

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	Rocky Rager
Scripture Reading	Billy Fowler
Prayer	Chandler Coffman

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Barry Pritchett
Preside Lord's Supper	Larry Ross & Danny Bruce McGhee
Serve Lord's Supper	Josh Watkins & Tommy Moore
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Tony Deason

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parmley

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
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THE WEST SIDE STORY

*A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST*

JANUARY 1, 2012



A Moment in Laughter *by Jon Partlow*

Finding a moment in laughter is sometimes worth more than gold. Sometimes a moment in laughter cases great pain. Like you, I've experienced the former where so much joy and laughter is present, stomachs hurt and tears stream down the face from those laughing with you. Like you, I've experienced the latter when the stomach hurts and tears flow in pain from those laughing at you. With the latter, the danger of changing who you are is a temptation.

At a summer camp a young man led prayer, and from his heart he wished for God to have a good day. Because the words he uttered were far from the traditional prayer, a smile broke my face; laughter was heard from the campers. Were they laughing with the young man or laughing at him? I don't know. I couldn't help but think that because of the laughter, some other young camper, already timid from the number of people present, would refuse to pray.

Last week a smile again broke my face while I was reading through Mark. Jesus was asked by Jairus to come to his house and heal his daughter. Though Jesus granted his request, he was delayed by the faith of a woman who wanted healing herself. The delay cost Jairus his daughter's life. By the time Jesus arrived, the house was filled with the mourners wailing loudly. Having assessed the situation, Jesus questioned, "Why all the commotion?" then added this conviction, "She isn't dead, but sleeping." Then words, I hadn't expected to read, jumped off the page, "But they laughed at him" (Mk. 5:40a). **(see "Laughter" on next page)**

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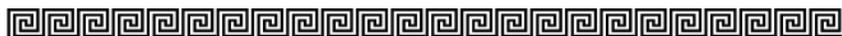
Upcoming Events

Jan 8	Ladies Meeting	4:30 pm
Jan 10	Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting	7:00 pm
Jan 11	Birthday/Anniversary Dinner	6:00 pm



Remember in Prayer . . . West Side Church extends its sympathy to the family of **Joe Gill** who passed away. The funeral was Saturday. **Glendolene Alder** (sees the doctor for treatment on January 4); **Doug Boley**; **Jane Camp**; **Eva England** (undergoing chemotherapy); **Chuck Miller** (prostate cancer); **Pam Alder-Morris**; **Billy McGhee** (returns to the doctor at the end of the month to evaluate the sore on his heel); **Scot Murphy** (minister for the First Christian Church has mouth cancer); **Wendell Langham** (who preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer); **Carol Moberly** (continues to wear her backbrace); **Anndora Smyth** (went home earlier last week, but complications forced the family to readmit her to the hospital in Louisville); **Terri Humerd** (wife of Beverly Fowler's boss and is suffering from bone cancer); **Ruth Holland**; **Barbara Greenfield** (sister-in-law to Paulette Greenfield, has been fighting a bacterial infection); **Ruby Fisher** (Cile Partlow's mother will be having Thyroid tests); **Wayne Alder** (shut the door on his finger and may have broken it); **Joe Gill** (member at Allensville Church of Christ, has leukemia and is in Nashville); **Ronnie Grace** (Stacey Boley's uncle as leukemia); **Tommy Moore** (has not been feeling well lately); **Ernest Dill** (Lisa Porter's uncle, had a stroke and is in SKY); **Jamison Mohr** (Dee Mohr rents from the Moores; he had been having seizures and is in RMC in Madisonville); **Matthew Partlow** has been running a fever for over a week.

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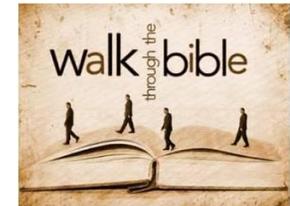
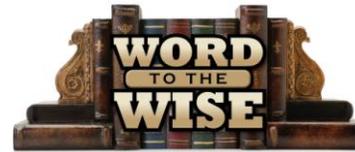
(“Laughter” cont.) They laughed at Jesus. They mocked his words. They showed their faith, or at least their lack of faith. They viewed themselves superior to the one who was superior. They saw the physical before them and failed to see beyond to the spiritual. In their weakness they projected their shortsightedness onto Jesus. The result was laughter, not with Jesus but at Jesus.

So, the next time a friend, co-worker, or neighbor laughs at you because you're exercising your faith, stand by your conviction. Take strength and realize that you're standing in good company; they laughed at Jesus too. *solo gloria dei!*



Sermon for Today

AM: A Word to the Wise (1 Corinthians 2:6-10a)



PM: *A Walk through the Bible: Galatians*



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