

# Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. • Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: [oakswestchurchofchrist.com](http://oakswestchurchofchrist.com)

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## Cynicism or Christ

by George Slover

"according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Philippians 1:20)

According to an AFP story, released April 16, 2009, Britain's most popular funeral song is Frank Sinatra's "My Way". Other popular choices included Australian rocker, AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" or Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust". A funeral company in London polled 30,000 respondents. According to Lindsey Sheasby, whose company commissioned the survey, "pop songs now account for more than half of the music chosen for funerals".

There is a sharp contrast between the obvious cynical, depressing view that many have about death and the wonderful attitude stated in the above passage. This brave prisoner is speaking of the positive effects of his plight: the opportunities to share the gospel. He sees the good in the apparent evil.

The secret of the apostle's remarkable attitude is a spirit of complete consecration to Jesus. His expectation is that with boldness Christ will be magnified. Christ is the focus of all his hopes and dreams, therefore none of his thoughts are earthly or selfish. Christ is the object of all his activities. Instead of doing it "my way", Paul was determined to do it Christ's way!

### Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

### Important Dates

**Gospel Meeting -  
South Loop church of  
Christ in Taylor, June  
28-30**

**If you know of  
upcoming events,  
please inform Darrell  
so they can be  
included here.**

Paul magnified Christ in the way he lived. Paul said, For to me, to live is Christ. (Philippians 1:21) His Christ magnifying life was fully devoted to serving others. (Philippians 1:22) It was exemplified by bold living. Having full confidence in the promises of God, he could speak boldly, thus drawing the hearts of men to Jesus. A Christ magnifying life will stand up for Jesus seeking to establish his peaceful rule in the lives of others.

Paul also magnified Christ in the way he died. Paul viewed death as gain. This is not the assertion of a cynic who has outlived the enjoyment of life. There is nothing in his words to cause us to conclude he has soured on life. Paul's destiny is to be with Christ which is far better!

We can share in Paul's marvelous outlook by magnifying Jesus in our lives. Paul shows us how to really live and how to peacefully die. We must claim Christ's rule of peace for ourselves.

## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

**Jerry Richardson's** injured his tongue and had stitches.

**Dinah Williams** continues to have mobility issues.

**Don Simmons** is at home and still on constant oxygen.

**Debbie McMurray** is doing well but will require regular testing.

**Terry Behrns** is recovering at his sister's home

**Margaret Vanaman** is being treated for melanoma.

**Lisa Trammel** is at home and struggling with her cancer and treatments.

**Sylvia Stinnett** had gall bladder surgery.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

*“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”* (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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