

Leaders in Worship, February 2017

Morning Worship

Date	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Announcements	Todd Stults	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt
Song Leader	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt	Cliff Nicks
Opening Prayer	Kendall Clark	Bill Smith	Volker Jaromin	Richard Messer
Scripture	Steve Gors	Joe Reed	Lowell Huffman	Carl Gilstrap
Closing Prayer	Rick Cox	Jay Kellow	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison
Sound Room	Adam Gors	Lowell Huffman	Jimmy Clark	Gary Reynolds

Communion Table

<i>West Side</i>	<i>Outside</i>	Bill Winemiller	Jimmy Clark	Joe Reed	Jimmy Clark
	<i>Inside</i>	Rex Harper	Adam Gors	Bill Winemiller	Lowell Huffman
<i>East Side</i>	<i>Inside</i>	Jay Kellow	Jerry Hoyt	Richard Messer	Todd Stults
	<i>Outside</i>	Richard Messer	Steve Gors	Carl Gilstrap	Jim Clark

Evening Worship

Announcements	Todd Stults	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt
Song Leader	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt	Cliff Nicks
Opening Prayer	Jim Clark	Volker Jaromin	Bill Smith	Don Allison
Scripture	Carl Gilstrap	Jim Clark	Rex Harper	Bill Smith
Communion Table	Rex Harper Jay Kellow	Adam Gors Jerry Hoyt	Bill Winemiller Richard Messer	Lowell Huffman Todd Stults
Closing Prayer	Cliff Nicks	Richard Messer	Adam Gors	Kendall Clark
Sound Room	Adam Gors	Lowell Huffman	Jimmy Clark	Gary Reynolds

Wednesday Evening Service

Date	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Devotional	Lowell Huffman	Don Allison	Mike Gors	Todd Stults
Song Leader	Don Allison	Adam Gors	Jimmy Clark	Lowell Huffman
Prayer	Bill Winemiller	Kendall Clark	Richard Messer	Volker Jaromin

Men, the Elders request that you dress appropriately when leading in service.



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Be Wise as Serpents...

It is sometimes difficult to be the kind of people our Lord wants us to be and get along with people in our everyday world. In that regard, little has changed since Jesus' time. When Jesus sent the twelve out to the lost sheep of Israel, He told them the world is a dangerous place and in their dealing with people, they should be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). Generally, we understand that harmless as doves means we should not be abusive and intimidating: nor even be perceived as a threat to those with whom we come in contact. What does "be wise as serpents" mean?

First, wisdom is linked to speech. We read that men from all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon (1 Kings 4:34). Secondly, there are different kinds of wisdom spoken of in the scriptures. We read in 1 Corinthians 1:20, "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" The wisdom of the world is described by James as earthly, sensual and demonic (James 3:15). Conversely, the wisdom from God is described as "...is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits. Without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 1:17).

How can followers of Jesus become wise as serpents in a wicked world? Jesus' apostles became wise through their association with Jesus and His special gift to them. They were told, "I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist: (Lule 2:15). As for us, we can study the scriptures which gives us all the tools we need to be complete and equipped for every good work. (1 Timothy 2:15, 3:1:7). In addition, if we need further help understanding God's will, we can ask God for understanding who gives to all liberally (James 1:5).

*Since wisdom from God comes from a pure heart, we also need to be pure in heart. In a small book titled, **Moments on the Mount**, written in 1963, Ralph Sweet says purity of heart is not simply the lack of sin and evil but the pure in heart are those whose lives are dominated by a love for people. Purity in heart leads one to see the best in people rather than their imperfections.*

The conclusion we draw from these verses is God wants us to communicate His word wisely without hurting the people who hear it. Our words are a reflection of what is inside of each of us (Matt. 12:18). To be wise as serpents means we must first clean up our own hearts. When we do, our words will be peaceable, gentle, reasonable works full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and hypocrisy.

Don Denton

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

Jonah Stults

Florida School of
Preaching

Scott Pfettscher

Sparta Tennessee

Robert Ray

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of
Christ

Shane Belanger

Those Serving Today JANUARY 29, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds
 Song Leader: Cliff Nicks
 1st Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
 Scripture Reading: Bill Smith
Philippians 1:19-26
 Sermon: Mike Gor
"A Christ Centered Life"
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side--Outside: Carl Gilstrap
 Inside: Todd Stults
 East Side-- Inside: Bill Winemiller
 Outside: Joe Reed

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds
 Song Leader: Cliff Nicks
 Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark
 Scripture: Rex Harper
John 2:1-5
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"Jesus Attends a Wedding"
 Communion Table: Todd Stults
 Bill Winemiller
 Closing Prayer: Richard Messer
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Group One Has Building Duties for Today, Jan. 29th

Building Lock-up:
Todd & Genny

Communion Clean-up: Chambers-Family

Greeters: Bill Winemiller & Chambers Family

Communion Prep for February:
Ann

Remember in Prayer

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter -in -law of Joe and Wanda
Bill Ellington, Terminal brain cancer. Husband of Mary Ann's friend, Kim Ellington
Bill Winemiller, Loss of hearing
Brenda Huffman, Lung issues.
Connie Reynolds, Recuperating from back surgery
Donna Crawford, Stroke. Close friend of Lela
Dorothy Potter, Recuperating from hip and knee surgery
Ellen Welker
Gordon Huffman, Health issues, struggling with mobility
Judy Messer, Breast cancer. Richard's sister-in-law
Kathy Harper
Larry Rees, Lung issues
Larry Reynolds, Cardioversion last Wednesday to remedy A-Fib
Mary Ann Bayer, Facial Cellulitis
Rachel Dooley, Critically injured in a head-on collision in TN. She is the daughter of Tim Dooley and a student at Freed Hardeman University. Surgery performed last Wednesday.
Shawn Huffman
Tim Corcoran, Liver cancer
Virginia Southard, Stroke.

Let's Remember Our Shut-ins with Cards and Visits

Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft
Jim & MaryLou Witty--At home
Katie Clingman--Signature Health Care
Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care



Cleaning Crew for February

Auditorium--Lola
Bathrooms--Vivian & Lola
Basement
Classrooms--Reynolds Family
Foyers--Todd

Weekly Contribution Goal:

\$2600

Contribution for

Jan. 22, 2017:

\$1664

Attendance for Week of

January 22, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	57
Sunday AM Worship	95
Sunday PM Worship	54
Wednesday Bible Study	30

Wed. Bible Study-- Feb. 1

Devotional:	Lowell
Song Leader:	Don
Prayer:	Bill Winemiller

Happy Birthday

Pat Lee--Jan. 30
 Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31
 Vivian Bigler--Feb. 3
 Danny Odle--Fe.b. 5
 Janet Messer--Feb. 7
 Bill Winemiller--Feb. 7
 Genny Stults--Feb. 13
 Jonah Stults--Feb. 13
 Dana Shaw--Feb. 19
 Katie Clingman--Feb. 19
 Bryce Bayer--Feb. 19
 Roelena Shumaker--Feb 21, 1942
 Rex Harper--Feb. 22
 Cora Ann Delight--Feb. 24
 Pat Kidd--Feb. 25



Looking Ahead...

January 31, Ladies Breakfast. Cars leave lot at 9:30a
February 11, 8a, CPR class taught by the Red Cross. Cost is \$25 per person. Class will be held in the building. Please sign up if you are interested.
February 18, Blood drive at West Side. 10a-2p. See Kathy for info.
February 18, 7p, Sweetheart Dinner. All ages are invited. We will have another game show between two families who will fight to the finish. Plan to join in for the fun and fellowship. All food will be provided. Sign up sheet is posted on board # 1.
February 24-26, CYC (Christian Youth Conference) in Pigeon Forge, TN

We all join together in sadness and in celebration of the life of Herb Smith, elder at West Side beginning in 1967. Herb passed away early Thursday morning at the age of 88, with his family by his side. He and Betty were among the first to work for the building of the church and to fill the seats of the congregation that would become West Side. Herb toiled tirelessly for the Lord's church and for the betterment of each person's life through Jesus Christ. He was not afraid of the gospel and he wasn't afraid to speak it when the need arose. Any who knew Herb would attest to the courage that he wore every day of his life--as a true warrior of Christ and the church.

"This is why you must take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to resist in the evil day and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation, take the shield of faith and with it you will be able to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is God's word."
Ephesians 6:13-17