



Group One Has Building Duties for Today

Door Greeters

Building Lock-up

Communion Clean-up

Trash to Curb

Communion Prep for November: Genny

Looking Ahead...

--October 29, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a

--November 2, 24th annual lectureship at Church of Christ of Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, OH. Flyer is posted

--Nov. 7th and 21st, Senior Saints to meet at West Side, 2p

--Nov. 9, East Allen County Church of Christ, 10th annual youth rally with speaker, Drew Reece. See flyer.

--December 14, Blood drive at West Side, 8-12n

"Aspire to inspire before you expire"

Please Remember the Food Pantry

Requested this Week:

Boxed Cake Mix and Containers of Icing.

Your favorite flavors will do.

Monetary donations appreciated.

Cleaning Crew for November

Auditorium: Richard

Restrooms: Pat E.

Classrooms: Todd

Foyers: Janet

"If God wanted perfect people to do His work, nothing would ever get done." Anon

"A half truth is a whole lie."



Nothing is as potent in building a better community or church than Christian living (1 Peter 3:1). And, on the contrary, nothing is quite so detrimental to the cause of the Lord as a professed Christian not living up to it. In such cases, one becomes a stumbling block.

"To each is given a set of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must build, ere life is flown
A stumbling-block or a stepping stone."

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Winkler

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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Cannon Taylor

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Leaders in Worship

October 27, 2019

Morning Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Riley Burch

Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Scripture: Case Reynolds

Romans 8:23-25

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Saved by Hope"

Closing Prayer: Richard Messer

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Communion

West Side Outside: Rick Cox

Inside: Jim Clark

East Side Inside: Adam Gors

Outside: Steve Gors

Evening Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Riley Burch

Opening Prayer: Todd Stults

Scripture: Jimmy Clark

1 Peter 2:13-17

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Did I Hear That Correctly?"

Communion Table: Adam Gors

Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Weekly Contribution
Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for
October 20th

\$1462

*Don't Forget Cards
and
Calls to:*

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care in
Yorktown

Bible Study

October 30th

Teacher: Kendall
Song Leader: Case
Prayer: Richard

**"For a child will be born
to us, a son will be given
to us; And the govern-
ment will rest on His
shoulders; And His
name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Fa-
ther, Prince of Peace."**

Isaiah 9 : 6

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Neither Cold Nor Hot

It seems that every congregation struggles to achieve a 'happy medium' when it comes to the thermostat setting in the church auditorium. Some are perpetually cold, while others are simultaneously too hot. One will be shivering and wearing a heavy coat and lap blanket, while another sitting nearby will be employing one of those 'funeral home fans' that are invariably located in the pews. What we hope to do is find a temperature setting that is acceptable to the majority of folks, resulting in worshippers that are "neither cold nor hot." But despite our best efforts, everyone must realize that those whose sensitivities are at the extremes of the hot and cold spectrum will still wish for higher or lower settings on the thermostat. We beg for patience and a longsuffering attitude on the part of everyone. On the other hand, the spiritual temperature chart is completely different. We absolutely do not want to find Christians in the in-between, "lukewarm" range. Do you recall what the Lord said to the Laodiceans?: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16) We fear that there are too many of God's people today who would be described as "lukewarm." These are the ones who want a measure of religion, but not too much. They want an association with God's people, but they also want to be accepted by their friends in the world. They know they should be faithful in attendance, but their secular activities demand a lot of their time. In short, they want it both ways. God's Word says it can't be done: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Christian, are you "neither cold nor hot"? Are you "lukewarm"? Think! by Greg Gwin

Happy Birthday

Todd Stults--Oct. 27

Jade Myers--Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer--Oct. 29



In Need of Prayer

Alex Odle, Cancer

Alex Light, Jay's grandson, Stomach issues being explored with tests ongoing.

Bill Bess, Infection in blood and kidney. Jennifer Clark's Dad. Patient at IUBMH

Bob Allison, Don's father.

Anna Funk, Lung Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Angie Reed, MS

Bob Owens, Radiation continues. Kathy's cousin

Brett Allison, Blood disorder.

Dale and Amber Barker, Amber has suffered 4 carriages, one just recently. Co-worker of Jim Clark

Gordon Huffman, Stroke. Cards appreciated:

Wyndridge Health & Rehab Center

P.O. Box 709

456 Wayne Avenue, Room 215

Crossville, TN 38557

Greg Kellow, Moved to rehab. Cards may be sent to:

Kindred Transitional Care & Rehab

5226 East 82nd St.

Indianapolis, IN 46250

Jennifer Odle, Cancer. Chemo ongoing

Jessica Gors, Breast cancer.

Kathy Harper

Linda Curry, Diagnosed with breast cancer. Daughter-in-law of Betty Curry.

Norma Haffner

Ryan Dobbs, Cousin of Skylar. Kidney transplant

Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Wanda Reed, Post breast cancer surgery

Will Porter, Ziggy's great-grandfather, cancer.

Serving in US Army
in Afghanistan
Zach Privett
(Cindy's grandson)



There Is No Man Who Does Not Sin

In his dedication of the temple, Solomon knelt in prayer before all the assembly of Israel with his hands extended toward heaven and asked that this be a place toward which God's people could pray when seeking forgiveness and deliverance. Solomon prayed, "When they sin against you....then hear from heaven" (2 Chr. 6:36, 39). A closer look reveals a significant parenthetical phrase. "When they sin against you" is followed by "(for there is no man who does not sin)...." Hidden in a book chronicling the lives of the kings of Judah, is a simple declaration of the universal nature of sin.

We have sinned. Every one of us (Rm. 3:23). Sin is the problem. It's wages is death (Rm. 6:23). Denial is deception (1 Jn. 1:8, 10). Cover up is futile (Prov. 28:13). Judging the sins of others while ignoring your own is hypocritical (Mt. 7:1-3 cf. Jn. 7:24). Showing no mercy or forgiveness toward those who have wronged us brings into our lives a thousand sorrows and casts a shadow on our own standing before God (Jas. 2:13; Mt. 6:14).

David sinned horribly in the incident with Bathsheba and in the subsequent cover up (2 Sam. 11-12). Yet, Scripture refers to David as "a man after God's heart" (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22). How can this be? Unlike Saul before him, David sought to do all of God's will. But, there is no man who does not sin. The difference lies in David's willingness to acknowledge his sin and confess his transgressions to the Lord (Ps. 32:5). This was no superficial awareness of wrongdoing. His sin was ever before him (Ps. 51:3). His desire for renewal and forgiveness was strong (vss. 10-13). He coveted both the heart and presence of the Lord.

Appreciation for God's forgiveness became David's song of praise. Speaking of the compassion and mercy of God, David writes, "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:10-12). These are not the musings of a bitter, resentful man; but the joyous expression of thanksgiving to a God of compassion toward those who acknowledge their sins and seek His presence. May the Lord bless each of us to that end.--Glen Elliott

"Don't let the littleness in other people bring out the littleness in you."



About Face

Among the many commands a fresh recruit might hear from his or her drill sergeant are the words: "About face!" Like snapping to attention or giving a proper salute, doing an about face requires practice and precision. Otherwise, the pivot may throw one off-balance resulting in embarrassing, even painful consequences.

The spiritual equivalent to an "about face" is repentance. Repentance is a change of mind resulting in a change of life. While repentance is the result of "godly sorrow" (2 Cor. 7:10); sorrow alone is not repentance. While the Lord knows "the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hb. 4:12 cf. Ps. 139:1-4); as human beings, we are incapable of accurately gauging what takes place in the heart of those making a claim to repentance. The best we can do is observe, in the conduct of others, the evidence or lack of evidence of genuine repentance (Mt. 3:8). A spiritual "about face" sends one in the opposite direction. Before repentance one had turned away from the Lord; but, now, with true repentance, one has set his or her face toward God.

Too many practice sloppy repentance. They feel uncomfortable, even sorrowful, about their sins. Some even respond to the invitation at the end of a Sunday morning sermon. In many cases, this is a good start. But, repentance involves so much more than that. One must also follow-through, making an "about face" and moving forward in the direction that God has revealed in His word. This is where the church must show on-going support through the hard work of making these difficult changes in life.

Repentance is God's most difficult command. We must not compromise where God has spoken. We do no one a favor by watering down God's expectations. Diverting people away from genuine repentance because it is difficult or uncomfortable keeps them away from the blessings of forgiveness and everlasting life. Jesus said, "unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3). But, the Lord "is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). The kindness of God should lead "us to repentance" (Rm. 2:4). But, ultimately, we are the ones who must do an "about face."
-- Author Unknown