

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	Matthew Partlow
Prayer	Tim Porter

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

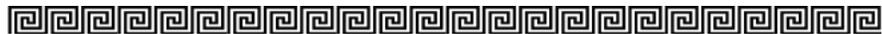
Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Billy McGhee
Preside Lord's Supper	Lilburn Rager & Billy Fowler
Serve Lord's Supper	Doug Boley & Dewayne Alder
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Josh Watkins

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
Opening Prayer	Danny Bruce McGhee

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
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Leadership

Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265-5414
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Bobby Parmley ... 265-2739

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THE WEST SIDE STORY

*A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST*

MARCH 4, 2012



Climbing Up, Breaking Through by Jon Partlow

A few years ago, while I was a counselor at my children's church camp, someone arranged for a portable climbing wall to be brought to camp. All the children got the opportunity to climb the 25 foot wall, and to ring the bell signaling a successful climb.

I stood watching the kids making their ascent, some successfully, others not so successful. When the crowds began to thin, I was given the opportunity to attack the wall. I've had my experience with the wall (or the like) on other occasions, and they have always been unkind to me. I remember middle school gym class where I climbed the rope, only to be eye-level with the basketball goal before I came down. Fear prevented me from reaching the top. On another occasion I unsuccessfully climbed the sand dunes near Tillamook, Oregon. When I reached three quarters of the way to the top, I looked down and saw how small dad was as he waved at me. My brothers reached the top. My best friends reached the top. I reached three quarters of the way and came back down the dunes, defeated.

My first attempt to climb the wall met with the same results. I was disappointed and knew I needed to break through this barrier. I stood watching, deciding that the best way to reach the top was to keep my eyes up and climb without stopping. Don't think, don't look down, just climb. With the harness in place, I began my ascent and this time I met success.

(see "Climbing" on next page)

Upcoming Events

March 4	Ladies Meeting	4:30 pm
March 6	Elders Meeting	7:00 pm
March 7	March Birthday/Anniversary Meal	6:00 pm
March 9	Fish Fry with the Amish	TBA
March 11	Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward 1 hour)	
March 17	Fish Fry for the Alders	4:30-7:00 pm

Remember in Prayer . . . *Glendolene Alder* (undergoing radiation treatment for this month); *Doug Boley* (cat scan is negative; they are waiting for bone marrow results); *Jane Camp* (Hearthstone 223); *Eva England* (doctors increasing her chemo because of the growth of the cancer); *Pam Alder Morris*; *Billy McGhee* (foot is healing, has ultra sound March 19); *Wendell Langham* (who preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer); *Ruth Holland*; *Ronnie Grace* (Stacey Boley's uncle has leukemia); *Ida Partlow* (Jon's mother has returned home early from her mission work due to sickness. She seeing a doctor); *Tommy Moore* (treatment for meycitic 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* (battling pneumonia and is in Jennie Stuart #721); *Jerry Edwards* (recovering from a coronary angiogram); *Bernard McPherson* (will visit Vanderbilt surgeons this week); *Beth Latham Casey* (no sign of cancer in her pathology report); *Carol Moberly* (is in Jennie Stuart #508 being examined after she fell last week); *Cady Alder* (being medicated for physical ailment); *Larry Camp* (ringing in ear will be treated with medication); *Anna Jo Parmley* (pace maker was successfully implanted this past week).

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 . . . *Edith Jackson* turned 80 on February 28. The family is hosting a celebration and is requesting cards for her honor. Her address is 1555 A1A S. #49, St. Augustine, FL 32080 . . . VBS will be July 1-4.

("Climbing" cont.) A couple of years ago, I camped with the Boy Scouts at the Madisonville YMCA, where they have a forty-five foot climbing wall. I spent the day watching the boys make their ascent – cheering them on from the ground – some successfully while others with less success. When I was given a chance, I started my ascent. "Keep my eyes focused on the task, don't look down, keep climbing," I told myself. The climb was exhausting as almost every muscle in my body was used to make the ascent. I collapsed on the platform, realizing only then how terrifying great heights are to me.

We face all kinds of walls and challenges in our lives. These walls can take the form of temptations, trials, life's difficulties, weaknesses, sickness, hardships, etc. We fear failure; we fear even more that failure is final, if not inevitable. The higher we climb, the harder it is to stay focused. We look around, and fear's grip seems unrelenting. If we fall, we wonder, who will catch us?

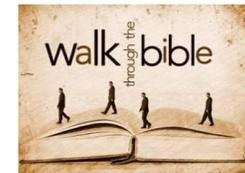
So listen to the words of Paul. He's cheering from the top of the wall, calling you to keep climbing. He knows your tired, scared, frustrated, and that you want to quit. Hear him say, "But one thing (we) do: Forgetting what is behind (us) and straining toward what is ahead, (we) press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called (us) heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13b-14).

Solo Deo Gloria!



Sermons for Today

AM: Church Leadership (1 Timothy 5:17-22)



PM: *A Walk through the Bible: Titus*



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