

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	Bobby Parmley
Prayer	Mark Smith

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Tim Porter
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	Conner Coffman

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
Opening Prayer	Chris Coffman

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
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Leadership

Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265.5413
Bobby Parmley ... 265.2739

Deacons

Doug Boley ... 265.9870
DB McGhee ... 265.5690
Lilburn Rager ... 265.5766
Larry Ross ... 265.2612
David Watkins ... 265.2560

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Jacky Moore ... 725.6787

THE WEST SIDE STORY

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A Solid Performance

by Jon Partlow

On the stage of God's Word, Jesus made his entrance. Anticipation prepared the audience for his performance; before he spoke his first line, they stood, applauded, and cheered. Critics reviewed his performance as faultless (well, you know that's not true, but who listens to the critics?). All sat intently as he delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Warmth swept the crowds as he displayed his compassion on the vulnerable – the sick, the aged, and the children. Tears of sorrow flowed during the Passion portion of the play, but were followed by tears of joy when Mary stood at the entrance to the open tomb, gazing in wonder.

All loved the play and were moved by the experience, as it was filled with a strong plot, good character development, a surprising plot-twist and plenty of conflict. Who could complain?

To be honest, one complaint could be registered. One moment did surface, when a possible weakness in the play was exposed; you heard the crowd gasp. John had baptized Jesus then made his exit. Jesus stood alone in the spotlight. For an instant, all through Jesus had forgotten his lines and was quoting John's. He looked at the crowd, and instead of whispering, "Grace," he shouted, "Repent!" Instead of a time for unmerited favor, he pointed to a time for repentance (Mk. 1:9-15). This, he defined, as part of good news.

Repentance? The loving and caring Savior who calls everyone to him (see "Repentance" on next page)

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 **Lawrence Oliver**, Johnnie Fletcher's brother-in-law, who passed away. The funeral was Saturday . . . Also to the family of **Mary Fowler**, Billy Fowler's sister-in-law, who passes away a week ago . . . **Glendolene Alder** (will be taking chemotherapy and radiation); **Doug Boley**; **Jane Camp**; **Eva England** (will undergo further chemotherapy); **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** (home on a slow road to recovery); **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 **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); **Tony Deason** (will have his Thyroid removed January 23 at Vanderbilt); **Bethany Fowler** (having migraines and will see a specialist in Nashville); **Ruby Fisher** (Cile's mother, will get her results from a Thyroid test soon); **Mary Weaver** (Sheila Miller's mother, fell in recent days) and **Jerry Weaver** (step-father of Sheila Miller, is having problems with his knees); **Carolyn Wells** (spent Thursday morning in the hospital for dehydration due to ongoing stomach bug); **John Andrew Rager** (Kim Rager's son, nissen fundoplication and mic-key button surgery on Tuesday); **Ida Partlow** (Jon's mother is in Cambodia for three months of mission work).

We need volunteers to . . . prepare the Lord's Supper each week, prepare grief baskets, to change the marquee every week, and to create a quarterly bulletin board (next to the water fountain). Sign up lists are posted on the bulletin board.



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(“**Repentance**” cont.) who offers Living Water, who heals, blesses forgives, and promises eternal life, also calls people to repent? How can “repentance” be the first word uttered from his lips, the word which defines his ministry and his message? That word has a bitter taste in the mouth, reserved, so we think, for John the Baptist and Jonah, but not for the Son of God?! Or does it?

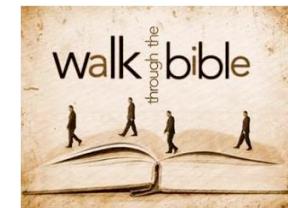
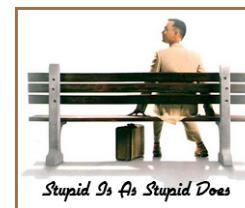
The script remained solid, for repentance is a much a part of God’s Kingdom as the healing and compassion of Jesus is. A change in a person’s heart and behavior is essential for one to abandon sin and embrace joyful forgiveness. One cannot encounter the Son of God without that encounter having a lasting effect on who that person is and what that person does.

Read that script again, and listen to his lines. “The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.”
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Sermons for Today

AM: Stupid Is As Stupid Does (Psalm 107)



PM: A Walk through the Bible: Ephesians



Coming Soon!