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Looking Back

“And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62).

I remember, as a young boy, learning the proper techniques in lawn care. The first few times on a lawn mower was with my father. He pointed out various safety procedures one must always follow when mowing. After several weeks of instruction, I was given the keys to the tractor. I will never forget that first trip around the parameters of our lawn. I kept looking back to where I had mowed, only to look ahead and find myself off course. I must admit, the first few rows I cut were nowhere close to being straight. I had broken the first rule of proper lawn care: never look back. Always look ahead.

So, it is with the children of God as they cut their course through life. Looking back to that which we've left (namely, the world) can result in destruction. Remember Lot's wife (Gen 19:1)? It's imperative that we rid ourselves of that which would beset us and remain focused on the One who has gone before us (Heb. 12:1-2; Col. 3:2). Paul summed it up this way: “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14).

If we are to be found fit for the kingdom, we must proceed ahead, never looking back.

Terry R. Townsend
Curry church of Christ
Jasper, AL

“The true test of character is...how we behave when we don't know what to do.”

John Holt

“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

Good News Abounds,

--It was a joyous day at West Side last Sunday when Julia Clark accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was buried in Baptism by her Dad, Jim. Julia is thirteen years old and a seventh grader at Yorktown. She is active in sports and, we, at West Side know that because we are used to seeing her in splints, casts, wrapped in gauze and using crutches. Our love and support to our newest sister-in-Christ and our profound admiration for a choice well made.

--Maria will be hosting a new get-to-gather for the ladies, “young and younger”, once a month, beginning in April. It's called “Saturday Sisters” and will focus on reviewing good books and the discussion thereafter, rounded out by fellowship and fun. Look for more news about this endeavor and get ready for good reading, lively conversation and opinionated chit-chat. We will meet at Maria's house at 9a, have brunch and exchange ideas.

--Shirley Durnal was released from rehab and will be recuperating at her daughter's home in Mooresville. Her daughter's mailing address is included in the newest address sheet on the table.

--E mail received from Mike Haviland, “Please express to one and all our sincere thanks for your prayers and concern after my heart attack.

I am doing well right now. We love the brethren at West Side and have always missed being with you.”

Reminders



---For your information, there is an updated list of addresses on the table. This includes some visitors, changes in numbers and those who are far away but close in heart.

--Please correct the phone number of Tiffany McGill: 765-212-0140. Corrected directory sheets are on the table.

The Gospel Writers

There were eight known New Testament writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James, and Jude (the writer of Hebrews is unknown). Let us look carefully at these men. Peter, John, and Matthew were in the original apostolic company; they were with Jesus during his ministry for three and one-half years. They were by his side virtually day by day, hence they wrote as eyewitnesses of the things they saw and heard. James (not the brother of John; cf. Acts 12:2) was a leader in the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:13; cf. Galatians 2:9), and a half-brother of Jesus (Galatians 1:19; cf. Acts 1:14). At first he and his brothers did not believe on Christ (John 7:5; cf. Matthew 13:57), but later he happily acknowledged himself as “a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ” (James 1:1). James' credibility is extremely high, because something overcame his natural reticence to endorse his brother's claims. Only the Savior's resurrection explains that turn-around. Too, since Jude was a brother of James, and thus also a half-brother of Jesus, he too overcame an initial disbelief and acknowledged Christ as Lord (Jude 1). Mark was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, and the cousin of Barnabas (Colossians 4:10). She must have had a close relationship with the apostles, because Peter went immediately to her house when he was released from prison (Acts 12:12ff). The familiarity of this family with the apostles is confirmed by Peter's reference to Mark as his “son” (1 Peter 5:13), suggesting a spiritual relationship (cf. 1 Timothy 1:2). Thus, Mark himself would have been a witness of many of Jesus' deeds. Several ancient writers (e.g., Papias, Irenaeus, and Tertullian) testify that Mark's Gospel reflects Peter's influence. Luke was a Greek whose Gospel narrative was grounded in the eyewitness testimony of those familiar with Christ “from the beginning” (Luke 1:1-4). After studying Luke's writings carefully, Sir William Ramsay, once a skeptic himself, declared that “Luke's history is unsurpassed in respect of its trustworthiness”. Saul of Tarsus (Paul), of course, was a scholar of no meager ability. He was contemporary with Christ and became acquainted with at least some of the apostles (cf. Galatians 1:18). His defenses of Christianity are classic (see Acts 22; 26). Though there is no evidence that Paul saw Christ face-to-face before that encounter on the Jerusalem-to-Damascus road, he had ample opportunity to know the facts regarding Jesus' miracles, teachings, and influence. Of course, all of these eight men were inspired of God, but in this brief piece, we have examined their credibility only in the light of recognized historical principles. Their writings pass the test superbly.

Wayne Jackson

Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Minister

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors
Gary Reynolds
Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

MSOP

Drew Reese

Cannon Taylor

In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer
 Anna Funk
 Angie Reed, MS
 Bob Sowles, Close friend of Nicks. Gall bladder surgery scheduled in Fort Wayne this past week
 Brad Freestone, Blood clot on brain
 Connie Burton, Co-worker of Sally. Diagnosed with cancer of the tongue
 Janet Nelson, Heart surgery pending
 Jean McMoskey, Doing well after surgery. The removed mass proved not to be cancer.
 Jennifer Odle, Cancer. Treatments resumed
 Jennifer Rebel, Carrying twins who are in peril. Jennifer lives in GA and is in her first trimester. Sue's great niece.
 Jessica Gors, Breast cancer.
 Kathy Harper
 Margaret Goodman, Triple bi-pass heart surgery pending. She will be having surgery in Indy and Howard will stay in a nearby setting while she is recuperating. Family will be with Howard. Cards and calls appreciated:
 Howard and Margaret Goodman
 7102 Ridge Run Way
 Greenfield, IN 16140
 Marjorie Harper, Rex's sister is back from Florida. Heath is guarded and she is still under doctor's care
 Mike Haviland, Heart attack. Send cards to:
 Mike Haviland
 1217 West Rebecca Pkwy
 Greensburg, IN 47240
 Shawna Shock
 Shirley Allison, Stroke
 Suie Holloman, Fell while retrieving her mail. Sprained foot and bruised knee. Making headway and is using her walker to get around. Cards and calls appreciated.
 Shirley Durnal, Recuperating from stroke. Staying with daughter
 Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back
 Wil Porter, Ziggy's great-grandfather, untreatable stage 4 cancer

**"Find a Need and fill it."
 P. Peale**

Leaders in Worship February 10, 2019

Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Scripture: Joe Reed
Isaiah 6:1-8
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"Here Am I, Send Me"
 Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Communion

West Side Outside: Jimmy Clark
 Inside: Adam Gors
 East Side Inside: Cliff Nicks
 Outside: Steve Gors

Evening Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 Opening Prayer: Richard Messer
 Scripture: Jacob Clark
Zephaniah 3:6-10
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"God's Jealousy"
 Communion Table: Adam Gors
 Closing Prayer: Rex Harper
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Don't Forget our Shut-ins with Cards and Visits:

Lana Blanchard and Raelena Shumaker at Albany HC, and Joyce Popplewell at Heritage in Yorktown.

"Oh, my friends, it's not what they take away from you that counts, it's what you do with what you've got left."

Hubert Humphrey After His Cancer Surgery

Happy Birthday

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
 Roelena Shumaker--Feb 21
 Rex Harper--Feb. 22
 Cora Ann Devine--Feb. 24, 2007
 Pat Kidd--Feb. 25



Bible Study, Feb. 13

Song Leader: Cliff
 Prayer: Lowell
 Men's Class: Richard
 Ladies Class: Jessica

Weekly Contribution Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for Jan. 27

\$2491

Looking Ahead

--Feb. 12, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
 --Feb. 15, Annual singing at Waynedale. Flyer posted
 --Feb. 16, Sweethearts Dinner, 6p. Please sign up.
 --Feb. 17, L2L Pearls Test at the building, 4:30p
 --Feb. 22-24, CYC (Christian Youth Conference) in Pigeon Forge, TN. 40 West side youth, their mentors and youth from Town Acres, Cloverdale, and Waynedale will be staying together and attending this yearly presentation for Christian youth. See Todd with any questions.
 --Feb. 23, church of Christ of Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, OH, Ladies Day. See flyer
 --March 10-13, Eagle Valley Church of Christ, Spring Gospel Meeting with speaker, Don Loftis. Flyer posted
 --April 18-21, Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes Convention will be held in Louisville, KY. Team West Side will be participating. See Todd with questions or concerns.

...Help, Please

--There was a sunshine box delivered this past week and so it is onto the next recipient. Please remember to bring your gifts to replenish the supply. There is a box in the carport exit and a list on board # 2 should you need some suggestions. Love and encouragement can be overflowing in the smallest of packages.

Won't You Sign up?

--Please sign up if you plan to attend the Sweethearts Dinner. It is for you and anyone you choose to bring. The meal will be catered and it is a promise that you will enjoy the cuisine and laugh with the company. Sign-up sheet is on board # 2, make sure to put the number of guests that will come at your invitation.