



According to Webster's Dictionary:

Sweetheart means, "One who is Loved."

You and your sweethearts are invited to the Sweetheart Banquet planned for February 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

Where? Lower level at West Side

Who? You and your family

The meal will be prepared in its entirety for your pleasure. Don't miss a night of good fellowship, good eats and good fun with your favorite families of West Side participating in a home-made game of "Family Feud". If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet posted across from the Missions' Board. Any questions, see Don Allison.

Hope to see you there!

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The world is watching us, church. The world is watching. We have been shoved to the margins of cultural relevance. Truth, sadly, is no longer a strong selling point. So, how do we let our light shine in moments like these? We serve as beacons of love—a love that bears, believes, hopes, and endures ALL THINGS."

A love, so one former-terrorist once wrote, that never fails.

Perhaps instead of asking, "Who are the terrorists?" Christians should be asking themselves at this moment, "Who is my neighbor?"

Michael Whitworth

"The best cure for empty days or a longing heart is to find people who need you. Just look—the world is full of them."

Notes...

--Note the latest letter from Ronnie Gootam posted on the Missions Board.

--The food pantry needs canned beans and corn this month.

--Joyce Popplewell sends greetings to all. She is expecting to be released to go home from Waters of Muncie by the end of this month.

To Begin the Day

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,
Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in;

Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the silence of the morn,
In heavenly, sweet communion, let your duty day be born.

In the quietude that blesses with a prelude of repose,
Let your soul be soothed and softened, as the dew re-
vives the rose. Anonymous

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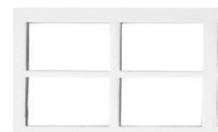
Men of the Congregation...

Mark your calendars for January 30th at 9 AM for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Business Meeting.

Don't Miss it!

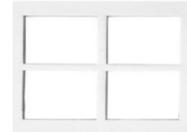


Kids, Don't forget the lock-in next Friday, January 22nd at 7p. See Gary if you have questions.



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January 17, 2016

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am
& 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Michael Gors
Gary Reynolds
Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison
Fellowship

Kendall Clark
Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-Media

Volker Jaromin—
Communication and
Advertising

MISSION WORKS

Russia & India
Mark Reynolds
Memphis School of
Preaching
Ronnie Gootam
Southeast Institute of
Biblical Studies

Preaching
Caleb Taylor
Jonah Stults
Florida School of
Preaching
Scott Pfettscher

New Hampshire
Laconia Church of
Christ
Shane Belanger

Who is My Neighbor?

(I have some very deep reservations about letting thousands of refugees in to our country! I am still not sure it's a good Idea BUT this article caused me to pause and at least consider the author's position vs. my position on the crisis. MJG)

In Luke 10, our Lord and Savior told the following story:

A Jewish man was going down from Jerusalem to Lebanon and he fell among members of ISIS, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now, by chance a preacher was going down that road to a church conference, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So, likewise, a church elder, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But an atheist, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on peroxide and Neosporin. Then, he put him in the backseat of his Prius and took him to a hospital and saw to it that he received medical care. And the next day, he took out a few \$100s and gave them to the attending physician, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Which one of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the members of ISIS?

If you are offended that I took so many blatant liberties with the biblical text, I apologize. But, I don't think I'm far off.

Note that, in the original story, Jesus did the following:

1. He used an all-too-common episode of violence (robbers on the road to Jericho) as the catalyst for the story.
2. He cast two prominent religious figures as inhuman and uncaring as they "passed on the other side."
3. He chose a spiritual/cultural reprobate (Samaritan) as the hero and as one who demonstrated the epitome of compassion and Christian love.
4. He portrayed the reprobate as going above and beyond what was expected, and at great personal threat to himself (robbers could have attacked him as well; a man leading a donkey carrying a wounded person can't travel very fast).

All this to say, maybe Christians shouldn't be so vocal about refusing Syrian refugees. If our government refuses them entrance into our nation or state, fine. If they do grant entrance, we as Christians should be the first to welcome them and minister to their needs, especially their spiritual ones. (Cont. on page 4)

Those Serving Today
JANUARY 17, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Jim Clark
Scripture: Joe Reed

Ephesians 6:10-14

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Stand Against the Devil”

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side— Outside: Rick Cox
 Inside: Jay Kellow
East Side— Inside: Rex Harper
 Outside: Steve Gors

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Cliff Nicks
Scripture: Volker Jaromin

1 John 2:3-6

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“Saying and Doing are Two Different Things”

Communion Table: Richard Messer
Closing Prayer: Adam Gors
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

Remember in Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old
Angie Reed, MS, Daughter-in-law of Joe and Wanda
Anneta Hill, Breast Cancer. Attends Fair lawn
Ashley Shaw, Personal issues
Dana Shaw, Knee surgery.
Forrest Hurst, Doing well after pacemaker implant
Herb & Betty Smith
Holly Chambers
Jeremy Fortner, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall
Jerry Winsor, Cancer. Brother-in-law of Pat Ergle.
Laura Spaulding, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults
Marshall Staggs
Mike Bayer
Pat Kid, Stomach issues
Shawna Schock, Pneumonia
Susan Cloninger, Waiting test results of 1/11
Virginia Southard, Stroke and heart attack

News on Sui Hulloman

According to Sui’s son-in-law, Andy Munson, Sui was to travel home this past Friday from Florida. She will be staying at the Munson home for her recuperation period. Her daughter, Belinda, says that Sui is a little stronger each day. The Munson mailing address is:

Sui Hulloman
2701 West Burgewood Drive
Muncie, IN 47304
Cell phone: 765-760-1889
She welcomes calls and cards

On Duty Today & Wednesday

Group One:
Door Greeters, Building Lock-up and Communion Clean-up

Communion Prep for January:
Kista and Elayna

Remember Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft
Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft
Jim & Marylou Witty—At home
Joyce Popplewell--Waters of Muncie
Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care
Ralph Zeek—Willow Bend
Vada Zeek—Willow Bend

Midweek Service on Wednesday

Jan. 20th

Devotional: Don Allison
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman-
Prayer: Todd Stults

Possessions of Jesus

In the lifetime of Jesus, we do not hear him speak of “my house, my land, my farm, my books, my business, my money”. We do hear him speak of “my Father (Matt. 10:33), my name (John 15:14), my words (Mk 8:38), my sheep (John 10:27), my joy (John 17:13)”. It is significant that our Example thought more of spiritual possessions than of material ones. How empty is the life that is filled only with things.

Happy Birthday

Kassandra---Jan 18
Pat Lee---Jan 30
Jack ---Jan 31
Vivian—Feb 3
Danny—Feb 5



What is happening today?

“Good Sams” to meet after morning worship

2:30p. Ladies Singing with Girls to lead

4p Pearls Class

5p Boys Song leading

- Jan. 19, Men’s breakfast at IHOP, 8a
- Jan. 19, Women’s breakfast, Cracker Barrel in Anderson, 10a.
- Jan. 21, Support Group, “Grafted In” at West Side. 7p
- Jan. 21, High School & College Devo, Towne Acres, 7p
- Jan. 22, Youth lock-in at West Side, begins at 7p
- Jan. 22, Singing at Waynedale, 7-9:30p. Refreshments to follow singing
- Jan. 30, Men’s Fellowship Breakfast and business meeting at West Side at 9a
- Feb. 13, Sweetheart Banquet at West Side, 5p
- Feb. 14, Portland Church of Christ Singing, 2p. Flyer posted
- Feb. 20, Community Teacher’s Appreciation Dinner at West Side
- Feb. 26-28, CYC Youth Challenge in Pigeon Forge, TN

Update: the Ladies Deep Bible Study scheduled for January has been postponed. This class will resume on February 25th.

Message from Kathy,

“The Indiana Blood Center has reached out to me due to the anticipated blood shortage in January, so, we’re considering starting up our quarterly blood drives again. Please let me know if you are willing and able to donate. Some of the donors have moved away or can no longer do it because of health concerns so I need to know if it is still feasible for us to do it. Thanks for your help!”