a mighty nation, and lead them to their land of promise. This God, Jehovah, warns us through His prophet that we must not "despise the day of small things" (Zech. 4:10). The simplest of deeds that show interest and concern; the least eloquent words that express love and care; the sparsest of talent directed toward a desperate person; a smile and a handshake or a warm hug at the right moment; any of these, all of these, or a thousand other tiny deeds can effect great results when our love or service for God is behind them. No limits can be set on God, His providence, and His use of men in accomplishing His purposes on earth. Jehovah, our God and Father, does not demand powerful and moving sermons, flamboyant and ornate displays of service, educated and magnetic personalities, or talented and important people. God needs men and women of faith, of hope, of love, and of prayer; disciples who are moved with passion to serve at every opportunity; Christians who regardless of their talent respect God's will, seek to follow it, and labor to share themselves and His will with others. Large or small, big or little, brethren -- plant and water and leave the results to God (1 Cor. 3:5-9). - by L. A. Stauffer



## From the Elders

If you are visiting with us 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, communion packets and contribution baskets at each double door. Visitor cards can be found on each aisle. If you have questions or concerns, the Elders would be glad to meet with you.

**I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122: 1**

## 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: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Case Reynolds, *John 1: 14-18*

Lord's Table: Volker Jaromin

Sermon: Mike Gors,  
*"Rooted in Jesus", Part 2*

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

## Bible Study, December 15th

*Song Leader: Jacob Clark*

*Devo: Jimmy Clark*

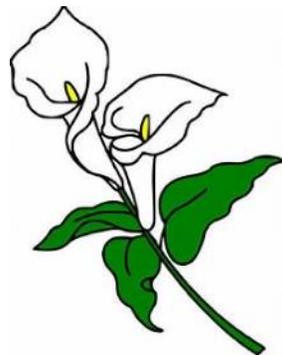
*Prayer: Adam Gors*

"As for me, I would seek God, and I would place my cause before God; Who does great and unsearchable things, wonders without number."

Job 5: 8-9



"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things but look at what they can do when they stick together."



## News of Our Brethren

—Brother Forrest "Bud" Durnal passed away on December 6th. at the age of 85. In his early years, he took on Christ and served the Lord faithfully. Brother Bud attended Fairlawn COC. At the time of this publication, no information is available for calling or funeral.

—Sister Betty Heaton of Carmichael, CA passed away on November 17th. She and her husband, "Mac", attended West Side having transitioned here from Middletown COC. Betty was the widow of Mac and the mother of June. She had worked at Guide Lamp in Anderson and at an Anderson newspaper and had moved to CA to be near her daughter after Mac's death. (Cont. on next page)

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—Alex Odle and his fiancée, Jesse, are now home in IN. They will be here until the first of the year. Issues from smoke inhalation are improving but Alex will be treated for burns to his hands through Eskenazi Hospital and Jesse will undergo surgery from cuts on her leg. Donations are being accepted to help and you may give your gift to Todd Stults or simply put it in the contribution basket and specify “Alex Odle Fund”. Todd will forward funds as long as they accumulate. Also, friends of the couple have set up a “Go-Fund Me” on Facebook and you may participate in that way. Any help will be greatly appreciated since all was lost in the fire.

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## Changes of Address

Danny and Joan Odle  
1848 South Patriot Drive  
Yorktown, IN 47396

Tom and Sierra Sue Davis  
5200 West Petty Road  
Muncie, IN 47304  
765-722-0090

## Happy Birthday

**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

**Alex Odle**

**April Stinson**, Cancer. Friend of Genny

**Cliff Nicks**, Cliff has been admitted to hospital as of yesterday. No details available

**Cory Cross**, Cousin of Kendal

**Damon Summers**

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

**Gordon and Brenda Huffman** in Crossville, TN.

**Joyce Colvin**, Due to heart issues, Joyce will have stints placed, scheduled to be done in Indy. She traveled with her daughter to LA and will soon return home to Hagerstown

**Kendall Clark**, Blood clot in leg

**Lisa Harmon**, Terminal breast Cancer. Wife of Brian's friend

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

**Renee York**, Shoulder surgery

**Shawna Schock**, Stomach trouble

**Tom Davis**, Hospitalized at IUBMH



We are greatly grieved by the death of Sister Kathy Harper, who passed away early yesterday on Dec. 11th. Kathy had been residing in long term care for several weeks and had been in declining health for the last few years. Our hearts are full of sadness and concern for Rex and Kelly, Joey, Lexie, Cora and Jacob as well as the extended family. Services will be held at Meeks but details are pending.

**“Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation.” Romans 12: 16**

# Worship--The Emotional Component

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth," (John 4:24). Every element of true worship involves some emotional component. The emotional component is not driven by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit (as in Calvinism) or "getting the Holy Spirit" (as in Charismatic practice). The emotional component of true worship is the result of one's informed relationship with Deity. The faithful disciple will go into every assembly with the emotion of joy, reverence for Deity and the anticipated interests in praising Deity and being edified. The true worshipper will leave the assembly with the emotional satisfaction of participating in all that God has directed, unto His glory. The proper emotional component is not contrived and forced or coerced. It is the result of one's informed relationship with God. One should not perform some emotional display, because it is perceived it is expected by others. One should not imitate the emotional display of another. The faithful one's emotional response (seen or unseen by men) is the result of one's informed relationship with God. When the Word is faithfully preached, there should be a range of emotions in the hearts of faithfully listeners (remorse, assurance, joy, the satisfaction of knowledge gained). In partaking of the Lord's Supper, remembering His death, the emotions of both sorrow and gratitude should combine in our reflection. Singing has a strong emotional component. But this emotional result is directed tied to lyrical content. What do the lyrics mean to the worshipper? Some love music and are moved by what they believe is good music, but without any self-examination or thought to lyrical content. The emotional connection derives from content (the words in the songs), not form (harmony, meter, structure). Likewise, praying is not simply a formal, mechanical exercise. It has great emotional potential, but not due to voice or poetic structure, but content and direction (praying to Deity). Giving should also have an emotional component (a cheerful giver, II Corinthians 9:7). In a lecture about this in 2005 I told the audience: Ignorance of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit, combined with the popularly promoted Charismatic concepts can combine with the passion for the contemporary, and reduce our worship to events designed toward the pleasure of men instead of God! In this process (that may extend slowly into another generation), biblical knowledge can be set aside to pursue the emotional needs perceived by humans in their cultural context. True worship is not about competing with the modern marketplace. Our focus cannot be on drawing crowds or showing our affinity with the modern Charismatic style of worship. God is the object of worship, not the changing emotional needs of man. We must, from baptism until death, listen to the call of the gospel, not the call of the culture or religious world. Regarding the influence of the Charismatic movement on worship, I want to recommend that we carefully consider the danger of engineering assemblies and meetings for emotional outcome. What's at stake here is the very definition of worship! In the New Testament, worship is not presented to us as something humans set up, so that other humans can find some "spiritual high" or emotional fix. The object is to respond to God with reverence and obedience: "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him," (Psalm 89:7). Worship is not depicted as a resurrection; conversion is! When people who are terminally unspiritual, willfully ignorant of the Scriptures and religious only in some systematic or institutional way, come to the building to be raised from the dead - we cannot cater to their wants. What these people need is conversion, not "worship" designed to meet their felt needs. When we engineer worship to answer the emotional needs of people who are not concerned with the Scriptures, we fail to serve the Lord; we give people something that can never be ultimately satisfying, and we set ourselves on the road of apostasy. Worship is the avenue God has given for converted people to show their respect for Him and honor His Son. These purposes cannot be served in any sense until we decide to follow His instructions. The Charismatic format is motivated primarily by the aim to hit a human emotional target. God's people cannot go there!

by Warren E. Berkley