

Our Welcome

We welcome all visiting with us today; we sincerely hope that you will be drawn to God through each other, and we hope too that you will worship with us at every opportunity you may have. If you would, please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the collection plate as it is passed.

Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
Scripture Reading	Michael Driver
Prayer	Billy McGhee

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

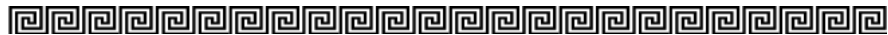
Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Larry Ross
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Smith & Bobby Parmley
Serve Lord's Supper	Michael Rager & Conner Coffman
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Tony Deason

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parmley

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Rocky Rager
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Leadership

Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265-5413
Bobby Parmley ... 265-2739

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Doug Boley ... 265-9870
DB McGhee ... 265-5690
Lilburn Rager ... 265-5766
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THE WEST SIDE STORY

*A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST*

FEBRUARY 19, 2012



Jesus Loves Me

by Jon Partlow

Forty-Eight is way too young. Having just turned 47 this week, I say that 48 is way too young to pass on. Yet, once again a celebrity faces an untimely death, and we're shocked, saddened, and it's all surreal. Whitney Houston had a voice of an angel, beauty of model, and the stage presence of someone born to sing. How could someone with so much, lose so much at the same time?

I have given a lot of thought to Whitney's death this week. Maybe because we're contemporaries (she's a year-and-a-half older), maybe it's national sensational news, or maybe it's because my responsibility as a preacher is to point people beyond this world to eternity. So, I thought I might share my thoughts.

Fame has a price. The larger the stage, the harder it is to create a sense of normalcy. The more fans screaming your name and wanting your time, the harder it is to maintain perspective. Performers are expected to reach great heights with every performance, and then are also expected to come down from those heights only to go back up the next performance. The hours are long and demanding. The media stalks the famous, leaving little or no privacy; sometimes the famous feed off the media. Ultimately, the performer is only as good as their last performance, and the day they begin to fall, they are simply replaced by the next great performer.

(see "Tragedy" on next page)

Remember in Prayer . . . Glendolene Alder (undergoing successful chemotherapy and radiation); **Doug Boley**; **Jane Camp** (Hearthstone 223); **Eva England** (undergoing chemotherapy, had a difficult week); **Pam Alder Morris**; **Billy McGhee** (foot is healing, has ultra sound March 19); **Wendell Langham** (who preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer); **Anndora Smyth** (home on a slow road to recovery); **Terri Humerd** (wife of Beverly Fowler's boss and is suffering from bone cancer); **Ruth Holland**; **Ronnie Grace** (Stacey Boley's uncle has leukemia); **Ernest Dill** (Lisa Porter's uncle, had a stroke and is in SKY); **Mary Weaver** (Sheila Miller's mother, recovering from a fall) and **Jerry Weaver** (step-father of Sheila Miller, is having problems with his knees); **Ida Partlow** (Jon's mother is in Cambodia for mission work); **Tommy Moore** (treatment for meycatic anemia and reoccurring problems); **Chuck Miller** (undergoing chemotherapy); **Bobby Miller** (triglycerides dangerously high); **Lawrence Killebrew** (suffering from dementia); **Teddy Hutchinson** (had successful prostate surgery February 16); **Virgil Sears** (fell and is in the hospital in Russellville); **Dewayne Alder** (wearing a back brace for injured vertebrae, and will be exploring surgical options); **Carol Moberly** (improving but has had reactions to medicines); **Jerry Edwards** had a successful coronary angiogram this past week where the doctors put three stents into two arteries; he is home; **Bernard McPherson** (suffering from jaundiced and has a tumor on his bile duct); **Beth Latham Casey** (double mastectomy); Our sympathy is extended to the family of **C.D. Boulin** who passed away this past week.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Elnora Hurt, David Watkins'** grandmother, who passed away Friday afternoon.

Happenings . . . Danny Bruce McGhee has been put before the church as an elder, please offer feedback by next Sunday . . . Remember our 7 seniors who will be graduating this May (**Cady Alder, Connor Coffman, Michael Driver, Brittany Fowler, Stephanie Moore, Taylor Partlow, and Michael Rager**). Their gift boxes are in the foyer . . . **David Watlkins** will hold a brief meeting after the morning services to discuss the next fish fry to benefit **Wayne and Glendolene Alder** . . . Teacher sign-ups for the next quarter are posted . . . **Edith Jackson** will turn 80 on February 28. The family is hosting a celebration and is requesting cards for her honor.



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(“Tragedy” cont.) Friends can either feed your ego or help keep your ego in check. Be careful who your friends are. They tend to have tremendous influence over who you are. Whitney chose to marry Bobby Brown, and the two of them get hooked on drugs. They both might have had addictive personalities, so I won't blame him alone. That being said, he certainly had an influence on Whitney's drug use. They say that the Colonel had Elvis Presley on numerous medications, to get him “up” for the concerts and then “down” after the concert. We need to surround ourselves with people whose love for us will drive them to be honest with us, who seek only the best for us.

The victory is not found in the lack of a battle, but in the *Fight*. Giving up or giving in doesn't mean we win, but that we lose. Paul says, “Fight the good fight” (1 Tim. 1:18). Our faith is a constant struggle between the good we desire and bad that attacks us. The moment we feel a truce emerging is the moment we begin to lose. We only know we are fighting when we are in the midst of the battle, whether the battle is an addiction, depression, or a relationship. I don't know if Whitney gave up, but the battle was far from over when they found her.

The last concert Whitney performed was an “improv” with Kelly Price at a pre-Grammy show on Feb 11. Whitney came on stage and sang “Jesus Loves Me.” For all her greatness and struggles, she returned to her roots, singing in her church. Jesus loves me. I hope so, because like Whitney, I don't have a prayer's chance of reaching heaven without him.
Solo Deo Gloria!

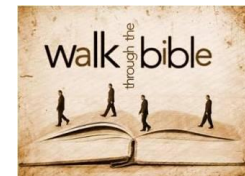


Sermons for Today

AM: Blameless (Titus 1:4-9)



A Sermon from Titus 1:5-9



PM: *A Walk through the Bible: 1 Timothy*

