



West Side Window

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Group One Has Building Duties for Today

Greeters: Annex--Janet
Front---Lola
Carport---Nick & Jade

Building Lock-up:
Trash to Curb: Mike
Communion Clean-up: Lola
Communion Prep for July: Sue

Yesterday, I ate my first apricot off of our tree. My wife and I have an apricot tree on the side of our house. The previous owners planted it, but we've tried to nurture it. Despite the windstorms and a tornado, we still have a nice crop of the fruit (which I love). Apricots are difficult to grow in West Texas. The wind and early hail are challenges to their fruit bearing. But the biggest challenge is the lack of water. This year, we've had plenty of rain, so we've made a good crop. But the truth of nature is this: roots need water. Ask any farmer or gardener. They know that roots need water. Without it, the root withers and dies.

I think that one of most fascinating descriptions of Jesus comes from Isaiah the prophet (writing centuries before our Lord's birth). He said: "He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2).

"Like a root out of dry ground," Jesus was rejected from the time he was a baby until he drew his last breath. He was rejected as an infant by his earthly king, Herod (Matthew 2:13-15). His own family rejected him (John 7:5). His hometown rejected him (Luke 4:28-30). And, many of his own followers rejected him (John 6:60-66).

Jesus was "despised and rejected of men" (Isaiah 53:3). Like a root in dry ground, our Lord died on a cross. But to prove the power of God over death, Jesus walked out of that grave, alive. For those of us who follow Jesus, we know that he will lead us to eternal joy.

**Root Out of
Dry Ground**

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX

What is Happening Today?

--4p, Elders and Deacons' Meeting
--Gospel Meeting begins at Madison St. COC in Tipton. See flyer.

And Looking Ahead

--July 23, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
--July 28, Carry-in to honor the Hoyts, Dorothy, Tiffany, Erica and Emma Gors. All four families are relocating: the Hoyts and Dorothy to TN, Tiffany & Erica to the Indianapolis area and Emma to FL for a six month term of employment at Disneyland. Lunch to be served after morning worship and an afternoon worship service to follow.

No Evening Service on July 28th

--August 1 and 15, 2p, Senior Saints
--August 13, Blood drive at West Side, 8-12 noon
--August 16-22, Polish the Pulpit, in Pigeon Forge, TN
--August 24, Summit City COC Ladies Day. Flyer posted
--August 24, Southeast Missouri Lectureship in Farmington, MO. See flyer.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." Anon



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

MSOP

Cannon Taylor

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Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

July 21, 2019

Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman
Scripture: Case Reynolds
Sermon: Mike Gors
Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

Communion

West Side Outside: Danny Odle
Inside: Jay Kellow
East Side Inside: Jim Clark
Outside: Jimmy Clark

Evening Worship

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Adam Gors
Scripture: Joe Reed
Sermon: Mike Gors
Communion Table: Jim Clark
Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Cor. 16:12-13

Weekly Contribution

Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for July 14

\$1793

Bible Study

July 24th

Song Leader: Lowell
Prayer: Kendall
Men's Class: Bryce Bayer
Ladies Class: Genny

"Have patience with all things but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them--every day, begin the task anew." Anon

Don't Forget Our Shut -Ins with Cards and Calls

Joyce Popplewell--Heritage Care

Raelena Shumaker -Albany Health Care

Vivian Bigler--Signature Health Care

We are out of directories and would like to begin work on new ones. Some entries need to be updated and some are current but we do need photos. If you wish to use the same photo or have a personal photo, please give the copy to Sue.

There is a blue sign-up book on the table. Todd will be taking photos on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Hopefully, all photos will be taken by the end of summer. Also, please enter the correct information in the blue tablet that you want to be included with your photo. There is a sample form of the info we need.



**Thanks to all
for your cooperation.**



Sticks and Stones

Whoever said, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me” must have been deaf. Most of us know the lasting pain that comes from a cutting criticism or a personal attack. James 3:5 compares the hurt of the tongue to a fire that can destroy a forest.

Certainly not all verbal hurt is intentional. Recently someone pointed out how I had hurt them with a comment I made. Honestly, I did not remember the conversation and certainly had no intention of causing them pain. Yet, the fact was that I had hurt them. Criticism often comes from a person in deep personal pain themselves. Whatever our intentions, we all need to do a better job of guarding our speech and stopping the hurt. There is no place for gossip in the body of Christ.

Paul wrote the Ephesians these powerfully challenging words, “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” The goal of the Christian is not to be silent, but to be a blessing. We seek to find ways to build up rather than tear down. Even the truth must be spoken in love.

My favorite song as a child had these words in its third verse, “Oh be careful little mouth what you say. There’s a Father up above looking down in tender love. Oh be careful little mouth what you say.” Let’s be more cautious with our words every day, and if we need to apologize, as I did to the person who came to me, then let’s apologize.

Don Loftis
via Calvert City church of Christ
Calvert City, KY

Gary Reynolds--July 22

Cindy Traub--July 23

Rachel Hoyt Taylor--July 26

Jerry Hoyt--July 27

Joey Harper--July 27

Mike Gors--July 29



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Anna Funk, Lung Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Angie Reed, MS

Bob Owens, Radiation treatments to continue for the rest of the year. Kathy’s cousin,

Danny Odle

Don Aldridge, Stepfather of Scott Hummel. Mr. Aldridge passed away this past week and his funeral service was held yesterday. He was a resident of Pittsboro, IN

Duane Latta, Hepatitis, Improving

Elaine Cockerill, Cancer on nose with reconstructive surgery possibly needed. Janet’s sister.

Heather Chambers, Two of Heather’s high school teachers passed away just recently. Please keep their families and Heather in your prayers.

Howard Latta, Cancer on the nose.

Jennifer Odle, Cancer

Jessica Gors, Breast cancer.

Kathy Harper

Marian Hoyt, Stomach cancer. Jerry’s Uncle

Melinda Sheffield, Cancer Surgery scheduled for July 26 in Indy

Shawna Schock, Heart attack with placement of stint. Improving at home

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Tammi Nicks, Heart valve replacement planned

Tim Merrill, Janet’s son. Diagnosed with skin cancer.

Will Porter, Ziggy’s great-grandfather, cancer

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--Pick up a copy of the latest “Seek the Old Paths”
on the table

--The latest letter from Cannon Taylor is on the
Missions Board

The Uniqueness of Jesus

By John Baker, Bedford TX

Jesus Christ is the most unique individual who ever lived. Some have attempted to compare him to other religious leaders like Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammed, but when the evidence is considered Jesus stands head and shoulders above everyone else who has ever lived. Reflect on some truths that show the uniqueness of Jesus.

He is the only One who ever chose to be born. You and I did not have a choice in whether we were born, but Jesus did. Philippians 2:6-8 speaks of how Jesus chose to leave heaven and, “come in the likeness of men.” This fact ought to cause us to contemplate the greatness of his sacrifice for us. “Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich” (2 Cor. 8:9).

He is the only One whose birthday split history in two. For more than two thousand years, history has been recognized as being divided into two parts based on the time of Jesus’ birth – “BC” which stands for “Before Christ,” and “AD” which stands for “Anno Domini” meaning the “Year of Our Lord.” Modern skeptics do not appreciate these designations and so have tried to replace “BC” and “BCE” – “Before the Common Era” and “AD” with “CE” – “Common Era.” Regardless of how one chooses to designate the two eras, it is highly significant that the birth of a child in Bethlehem is the event from which nearly the entire world (believers and unbelievers alike) records the dates of history.

He is the only One who never sinned. The Scriptures show Jesus as the One who has “done all things well” (Mark 7:37). He certainly looked, behaved, and thought differently than the people around Him, but this merely was a manifestation of His sinlessness. “[He] committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth” (1 Pet. 2:22).

He is the only One who can mediate between God and man. Jesus can be our Mediator because He is equally related to both God and man, and He is equally interested in the welfare of both parties (cf. 1 Tim. 2:5; Col. 2:9-10; Heb. 2:9ff). No one but Jesus could legitimately say that they fully understand the interests of God and man at the same time (Heb. 7:25). When one contemplates the work of Jesus, one is compelled to exclaim, “O what a Savior!”

He is the only One who can save. Jesus Himself made this exclusive claim when he said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). The apostles later repeated this claim: “There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). The tombs of Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius are occupied, but Jesus left an empty tomb (John 20:1ff). Resurrection and eternal life are only found in the One who has Himself come back from the grave, never to die again.

These are but a few of the truths that show the uniqueness of Jesus. May all of us be more thoughtful and reflective concerning the identity of the One whose name we wear.

1. Pray for them—individually, personally and by name.
2. Let them know that you are praying for them.
3. Thank them for all that they do as an elder and for the sacrifices that they make for the congregation.
4. Tell them how much you appreciate some decision or action that they took.
5. Invite them into your home for a visit or a meal.
6. Encourage their wives and be nice to their children.
7. Send them a note (even electronic one) of appreciation.
8. Take advantage of opportunities that they provide to grow in personal faith and in fellowship with the congregation.
9. Help them in their shepherding efforts by personally encouraging other members and reaching out to those who seem to be struggling or have strayed from the faith.
10. Defend them when they are unfairly criticized or when defamatory comments are made about them by others.
11. Praise them, their work and their decisions to other members of the congregation.
12. Once a year, send a personal, hand-written card to each elder and his wife, and perhaps even include a small gift to love them, encourage them and make their work a joy!

A Dozen Ways to Encourage Your Elders By David Sproule