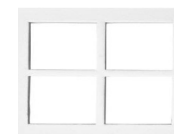


# WEST SIDE WINDOW



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When the members of the Sanhedrin found that they could not put Jesus to death themselves, but had to request instead that Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, do so on their behalf (Luke 23:24), they should have known the Messiah was in their midst, for that was the exact prophecy Moses had recorded. The scepter had indeed departed from Judah—and the Messiah had indeed come! Yet the Jews ignored the voice of God and demanded the death sentence for His only begotten Son. Why? Because they were the people who “always resisted .

Woe to those individuals in our day and age who ignore the powerful evidence that God has provided as proof of the deity of His precious Son, Jesus Christ! Let us ensure that we today do not become as blind to Christ’s Sonship as those first-century Jews.

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## Mission Trip to Tanzania

Bethany Allison, daughter of Don & Teresa Allison, is planning a 6 week mission trip to Chimala, Tanzania in the coming year. She is in her third year of nursing studies at Harding University and will make this trip through the International Health Care Foundation in Searcy, Arkansas. She will be assisting in surgery, delivering babes as well as other medical procedures, teaching better health care to the locals and sharing the gospel with all. Bethany is requesting your financial support as well as your support through prayer. She needs to raise \$4000 to \$4500 to cover transportation, housing and the cost of medical supplies. For more information, read Bethany’s letter posted on the bulletin board.

## Don’t Forget

—Mid Week Bible Study, prior to Christmas day will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 7p.

—Midweek service, prior to New Years Day will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 30th at 7p.

## Addresses for your Convenience

### Rosemary Summers

Bethany Rehab Center  
421 Ocala Drive  
Nashville, TN 37211

### Sandy Phillips

2210 West Rosemont  
Muncie, IN 47302

### Linda Bigler

98 Mike White Road  
Morgantown, Ky 42261

*Jesus admonished those who would follow him to go “the extra mile”—to do even more than is demanded or expected of them. (Matt. 5:41). These thoughts of what it means to be a Christian are from the pen of W. A. Ward.*

- I’ll do more than belong. I’ll participate
- I’ll do more than believe. I’ll practice.
- I’ll do more than care. I’ll help.
- I’ll do more than be fair. I’ll be kind.
- I’ll do more than forgive. I’ll forget.
- I’ll do more than teach. I’ll inspire.
- I’ll do more than earn. I’ll enrich.
- I’ll do more than give. I’ll serve.
- I’ll do more than live. I’ll grow.
- I’ll do more than be friendly. I’ll be a friend.
- I’ll do more than be a citizen. I’ll be a patriot.

## What do you Think of Christ?

John the Baptizer—“Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:29)

Paul—“Excellency of Knowledge” (Phil. 3:8)

Thomas—“My Lord and My God” (John 20:28)

Peter—“Thou Art the Christ” (Matt. 16:16)

Angels—“Savior, Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11)

Centurion—“Truly This was the Son of God” (Mk.15:39)

John—“Bright and Morning Star “ ( Rev. 22:16)

Jehovah God—“My Beloved Son” (Matt. 3:17)

## A Messiah Who “Sneaks” Into History?”

By Kyle Butt, M.A.

As Paul stood before King Agrippa’s throne, relating the story of Christ, he declared of the Messiah’s life: “This thing was not done in a corner” (Acts 26:26). Those few words have reverberated through centuries of history as one of the hallmarks of the story of Jesus. Never was the life, death, or resurrection of Christ meant to be kept secret—as something might be when it is stored away in a box in an abandoned attic, to be discovered later by accident only by a fortunate few. Rather, the many facets of Christ’s earthly ministry were readily available for inspection by anyone, anytime, anywhere.

In fact, centuries before Christ set foot on the Earth in human form, the prophets of old repeatedly had spoken of His impending arrival. Over 300 messianic prophecies fill the pages of the Old Testament. God did not try to “sneak” the Messiah into human affairs under cover of darkness and without warning. Truth be told, He went to considerable effort to announce to the world the news of its heralded Savior.

One such instance can be found in Genesis 49:10, wherein Moses wrote: “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes.” The word “Shiloh” has long been recognized by biblical scholars as another name for the Messiah. This verse, then, explains exactly when the Messiah was to arrive—when the scepter had departed from Judah.

So what is the “scepter,” and when did it depart from Judah? The scepter was a staff kept in possession of the elders of each of the twelve tribes of Israel and engraved with the name of the tribe. It symbolized the national sovereignty and judicial power of God’s people. As long as the scepter was in place, the Jews could govern themselves, excommunicate one of their own, and even administer corporeal punishment (including the death penalty).

Interestingly, the scepter remained in place even while the Jews were in captivity under both the Babylonians and the Medes and Persians. It also remained in place for a time under Roman captivity—until the Emperor instituted procurators. When that occurred, even first-century Jews recognized the departure of the scepter because the Romans (around A.D. 11) took away the Jews’ right to administer capital punishment. One Jewish teacher, rabbi Rachmon, put the situation in these terms: “When the members of the Sanhedrin found themselves deprived of their right over life and death, a general consternation took possession of them; they covered their heads with ashes, and their bodies with sackcloth, exclaiming: ‘Woe unto us, for the scepter has departed from Judah, and the Messiah has not come’ ” (quoted in McDowell, 1999, p. 195). (Cont. on page 4)

## SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —  
9:30 am  
Worship — 10:30 am &  
6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study —  
7:00 pm

## MINISTER

Michael Gors

## ELDERS

Mike Gors  
Gary Reynolds  
Larry Reynolds  
Todd Stults

## DEACONS

Don Allison— Fellowship  
Kendall Clark- Benevolence  
Jim Clark-Visitation  
Lowell Huffman-Media  
Volker Jaromin— Communication and Advertising

## MISSION WORKS

Russia & India  
Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of  
Preaching  
Armand Wine  
Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of  
Biblical Studies  
Preaching  
Caleb Taylor

New Hampshire  
Laconia Church of  
Christ  
The Belanger family

## WORSHIP FOR December 21, 2014

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

1st Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Brett Allison

*Matthew 5:27-32*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*“Protecting the Family by Guarding the Heart”*

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Richard Messer

West Side— Outside: Jacob Martin

Inside: Rick Cox

East Side— Inside: Sean Bobo

Outside: Jimmy Clark

### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

1st Prayer: Chad Bobo

Scripture: Howard Goodman

*Titus 2:11-15*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*“Ingredients for a Great Church” part 2*

Communion Table: Volker Jaromin

Closing Prayer: Adam Gors

Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

### GROUP 3 DUTIES, DEC. 21 & 23

Greeters: Annex, Vivian & Dana;  
Front Door: Ira & Holly;  
East Entrance, Debby & Nancy.  
Building Lock-up: Don & Teresa  
Communion Clean-up: Sue

Communion Prep: Genny Stults

## Remember in Prayer

- ◆ Angie Dick, Gall bladder surgery. Recuperating at home
- ◆ Bob Allison, chemo treatments. Father of Don Allison.
- ◆ Brett Rutherford, missionary. Lesions on brain.
- ◆ Herb & Betty Smith
- ◆ Jim Witty, Surgery was postponed until Dec. 18th.
- ◆ Jerry Anderson, Uncle of Doug Anderson. On the waiting list for kidneys and liver transplant.
- ◆ Judy Schuck, Radiation treatment for cancer. Charlene’s cousin
- ◆ Kristi Tesmer, Cancer surgery at Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis, daughter of Shirley Durnal
- ◆ Linda Bigler, brain cancer. Ongoing chemo treatments
- ◆ Lisa Staggs
- ◆ Les & Sara Bonham, brother and sister-in-law to Pat Kidd. He has Alzheimer's Disease and she has cancer.
- ◆ Rosemary Summers, Stroke. Appreciates cards, see address on page 4. Wife of Betty Smith’s cousin, Wayman Summers
- ◆ Rodney Lawson, Stage 4 lung cancer. Cousin of Kathy Harper
- ◆ Sandy Crawford, Cancer and shingles. Wife of close friend to Kendall Clark
- ◆ Sandy Phillips, recuperating from cancer surgery
- ◆ Shawna Schock, Second procedure for pain management was scheduled for Dec. 17th at BMH
- ◆ Teresa Allison, Surgery this past Monday. Released to go home on Tuesday
- ◆ Kennedy Zade, Seizures. Great-Granddaughter of Dorothy Potter.

Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Visits and Prayer;

Bill Gaw-Westminster Village

Evelyn Vannatter-Elmcroft

Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft

Lana Blanchard-Albany Health Care

Vada Zeek-Willow Bend

### Wednesday Bible Study

December 23rd

Devotions: Mike

Song Leader: Chad

Prayer: Adam

### Attendance for the Week of Dec. 14, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	62
Sunday Worship am	96
Sunday Worship pm	66
Wed. Bible Study	57

### Happy Birthday!

Karen—Dec 24

Sally—Dec 27

Adam—Dec 30

Gavin—Jan. 3



### For Those Near and Far

*To our Snowbird Brothers and Sisters, to our Friends and Neighbors,*

*Warm and loving wishes to you all during this Holiday Season.*

*From West Side Church of Christ.*



### Looking Ahead

Dec. 21, Boys Song leading at the building at 3:00p

Dec. 23, Men’s Breakfast at IHOP. 8:00a

Dec. 23, Women’s Breakfast at IHOP. 10:00a

Dec. 23, Midweek Bible Study on Tuesday at 7:00p

Dec. 28, Boys Song Leading at the building at 3:00p

Dec. 30, Midweek Bible Study on Tuesday at 7:00p

Jan. 2, Columbus Avenue Lock-in with Ryan Cox as coordinator. 6th grade and up

Begins on January 2, 2015 at 8p  
Ends on January 3, 2015 at 8a

Jan. 3, Bible Bowl at 7p

Jan. 4, West Side’s New Year Carry-In. Everyone will remain in the lower level after the carry-in for an afternoon devotional including a quarterly report by the elders.

*No evening service on Sunday, January 4th*

Jan 8, Ladies Deep Bible Study for Dec. at 7p

Jan. 10, Bible Bowl at 7:00p

Jan. 11, Ladies Singing at the building at 2:30 p