

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	Michael Rager
Prayer	Mark Smith

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Danny Bruce McGhee
Preside Lord's Supper	Lilburn Rager & Billy Fowler
Serve Lord's Supper	Doug Boley & Dewayne Alder
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Connor Coffman

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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Leadership

Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265-5414
Danny Bruce McGhee ... 265-5690
Bobby Parmley ... 265-2739

Deacons

Doug Boley ... 265-9870
Lilburn Rager ... 265-5766
Larry Ross ... 265-2612
David Watkins ... 265-2560

Minister

Jon Partlow, D. Min.
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Music Minister

Rocky Rager ... 265-5736

Detention Center Minister
Jacky Moore ... 725-6787

THE WEST SIDE STORY

A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 25, 2012



Overlooking the Obvious by Jon Partlow

Marion was a senior adult (70 years old) living in Indianapolis when she gave her life to Jesus. Such a commitment so late in life is a rare find, which begs the question, "What motivated her decision?" Simply, her niece's church was having a special program one Sunday and Marion decided to attend. She described the services as exciting and the people as friendly. OK, so what was the reason she stepped through the church doors? She said that her niece had invited her, and no one had ever invited her to church before (from Thom Rainer, *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched*, 81).

Someone from her family invited her; no one had ever invited her to church before. Could two statements be more simple and yet so indicting? Maybe; maybe not. Let's consider the ramifications of her statement.

First, her own niece invited her to a church program. Family members are sometimes/often times the successful ones to evangelize relatives. You might think otherwise. Because family members see and know your weaknesses, they would be rebuffed by your evangelistic advances. However, because they see and know your weakness, data shows that they admire your faith and desire to serve God. They see that your Christian faith is not "fly-by-night," but tried and tested.

Secondly, no one had invited her before. You might think that at (see "Obvious" on next page)

Dates, Prayers, & Events

April 1	Ladies Meeting	4:30 pm
April 3	Elders, Ministers, Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
April 4	Birthday-Anniversary Dinner	6:00 pm
May 6	Friends, Family, & Neighbor Day	10:00 am

Remember in Prayer . . . Wayne Addison (suffering from hepatitis); Dewayne Alder (wearing a back brace for injured vertebrae, and will be exploring surgical options); Glendolene Alder (undergoing radiation treatment this month); Doug Boley (waiting for bone marrow results); Jane Camp (Hearthstone 223); Larry Camp (recovering from gastritis) Beth Latham Casey (is now undergoing five weeks of radiation treatments); Eva England (doctors increasing her chemo because of the growth of the cancer); Ronnie Grace (Stacey Boley's uncle has leukemia); Ruth Holland; Lawrence Killebrew (suffering from dementia); Wendell Langham (preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer and will be suspending all treatment); Billy McGhee (has ultra sound on leg April 16); Isaac Passmore (has battled an ear and throat infection, and after a couple of days at Jennie Stuart was sent to Vanderbilt to see a specialist); Bernard McPherson (setting up chemotherapy treatment); Chuck Miller (undergoing chemotherapy); Bobbye Miller (continues to recover from high triglyceride); Tommy Moore; Carol Moberly (under hospice care at home); Brylan Valentine (will see an orthopedic specialist on Monday for his knee);

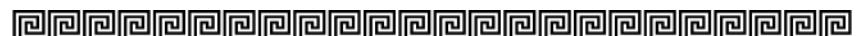
Happenings . . . Remember our 7 seniors who will be graduating this May (Cady Alder, Connor Coffman, Michael Driver, Brittany Fowler, Stephanie Moore, Taylor Partlow, and Michael Rager). Their gift boxes are in the foyer . . . A survey has been placed on the table in the foyer for all the men to fill out and mark which way they are willing to lead in the worship. Please return the surveys to Jon Partlow, Mark Smith, or one of the Elders . . . Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7 . . . VBS will be July 1-4 . . . Friends, Family & Neighbor Day will be May 6. Be thinking about asking someone to worship with us that day.

(“Obvious” cont.) some point in a seventy year history that someone had asked her to attend church . . . and maybe she had been invited but experienced memory loss. Regardless, here was a person, a family member, waiting for someone to invite her to church. How amazing is that? How easy could an invitation be than to someone who is waiting for you to invite them to church?

May 6 is our *Friends, Family & Neighbor Day* at West Side Church. With five weeks to go, now is the time to begin inviting your family members and friends to our worship services. Remember, your longtime friends and family members are the ones most likely to accept an invitation from you to join you for church. They have witnessed your faith, and, chances are, they're just waiting for you to invite them.

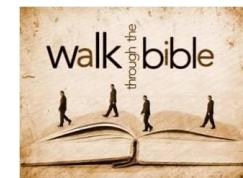
Who are you going to invite to *Friends Day*?

Solo Deo Gloria!

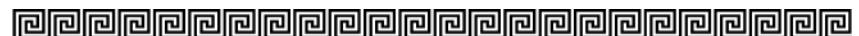


Sermons for Today

AM: EDOM (Obadiah)



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



“Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are...right now.”

Theodore Roosevelt