

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	Connor Coffman
Prayer	Bobby Parmley

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Danny Bruce McGhee
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Smith & Larry Ross
Serve Lord's Supper	Jonathan Partlow & Matthew Partlow
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Doug Boley

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
Opening Prayer	Billy McGhee

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

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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

APRIL 15, 2012



"If I Offended" or "But I Have a Good Reason"

by Jon Partlow

This month has already been a difficult month for those in the public arena. NBC's *The Today Show* had to "own up" for editing 911 tapes leading viewers to conclude that George Zimmerman identified Trayvon Martin as a black man without being asked the color of the teen's skin. KFC Thailand issued an apology for its Facebook post that encouraged people to rush home to watch the news coverage of the earthquake and to order their favorite KFC. Ozzie Guillen flew back to Miami to face Cuban Americans for his inflammatory statement in *Time Magazine* that said, "I love Castro."

We've all seen the public apology, and we've all had to apologize or needed someone to apologize to us. Sometimes we feel good about the apology, and all is restored; however, other times we feel dirty, or empty. I am not an expert on offering apologies or confessing sins, but I have had a lot of experience.

An effective apology/confession is difficult waters to navigate, even if the Bible demands it. Thus, a number of years ago, a friend of mine emailed me a framework by which you can communicate a sincere apology/confession. It came from Peacemakers Ministries, and they call it "The 7 A's of Confession."

Address everyone involved, and do not omit anyone you've have hurt. Avoid "if", "maybe", and "but" because these words are the basis for making an excuse for your behavior, or they become a **(see "Offended" on next page)**

Dates, Prayers, & Events

April 20	Ladies Dinner/Theater Night	5:15 pm
April 29	Ladies Meeting	4:30 pm
May 1	Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting	7:00 pm
May 6	Friends, Family, & Neighbor Day	10:00 am
May 9	Birthday Anniversary Fellowship & Senior Recognition Dinner	6:00 pm
May 13	Mother's Day Luncheon	11:15 am
May 16	Baccalaureate*	7:00 pm

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 (finishing radiation treatments); Doug Boley (waiting for results on tests in Houston); Jane Camp (Hearthstone 223; a birthday card is in the foyer for people to sign); Larry Camp (recovering from gastritis, and is having trouble with his liver and sugar levels); Imogene Dulin (cataract surgery successful); Eva England (doctors increasing her chemo because of the growth of the cancer; she has not felt good); 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); Abby Lee ([Porter] discs in her back giving her problems); Billy McGhee (ultra sound on leg April 16); Bernard McPherson (chemotherapy was to begin last Wednesday); Chuck Miller (undergoing chemotherapy); Bobbye Miller (continues to recover from high triglyceride); Tommy Moore; Ruth Sawyers (bone spur); Stan Wilson (suffering from cellulites).

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 . . . Seniors & Parents: please send Jon Partlow the name (see "Happenings" on next page)



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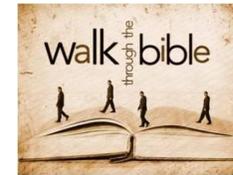
("Offended" cont.) means of deflecting responsibility for your sin; stay away from them. Admit your specific actions and attitudes while avoiding generalizing as much as possible. Apologize and express your sorrow for the hurt you have caused. Accept the consequences for your actions and make restitution; you are not in a position to make demands. Alter your behavior so that people will see the fruit of your repentance (Mt. 3:8). Ask for forgiveness - this final step is important and must be completed last in order for healing to take place.

Apologies are never easy. Confessing our sins to one another, even if commanded by Scripture (Jas. 5:16), runs against the grain of our pride. However, in order for healing to occur, fences to be mended, and forgiveness to be experienced, we must find the heart, and the words, to express our deepest regret. *Solo Deo Gloria!*



Sermons for Today

AM: Over the Rainbow (Acts 17:22-31)



PM: Walk Through the Bible (1 John)



("Happenings" cont.) you want printed on your Bible, which will be presented to the seniors on May 9 . . . *Todd County Central High School will be hosting Baccalaureate on May 16 at 7:00 pm. Because we have so many seniors this year, West Side will dismiss our services that night to participate in Baccalaureate, which will be held at the auditorium. Jon Partlow has been ask to keynote the service. . . . VBS will be July 1-4 . . . Friends, Family & Neighbor Day will be May 6. . . . Group 3 is in charge of the bridal shower for Millie Deason whose wedding is May 12th. Millie has requested a money wreath instead of a shower. Please give monies to Anna Jo Parmley or Bettye Fowler by April 29th . . . Congratulations to Ashley McGhee for passing her state cosmetology test.