



The West Side Epistle

Ye are our epistle written in our heart, known and read of all men—II Corinthians 3:2

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A Question of Even Greater Importance

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country” is the quotation of the honorable late President John F. Kennedy. Too many are asking what their country can do for them. Many are needlessly looking to the government for a living. They are looking for better houses and better schools financed by the government. Instead of thinking along these lines, ask what you can do to make your country better. There are many things that you can do for your country. You can work harder at your honorable occupation, you can vote for better laws, you can make helpful suggestions to your congressmen and your senators. You can be a better parent, encourage your children to be better pupils, and encourage everyone that you can to become educated to the full extent of his ability. Assume your responsibility as a citizen and encourage others to do likewise.

Christians should seriously consider a question of even greater importance than that proposed by the late President Kennedy. “Ask not what the church can do for you, but ask what you can do for the church.” Too many are asking what the church, can do for them. Some are needlessly looking to the church for a living. Others are looking to the church to put them to work. Some are asking the church to entertain their young people. Others are looking to the church for get-togethers and socials. Some are asking the church to visit them. Those who expect these things do not have the mind of Christ and do not really understand the work of the church. Jesus came to minister, not to be ministered unto.

When you have this attitude, you will ask what you can for the church.

There are many things that you can do for the church. You can visit the sick, the distressed, old people, newcomers, erring children of God, and prospective Christians. You can teach a Cottage Bible Class and lead lost souls to Christ. You can pray for the brethren and encourage them. You can advertise gospel meetings, gospel broadcasts, gospel television programs, etc. You can study your Bible and encourage others to do likewise. You can send a card to someone who is absent from Bible class. You can feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and help the poor in various ways. You can offer helpful suggestions to the elders and offer to help them in any way that you can. You can pray for the preacher and encourage him to do his best. Ask what you can do for church, ask this question daily, then proceed to do all that you can for the church. By prayerfully applying this important question daily there is almost no limit to the amount of good that you can do.

Quentin A. Dunn Firm Foundation -June 15, 1965

From the Elders' Desk



Welcome! We Love Visitors!!
You are invited to all our assemblies.

Sunday

Bible classes for all ages 9:30AM
Worship Services 10:30AM
Evening Services 6:00PM

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study 7:00PM



Happy Birthday this week:

November 10 Andrew Gibson

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Glenn & Audrey Gabbard -November 10

Eddy & Jeanny Gilpin -November 20

Jim & Rosemary Bush -November 22

We will begin a series on "Questions and Answers" Sunday night. The Q&A box is on the table in the foyer for any interested in asking a Biblical question.

November Ladies Night Out

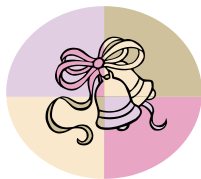
November 10 6:00 PM -Fellowship Hall
Sign-up sheet posted
See Amanda Brown for details.

Rise Up and Build November 12

W O W

The WOW group is sponsoring a Dec 31 Congragational Singing to welcome the new year. Come and bring your favorite finger food or snack and enjoy fellowship, singing, and fun to welcome in 2012. Time 9:00-12:00
Please sign up on the WOW Bulletin Board.

Please send all emails for announcements
In the bulletin or Family Matters to:
office@westsidecofc-salem.com



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Katelyn Brown and Tyler Bodell ask you to save the date: July 28, 2012 on your calendar. They will be married at Bernard's Landing (SML) at 7:00 PM.

An invitation with details will be sent at a later time. They are registered a Bed Bath and Beyond, Target, and Wal-Mart.

OUR BARNABUS FAMILY OF FOCUS PERSON IS MARY ELLEN CROWE.

West Side Youth

November 12 –Rise & Build Planning Session

Youth Rally – Rescheduled for Fall 2012

November 13—TBS at Teen Center 7pm

November 19—Youth Rally 9am-1pm

December 3 –Movie Night—Fellowship Hall

December 18—Bible Study—Teen Center

December 31– Devotional/Pizza/Game Night

–Fellowship Hall 6:30—9:00 pm

NINE GOOD MINUTES @ 5:49

NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS

Assorted sizes of zip lock bags,
Packets of seasonings (taco, fajita, stroganoff)



Team 1 Holiday Get together

Time: December 9 6:00 PM

Place: Laplante's home

Food: Bring Appetizers and holiday food

Also bring: \$5.00 gift for gift exchange

(Girls bring a girl gift. Boys bring a boy gift).

For the Ladies

If any of you read the Christian Woman November/December issue book review on **Naomi's GIFT** by Amy Clipston (p. 9) and are interested in reading the book, please see **Michele Nikkel**.

Extra change for Children

Potter Children's Home Gleaner Cans due December 4.

Extra cans are available on the foyer table.

Any questions, see Jerry

Send cards to Garrett Durham at: (Postage is \$1.18)

L'Eglise du Christ

Garrett Durham

50, rue Ortmans

4800 Verviers,

BELGIUM (The Post Ofc. said to put the country all by itself on the bottom line.)

TNT –Barnabus Family of Focus

The next TNT meeting will Nov 8. Our current FOF (Family of Focus) is Mary Ellen Crowe. Here are some ways you can help support our FOF: make dinner, phone call, joy basket, invite to lunch, visit, send card/note, sit with during service, give a hug, email. Plan to meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and then stay to help as this new work begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

November 12—Rise & Build Planning Breakfast

November 18—Game Night—Fellowship Hall

December 31— Congregational Singing to welcome 2012

AREA EVENTS:

◇ **GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT**

February 15-18, 2012. "A Match Made in Heaven" Pigeon Forge
Holiday Inn Conference Center. ** 2 tracks **

◇ **CENTRAL (HARRISONBURG) Gospel Meeting -March 24**

◇ **DALE RIDGE Ladies Day -April 28 - Speaker: Celine Sparks**



Our kindest thoughts and sympathy go to the Graves family in the death of their dear mother and grandmother, **Essie Graves**, whose funeral was Saturday. Essie and her husband, Levi, were faithful members at West Side for many years.

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.

Sandra Speir

Corey Ryan

Jerry and Jennifer Ogden

Mason & Cole Anderson

"Doc " Long

Glenn & Audrey Gabbard

Dale Janosik

Kevin Barnard

Ryan Kendrick

Keith Ann (Kay) Widener

Di (Nana) Derryberry

Olivia Valentine

Wes White

Chad Coleman

Kerry Cesoro

David Argabright

Betty Garby

Euline Gilpin

Anne Richerdson

Susan Mountcastle

Lindsay Gnann

Tabbie Swain

Anne Johnson

Barbara Whitt

Myrtle Peverall

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson Norma Biller
Betty Buckner Jim Dorsett
Margaret Kratz Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White WJ Wood
Grace Myers Al Furrow
Willard Campbell



- ⇒ **Mary Ellen Crowe** is scheduled to have knee surgery Nov 10.
- ⇒ **WJ Wood** - isolation at VAMC— call him at 982-2463 x3339
- ⇒ **Rebecca Doss** hopes to be released from "no activity" next Monday (11-7)
- ⇒ **Naola McCormick**, one of our shut-in seniors, will have a biopsy on Friday Nov. 11.
- ⇒ Steve Wright, co-worker of **Shree Lowe**, has prostate cancer and will have surgery soon.
- ⇒ Kathleen Soliday, **Sandy Garby's** mom, is having headaches since her stroke.
- ⇒ Di (Nana) Derryberry has been removed from life support.
- ⇒ Senior servants who need special prayers:

Evelyn White

Willard Campbell

Jim Dorsett

W. J. Wood

Monthly Servants **November 2011**

Announcements: **Bob Garby**

Song Leader (AM): **David Brown**

Opening Prayer (AM)

 11/6/2011 **Bob Martin**

 11/13/2011 **Don Pettif**

 11/20/2011 **Charlie Maness**

 11/27/2011 **Josh Whitlow**

Preside at Communion: **Tom Rogers**

Serve Table **John Black**

Gene Benefield

Bradford Durham

Ethan Rogers

Closing Prayer (AM):

 11/6/2011 **Jerry Anderson**

 11/13/2011 **A. C. Janney**

 11/20/2011 **Paul Mays**

 11/27/2011 **Sam Valentine**

Song Leader (PM): **Sam Valentine**

Opening Prayer (PM)

 11/6/2011 **Ron White**

 11/13/2011 **Tom Richardson**

 11/20/2011 **Jonathan Beavers**

 11/27/2011 **Mitch Jearls**

Scripture Reader: **Dylan Tyler**

Closing Prayer (PM)

 11/6/2011 **Chandler Jearls**

 11/13/2011 **Noah Laplante**

 11/20/2011 **Greg Edwards**

 11/27/2011 **Ben Munsey**

Serve Table (PM) **Andrew Gibson**

Jimmy Harrington

Song Leader (Wed): **Bob Garby**

Prayer (Wed)

 11/2/2011 **Barry White**

 11/9/2011 **Dylan Tyler**

 11/16/2011 **Andrew Gibson**

 11/23/2011 **Bob Garby**

 11/30/2011 **David Brown**

Open/Close Bldg: **Fred Alfizer**

Greeters: **Bakers, Richardsons**

Nursery Attend: **Marsha Cooke**

Lori Cook

Ushers: **Roger Mays**

Curtis Oakes

Handouts: **Austin Whitlow**

Dylan Tyler

Prepare communion: **Rebecca Durham**

Hazel Maness

Baptismal Garments: **Jo Ann Edwards**

Cards/Pencils: **Natalie Valentine**

Sydney Durham

Last week's attendance 10/30/11 & 11/2/11

Bible Class-164 **Worship Service-159**

Sunday PM-139 **Wednesday PM-128**

Contribution- \$ 6,703

November 6, 2011 **Number 3198**

“Things Whereof Ye Are Now Ashamed”

In Romans chapter 6 Paul revealed a great contrast in the brethren. He said, “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17,18). Note a couple of matters about this statement before we proceed: 1) They had been the servants of sin, but were now the servants of righteousness; 2) It was “then” (when they had “obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine”- cf. Rom. 6:3, 4) that they became the servants of righteousness. Reflecting back on the time when they were the “servants of sin,” Paul stated, “For when ye were the servants of sin ye were free from righteousness” (Rom. 6:20). He then asked the rhetorical question, “What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death” (Rom. 6:21).

Indeed most of us who are older can look back to things we did about which we are now ashamed. We can understand fully Paul’s question. There was no “fruit” (in righteous matters) involved in those things. They were things of the world- fleshly, sensual, and devilish in character. Such things have no place in “righteousness.” Experience has taught us such things. However, young people who have not crossed those lines would do well to learn from the mistakes of others and refuse to do those things that will bring shame upon them in years to come. That is the very sentiment expressed by Solomon in his statement of Ecclesiastes 11:9. In what appears to be a statement loaded with sarcasm, the wise man stated: “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.” Solomon would shortly conclude this matter by stating, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” (Eccl. 12:1). The time will come when evil actions and unrighteous living will catch up to you. And when it does you will look back with regret and shame, having no pleasure at all in the memory of such things- only heartache, grief and guilt.

-EDDY

The Preacher's Column

