



# The West Side Epistle

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

## What You Might Do to Point Someone Toward Heaven Today

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1. Pay a compliment to someone who does not like you or know you very well.
2. Choose the moral high ground, whether it be your speech, or attitude, or deed, especially if toward someone who has treated you ill.
3. Say a word of encouragement to someone who seems down.
4. Make a brief call, or visit, or write someone who is sick, lost, spiritually slipping, or dealing with troubles.
5. Find a way to share the positive difference Christ is making in your life.
6. Spend quality time with your spouse and children.
7. Tell a friend or neighbor about an upcoming event at church and invite him or her to attend with you.
8. Take a meal, baby-sit, mow the grass, or do some similar act of service that reveals Christ to them.
9. Share a passage that you have recently found helpful with someone for whom it might have direct application to a life situation.
10. Pray for opportunities to share Christ, look for them, and seize them.
11. Never miss an opportunity to smile and say "hello" – even to STRANGERS!
12. Read your Bible while on the plane, bus, carpool, etc. – it rarely fails to start a spiritual conversation.
13. Spend time studying God's Word on a subject that will help make you a better soul-winner.
14. Invite a new Christian over for dinner or coffee and dessert.
15. Repay evil with good.
16. Turn the other cheek.
17. Go the second mile.
18. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.
19. Redeem the time (people are always watching, even the ones you cannot watch watching you).
20. Pay a kindness to the elderly and the very young – they most need and appreciate it.
21. Contact a missionary who likely has just been, is, or will soon be under stress or burdened or discouraged.
22. Give a book, track, or bulletin that might be helpful to a non-Christian over whom you have influence.
23. Offer a sympathetic ear.
24. Shed a sympathizing tear.
25. Fill your life and heart with whatever is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report – good influence will virtually ooze out of your pores.

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### 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:

December 19 - Eloise Faw

Dec 22- Brandi Beavers

### Anniversaries

Cha & Danny Guard - Dec. 18

Paul & Eloise Faw - Dec. 19

Susan & Donnie Mountcastle - Dec. 20

Jerry & Bonnie Wood - Dec. 20

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

## W O W

Dec 31 Congregational Singing has been cancelled. Look for a new future event.

### COLLEY to join GBN management team

Gospel Broadcasting Network has announced that Glenn Colley will become a member of its management team.

"Glenn is a third-generation preacher and the pulpit minister for the West Huntsville Church of Christ where he also serves as an elder. Glenn has been preaching for 32 years and has been married to his wife Cindy for 32 years."

(Glenn served as West Side's preacher from 1987-1992.)

### DECEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS

Poppy seeds, Instant Swiss Mocha sugar-free coffee, Meringue powder

### Future Gospel Meetings

April 22-25, 2012 Billy Smith

October 21-24, 2012 Tom Hodge

2013 Michael Shepherd

October 2014 Gary Hampton

2015 Tom Duff

## West Side Youth

December 18—Bible Study—Teen Center

December 31— Devotional/Pizza/Game Night

—Fellowship Hall 6:30—9:00 PM



### NINE GOOD MINUTES @ 5:49

Parents: Remind your child to say the 66 books of the Bible to one of our elders.



Katelyn Brown will graduate from FHWU on Friday night, December 16. She has been offered a teaching position at Bolivar Middle School teaching Social Studies.

### Diane Tucker is coming to town!

December 20, 5:30-8:00

Abuelo's at Valley View Mall

All ladies are invited for dinner, appetizer or just to chat.

Please RSVP to Michele Nikkel

### Congratulations and Best Wishes

Layne White and Amanda Cook became engaged after Bible Study on Wednesday night, December 13.

### HEART GIFTS

*It's not the things that can be bought  
That are life's richest treasure,  
It's just the little "heart gifts"  
That money cannot measure...  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
A sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures  
From the storehouse of our God...  
They are the things that can't be bought  
With silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
And love are never sold...  
They are the priceless things in life  
For which no one can pay.  
And the giver finds rich recompense  
In giving them away.*

## TNT –Barnabus Family of Focus

The next TNT meeting will be Dec 20. Our current POF (Person of Focus) is

MARTHA WOOD. Here are some ways you can help support our POF: 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

December 12—Preachers' Meeting at West Side

December 20— Ladies dinner with Diane Tucker at Abuelos

January 21— New Members Appreciation Dinner

March 3—Bible Bowl & Bidy Bible Bowl

### 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) Ladies Day -March 24**

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

### Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Dan Colwell whose sister, Anna Richardson, passed away Friday morning.

Arrangement details will be announced later.

Please remember Sandy Garby's family in the loss of her uncle, David Manno, who passed away Tuesday in Erie, PA.

### Prayer List Continued

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.

Jean McCracken

Sandra Speir

Tammy Blankenship

Corey Ryan

Jerry and Jennifer Ogden

Dale Janosik

Keith Ann (Kay) Widener

Mary Ellen Crowe

Jessica White

Lori Stump

Mason & Cole Anderson

Kathleen Soliday

Virgil Peverall

#### HELPING OUT

**There is a basket in the foyer for breakfast and snack items for the children of Dan Bowman.**

## 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



- ⇒ Shirley Phillips (Radford) will have surgery soon.
- ⇒ Warner Williams, son-in-law of **Betty Buckner**, is in RMH after a serious car accident (hit a deer).
- ⇒ **Cameron Starnes** had his 2nd leg surgery on Wednesday. **3464 Colonial AV, Apt K-51, Rke, VA 24018**

### Continue in Prayer

Anne Johnson

Barbara Whitt

Naola McCormick

Kevin Barnard

Danny Edmunds

Melissa Yeager

Terri White

William McClint

Betty Garby

W. J. Wood

Dan Bowman

A.W. Martin— surgery 1/9

Brittney Tucker

Nelson Gabbard

Robert Glass

Jerry Wood

Darlene Mellon Anukpui— surgery 12/21

Announcements: Mike Durham

Song Leader (AM): Charlie Gwaltney

Opening Prayer (AM)  
12/4/2011 Danny Guard  
12/11/2011 Gene Benefield  
12/18/2011 Charlie Maness  
12/25/2011 Charlie Gwaltney

Preside at Communion: Danny Guard

Serve Table Herman Lowe  
Bob Martin  
Philip Doss  
Bradford Durham

Closing Prayer (AM):  
12/4/2011 John Black  
12/11/2011 Fred Altizer  
12/18/2011 Wes White  
12/25/2011 Tom Rogers

Song Leader (PM): Josh Whitlow

Opening Prayer (PM)  
12/4/2011 Marc Laplante  
12/11/2011 Paul Mays  
12/18/2011 Ron White  
12/25/2011 Jeff Durham

Scripture Reader: Dylan Tyler

Closing Prayer (PM)  
12/4/2011 Noah Laplante  
12/11/2011 Mitch Jearls  
12/18/2011 David Brown  
12/25/2011 Jeff Durham

Serve Table (PM) Jeremy White  
Sam Valentine

Song Leader (Wed): Jeff Durham  
Prayer (Wed)

12/7/2011 A. C. Janney  
12/14/2011 Glenn Hartman  
12/21/2011 Ed Mickens  
12/28/2011 Jeff Guilliams

Open/Close Bldg: Jerry Anderson

Greeters: Pettits, Jearls  
Myrtle Peverall,

Nursery Attend: Amanda Brown  
Mary Halling

Ushers: Curtis Oakes,  
Squeaky Valentine

Handouts: Garrett Laplante  
Jimmy Harrington

Prepare communion: Cha Guard  
Hazel McFalls

Baptismal Garments: Dorothy Mays  
Cards/Pencils: Caroline Harrington  
McKenzie Doss

Last week's attendance 12/11/11 & 12/14/11

Bible Class- 167 Worship Service-179  
Sunday PM- 133 Wednesday PM-131  
Contribution- \$ 5446

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## Kettles & Bells

(A portion of last week's article was inadvertently left out. It is being run again this week in its entirety. Our apologies for the oversight.)

In December 1997, I preached a sermon entitled "Doing Things Without Thinking." In it we examined some things that we, as Christians, are exposed to on a regular basis that perhaps we participate in without giving a thought to them. One such matter was contributing to the "Salvation Army." Indeed, 'tis the season" for the ringing of the bells and display of the kettles once again. As the holiday season swiftly approaches, let us revisit this subject and ask ourselves if it is acceptable for a Christian to put money in the Salvation Army's coffers.

That the Salvation Army does much good cannot be denied. Their humanitarian efforts are to be commended. A great deal of the money they collect goes to help the downtrodden. However, just because it does good is no reason wholeheartedly (and without examination) to support an organization. Contributing to an organization other than the church per se is not wrong. However, the Salvation Army is a religious denomination. (Yes, it is a religious organization!) It was founded in London in 1878 by William Booth and his wife, Catherine. It had its beginnings with a small contingency of 10 full-time workers in 1867; and by 1874 was known as "The Christian Mission." Booth himself was the leader and had assumed the title of General Superintendent. His followers simply called him "General." While reading a printer's proof of the 1878 annual report, Booth noticed the statement, "the Christian mission is a volunteer army." He crossed out "volunteer army" and replaced the phrase with "Salvation Army." From that point onward, converts were referred to as soldiers and were known then, as now, as "Salvationists."

The group is unscripturally organized (like an army), has a creed book (Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine), teaches total depravity, salvation by faith alone (through praying "the sinner's prayer"), that the Lord's Supper is a false ritual, has women preachers, and uses mechanical instruments of music in its worship (among other false doctrines and practices). A part of its official statement of purpose is: "...Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

Therefore, for Christians to contribute to this effort is wrong, since in doing so we "bid [them] godspeed" (II Jn. 9, 10), and thereby become "a partaker of [their] evil deeds" (II Jn. 11). Beware the kettles and bells!

-Eddy

The Preacher's Column

