

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

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| Song Leader | Rocky Rager |
| Scripture Reading | Dewayne Alder |
| Prayer | Mark Smith |

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

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| Welcome | Dr. Jon Partlow |
| Opening Prayer | Bobby Parmley |
| Preside Lord's Supper | Danny Bruce McGhee & Tim Porter |
| Serve Lord's Supper | Connor Coffman & Michael Rager |
| Sermon | Dr. Jon Partlow |
| Announcements | TBA |
| Closing Prayer | Ethan Boley |

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

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| Song Leader | Rocky Rager |
| Opening Prayer | Jonathan Partlow |

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

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| Song Leader | Jon Partlow |
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Leadership

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Music Minister

Rocky Rager ... 265-5736

THE WEST SIDE STORY

A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAY 27, 2012



Are You Completely Faithful? by Jon Partlow

I drove by the church, whose marquee was scrolling the question, "Are you completely faithful?" I zeroed in on the words "completely faithful." The question made me pause. Almost like an oxymoron, I wondered what the sign meant. I think I understand the meaning behind the message. Are you 100% committed to God or simply going through the motions? Are you a part-time, weekend warrior, or have you given your entire life to God? There is a difference, and too many churches are filled with less than dedicated members.

However, I return to the question as stated on the marquee, Is there degrees in faithfulness? Can you be less than completely faithful to God and still be faithful?

If you were to change the context from church and our relationship with God, to marriage and our relationship our spouse, then how might you answer the question? Can one be less than completely faithful to our spouse and still be faithful? If a man has never cheated on his wife, and yet has wanted to do so, is he being completely faithful or is he just faithful? If he has "wondering eyes", how faithful is he?

If the qualifier, "completely," is needed to understand "faithful," then the person is not very faithful at all. Wouldn't you agree?

A tagline describing Samson appears at the end of his escapades (see "Faithful" on next page)

Dates, Prayers, & Events

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| May 27 | Wedding shower: Amie Walters & Josh Watkins | 2:00 PM |
| May 29 | Jail Ministry Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| June 3 | Summer Series: <i>Elijah: A Burning Ember</i> | 10:00 AM |
| June 3 | Ladies Meeting | 4:30 PM |
| June 5 | Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| July 1-4 | VBS | 6:30-8:00 PM |

Remember in Prayer . . . **Wayne Addison** (suffering from hepatitis); **Dewayne Alder** (concerns about his back); **Glendolene Alder** (waiting for swelling to reduce before seeing the cancer doctor on May 16. She sees the tracheotomy doctor on June 27. She is also battling a cold); **Doug Boley** (undergoing treatment for MDS, a disease common from treatment for cancer); **Jane Camp** (Hearthstone 223); **Larry Camp**; **Phyllis Camp** (undergoing treatment for her cancer and are hopeful); **Cleo Edwards** (G.A. Church's sister and **Bettye Fowler's** aunt, is in critical care in a hospital in Murfreesboro with congestive heart failure); **Eva England** (cancer treatment has been suspended. She went to Jennie Stuart on Thursday, but is home now); **Ronnie Grace** (Stacey Boley's uncle has leukemia); **Ruth Holland**; **Lawrence Killebrew** (suffering from dementia); **Bernard McPherson** (undergoing chemotherapy and will follow it up with radiation treatment. He is at home); **Tommy Moore** (awaiting test results from Vanderbilt).

Happenings . . . VBS will be July 1-4. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin in the foyer . . . The 2012 National Prison Workshop will be held in Nashville. Check for details at www.nationalprisonworkshop.org. The dates for the workshop is June 13-15 . . . The sign up lists posted that still needs filled include: The Marquis, Grief Baskets, Bulletin Board, and drivers for the van to pick up people needing a ride to our services . . . A bridal shower is planned for **Amie Walters** (engaged to **Josh Watkins**) at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 27 from 2:00-3:30 pm. They are registered at Target, Kohls, and Bed Bath & Beyond.



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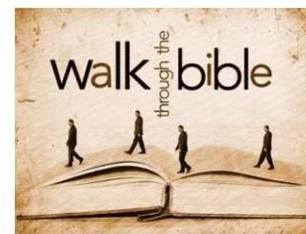
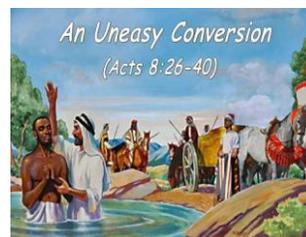
(“Faithful” cont.) with the donkey’s jawbone and before he meets Delilah. The verse reads, “Samson led Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines” (Judges 15:20). I once spoke to a friend of mine who believed that during those twenty years, Samson was faithful to God and to Israel. His early days were characterized by chaos, and his later years by his marriage to Delilah. However, in between he was completely faithful. Maybe so.

I have found that no matter how hard I try, whether we use the qualifier “completely” or not, I find myself a miserable failure in faithfulness to God (Romans 7:21-24). But in my weak faith, God looks at me and views me as faithful, with or without the qualifier. So I am completely faithful, not because I have earned such respect, but because God says I am completely faithful. Does that excuse sinful behavior? No. It gives me the grace to stand. *solo gloria dei!*



Sermons for Today

AM: An Uneasy Conversion (Acts 8:26-40)



PM: Walk Through the Bible (It's a Wrap)



Summer Sermon Series
 Beginning Next Sunday
 June 3, 2012