



West Side Window

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Coming Down From the Mountain

Time on the mountain was an exciting event when Elijah stood toe to toe against 850 false prophets. He was bold and powerfully anointed by God. He even taunted the false prophets when they could not get their gods to bring down fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice. God received all the glory when fire came down from heaven in response to Elijah's prayer. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God, the Lord, He is God (1 Kings 18:39). Elijah was so full of victory that he ran from Carmel to Jezreel. Victory was sweet. However, when things returned to normal, Jezebel said that she was going to have Elijah killed. He ran for his life, this time and wanting to die. Big events are often exciting and energizing and daily life can be a drag.

Peter witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus, Elijah and Moses (Matt. 17:1-8). It was so glorious that Peter wanted to build three tabernacles in honor of the three. Later, when they had come down from the mountain, they encountered a young man with a demon (Matt. 17:14-21). The disciples had not been able to help him. Jesus had to take care of the matter for them. The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain was a glorious experience but real life and real people, when they came down from the mountain, was a bit more difficult and not nearly as exciting.

Oswald Chambers reminds us, "After every time of exultation, we are brought down with a sudden rush into things as they really are, where it is neither beautiful, poetic or thrilling. The height of the mountaintop is measured by the dismal drudgery of the valley, but it is in the valley that we have to live for the glory of God.

As Christians, we should not always be looking for some thrilling and exciting new thing. People quit jobs, churches and relationships just because the experience becomes routine or hard. We should be led by the Spirit of God about what we do; not quit something just because it bores us. Character, holiness, perseverance and faithfulness can often be developed when we come off the mountain and face the grind of the daily world below. Daily prayer, daily Bible study and being a daily witness, where we are, is vitally important (James 1:2-4).

Consistency, faithfulness and perseverance are important characteristics of a mature Christian. Let's not just live for what is exciting on the mountain top; let us live for Christ daily, even if that daily life finds us in the valley.

Mike Barres, Shallowater, TX

What is Happening today on February 2, 2020?

3p, Devo at Bethel Pointe
4:30p, L2L Speech

Looking Ahead

- Feb. 4 , Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
- Feb. 9, L2L Speech, 4:30p
- Feb. 16, L2L Puppets, 4:30p
- Feb. 22nd, Sweetheart Dinner at West Side, 6p. Sign-up sheet on board # 2. Please indicate how many guests you will be bringing
- Feb. 23, Pearls Test, 4:30p
- Feb. 28- March 1, CYC in Pigeon Forge, TN. See Todd for info
- March 7, Ladies Day at Church of Christ at Fishinger Road in Columbus, OH. See flyer
- March 28, Christian Focus: "After God's Heart" at Greenfield Church of Christ . See flyer
- March 29th, 5th Sunday carry-in and youth-led afternoon service to follow. No evening service
- L2L 2020 Convention, April 9-12, Louisville, KY. See Todd

Group Two Duties for This Sunday

- Greeters:** Annex, Carport, Front doors
- Communion Clean-up:**
- Building Lock-up:**
- Trash to Curb:**
- Communion Prep for Feb.:** Genny

Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Wed. Bible Study
7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

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Leaders in Worship

February 2, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Steve Gors

Jeremiah 17: 9, 10

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Do NOT Follow Your Heart”

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Communion

West Side Outside: Bill Winemiller

Inside: Rex Harper

East Side Inside: Jay Kellow

Outside: Richard Messer

Evening Worship

Announcements: Don Allison

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Jim Clark

Scripture: Case Reynolds

Romans 2 : 1- 4

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Do NOT Despise the Goodness of God”

Communion Table: Rex Harper

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

--Newest edition of “Seek the Old Paths” is on the table for your reading pleasure

--”Don’t approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back or a fool from any side.”

Yiddish Proverb

Weekly Contribution
Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for
January 26, 2019

\$1488

**Don’t Forget
Cards and
Calls to:**

Joyce Popplewell

Heritage Care in

Yorktown

Bible Study- Feb. 5th

Lesson: Richard

Song Leader: Riley

Prayer: Jimmy

The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are pure. They are upheld forever and ever; they are performed in truth and uprightness...

Psalms 111:7, 8

“There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen.”

Hugh Prather

Pray for Our Own in the Military

Zach Privett, US Army in middle East.
 Devyn Riggs, US Marines, in Pensacola, FL
 Alex Odle, US Marines, in NC
 Larry Greene, National Guard in Kuwait
 Michelle Bess, Air Force, to be deployed in Feb.

Cleaning Crew for February

Auditorium: Richard
 Restrooms: Lola
 Classrooms:
 Foyers: Reynolds

Vivian Bigler--Feb. 3
 Danny Odle--Feb. 5
 Janet Messer--Feb. 7
 Bill Winemiller--Feb. 7
 Tammy Nicks--Feb. 11
 Genny Stults--Feb. 13
 Jonah Stults--Feb. 13
 Andrew Ferguson--Feb. 14
 Jim Smith--Feb. 15
 Dana Shaw--Feb. 19
 Lowell Huffman--Feb. 19
 Bryce Bayer--Feb. 19
 Rex Harper--Feb. 22
 Cora Ann Devine--Feb. 24
 Pat Kidd--Feb. 25



Happy
 Birthday



In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Scheduled for stem cell implants

Alex Odle, Cancer

Anna Funk, Lung Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Curry and Marla Curry Shelley

Bob Owens, Radiation treatments continue

Cliff Nicks, Emergency surgery for hernia repair and bowel re-section. Went home last Monday

Gordon Huffman, Stroke.

Jennifer Odle, Cancer, Released to go home from hospital. Hospice has been called in. Jennifer's condition is very guarded

Kathy Channel, Daughter of Lois Schlagel, cancer with 19 chemo treatments ordered. Kathy lives in Sheridan, WY

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis

Linda Horning, Daily radiation for cancer

Marty Gors

Pat Lee, Auto accident, Suffered no personal injury

Ryan Dobbs, Cousin of Skylar. Kidney transplant

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Tami Nicks, Heart valve replacement surgery on Feb. 6th has been rescheduled d/t cliff's recent surgery

Tom Davis, Right sided stroke

Wanda Reed,

Will Porter, Ziggy's great-grandfather, cancer

God's Word: A Straight Stick

It has been noted that the best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it but to lay a straight stick alongside it. In like manner, the Bible is the straight stick that we must lay alongside things to determine whether they are right or wrong, straight or crooked.

To the saints at Philippi, Paul wrote, "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing" (Phil 3:16). *Rule* refers to a straight reed or rod, a standard of faith and practice. Thus, God's word is the ruler or straight stick by which we judge what is right in our walk and our worship (2 Thess. 3:6). Note that God's word is a "perfect" and "sure" standard. The Psalmist wrote, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the lord is sure, making wise the simple (Psalm 19:7). In the New Testament, Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works: (2 Tim. 3:16-17). From these verses, we learn that God's word tells us what is right (doctrine), what is not right (reproof), what it takes to get right (correction), and what it takes to stay right (instruction in righteousness). In other words, God's word is our straight stick.

Today, it is our responsibility, as accountable individuals, to study the scriptures to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Tim 2:15; John 5:39). One day, we will stand before God and be measured by the straight stick of His word (John 12:48). On that day, we don't want to be found crooked (Phil. 2:15; Dan 5:27). To be ready for judgement, we must "prove all things" and only hold fast to that which is good (1 Thess. 5:21). Because many false prophets are gone out into the world, it is especially crucial that we try the spirits to see whether they are of God (1 John 4:1). Like the noble Bereans, we must study the scriptures daily to make sure that the things that we hear are so (Acts 17:11).

Wade Webster

"Getting angry is like jumping into a wonderfully responsive sports car, gunning the motor, taking off at high speed and then discovering the brakes are out of order."

Maggie Scarf

The Book Our Mothers Read

We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
Form graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

John Greenleaf Whittier



Often, the most useful Christians are those who serve their Master in little things. God never despises the day of small things, or else He would not hide His oaks in tiny acorns or the wealth of a wheat field in bags of little seeds.