

Good News Abounds

--Our L2L Team, mentors and supporters numbered 25 at the conference of Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes at Louisville last Sunday. There were over 1700 in attendance from states including MO, MI, MN, IN, KY, NY, OH. Next year will mark the 50th year of the L2L program to train and mentor youth with the tools to be leaders in the church. Currently, there are five cities that host these young people with plans to add another in Washington, DC for next year. It is a chance for an invigorating look into the minds of these youth that love the Lord's church and want it to grow and be prosper. Those youth from West Side who took part in the L2L program were Jake Clark, Jimmy Clark, Julia Clark, Gavin Birch, Emily Stults, Rachel Chambers, Heather Chambers, Case Reynolds, Elayna Reynolds and Seth Gors. Good going, Team West Side! Many thanks to Todd and Genny Stults who took care of the many needs of the group while there and for their commitment to the L2L program through-out the year.

--Congratulations are expressed to Dr. Susan E. Shirel for successfully defending her doctoral dissertation and completing all degree requirements on Monday, April 2. She will officially graduate from Ball State University on May 5 and will be transitioning back to her faculty teaching position at Harding University over the summer.

Someone with a computer calculated that the average 70 year old has spent his life in the following ways.

Sleeping: 24 years
Working: 14 years
Eating 6 years
Traveling 5 years
Conversing 4 years
Amusing Himself: 8 years

Believe that or not but consider this; If we began at birth and spent three hours a week in church services, we would still only spend less than 30 months in worship of the lord.

For They Watch for Your Souls

Men who serve as elders of the Lord's church have a great responsibility, both to God and to the congregation. Consider 1 Tim 5:17, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

The congregation, in turn, has a responsibility to the elders. Our attitude toward them should be positive; we should love them and give them the respect they deserve. In fact, we are commanded to do this in Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Those who serve as shepherds of the flock are constantly aware that our souls will live forever and they are ever mindful of their responsibility to see that we are being taught and are teaching only sound doctrine.

There is nothing so important as where we will spend eternity. If we go to heaven, we will have everlasting joy but if we go to hell, we will suffer everlasting punishment. Thank God for men who are godly elders, who guide us as we travel the narrow road with the strait gate. My we strive to make theirs a work of joy and peace.

Dale Grissom

Respect for Mom

While the soldiers stood at attention during a parade, a private waved to someone in the audience. "Jones, never do that again!" the drill instructor whispered. A few minutes later, the soldier waved a second time. Back in the barracks, the DI stormed in and barked for Jones to come forward, front and center. "You knew I was coming for you, didn't you?" he screamed. "You knew it was wrong! Aren't you afraid of me?"

"Sir. Yes Sir." Replied Jones. "But you don't know my mother!"

Tender-handed stroke a nettle and it stings you for your pains; Grasp it like a man of mettle and it soft as silk remains. Thomas Fuller

West Side Window

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April 8, 2018

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

Jim Clark-
Visitation

Lowell Huffman-
Media

Volker Jaromin-
Communication
and Advertisement

MISSION WORKS
India
Mark Reynolds

SEIBS
Will Brown

MSOP
Drew Reese



How Not to Fall

There is no clearer statement in the Bible concerning the possibility of our being lost after we have obeyed the gospel than (Galatians 5:4) which says "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law, ye are fallen from grace." God constantly reminds us, through His word, to remain faithful and not to allow sin to reign in our bodies. Since we know we can fall, it is essential that we learn the way to keep from falling. All Christians should live daily with the assurance of God's forgiveness.

"My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And, if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" 1 John 2:1.

The following article by Rent Smith will be of help in our study:

"The Apostle, Paul, wrote in 1 Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body and bring it unto subjection." In doing so, Paul served as an example of what the Apostle Peter was talking about in 2 Peter 1:6 when he wrote that Christians are to add temperance or self-control to their faith in order not to fall.

We live in a world that is out of control and there is a great temptation for God's people to be lax in this area. Children are often not controlled early in life, are not disciplined or taught self-discipline and grow up needing someone or something else to control them. We live in a world where nothing I do is my fault and we are taught to make excuses for our own behavior. Self-control begins with the realization that I am responsible for my choices and actions. We need to stop making excuses for ourselves and others and rise above a society full of impulsive spenders, drug addicts and sex addicts.

Self-control begins with realizing I am responsible for what I do and then I am empowered to know that I can say **no** to myself, to the devil and to anyone who tempts me to do something I should not. Resist the devil and make him flee!

Self-control also means making myself do the things that I should, even when I don't like it. So, as we add to our faith, let us take special note of those times when we are tempted by our emotions and desires to **not** be Christ-like but to walk in Christ's steps anyway and do the right thing. Then, we will be growing in self-control.

Gary Puryear

Leaders in Worship Today

April 8, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Jerry Hoyt
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Richard Messer
Scripture Reading: Joe Reed

Isaiah 46:3-11

Sermon: Mike Gors
"Who is Like the Lord?"

Closing Prayer: Jim Clark
Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side--Outside: Andrew Ferguson
 Inside: Jay Kellow
East Side-- Inside: Adam Gors
 Outside: Rick Cox

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Jerry Hoyt
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Opening Prayer: Jim Clark
Scripture Reading: Carl Gilstrap

Acts 7:54-60

Sermon: Mike Gors
"O, To be Like Thee"

Communion Table: Adam Gors
Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark
Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Group One Duties

for the Month of April

*Greeters: Annex: Norma P & Norma H
 Carport: Richard & Janet
 Front: Kendall & Jane*

Lock-Up and Trash to Curb: Gors Family

Communion Clean-up: Ann Witty

Communion Prep for April:

Emily

Remember in Prayer

Alex Odle, Diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Cards are appreciated.

Lance Corporal Alex Odle

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Beaufort, South Carolina 29904-9998

Angie Quire, Friend of Sally Anderson. Angie suffered a massive stroke with subsequent surgery to relieve bleeding on the brain. Has been placed on a trach at IUBMH.

Anna Funk

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter-in-law of Joe and Wanda

Becky Hummel, Pneumonia. Placed on a trach and moved from ICU last Sunday. Is doing better overall. May go to rehab before returning home. She is blowing kisses to us all at West Side.

Betty Smith, Back from Arkansas but ill with a cold.

Carl Sadders, Critically injured by a bull. Family member of Ann's customer.

Chad Dunscombe, Son-in-law to Pat Ergle and husband to Pamela, has been diagnosed with kidney disease. Tests are pending. The couple lives in Martinsville. Cards are appreciated.

Chad Dunscombe

2795 Hancock Ridge

Martinsville, IN 46151

Connie Reynolds, Radiation treatments are ongoing

Jennifer Duke Odle, Cancer

Kathy Harper

Lela Proctor, Radiation treatments are ongoing

Lowell Huffman, Having eye surgery April 10, 2018

Melissa Gaw, Second surgery planned for May

Molly Hemmings, Thyroid Cancer

Richard Messer, Spinal surgeries are pending, now in PT

Shaun Ergle, Skin Cancer. Pat's son and Kista's brother

Steve Gors, Recovering from hernia surgery

"The Lord has heard my supplication, The Lord receives my prayer." Psalm 6:9

Weekly Contribution Goal: \$2440

Contribution for

April 1, 2018

\$2048

Attendance for

Week of April 1st.

Sunday Bible Study 33

Sunday AM Worship 74

Sunday PM Worship 50

Wednesday Bible Study 35

Wednesday Bible Study

April 11th

Song Leader: Adam Gors

Prayer: Cliff Nicks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kendall Clark--April 1

Lola Harrell--April 2

Sui Holloman--April 6

Seth Gors--April 9, 2008

Jacob Harper--April 10

Becky Hummel--April 10

Pat Ergle--April 14

Kara Latta--April 15

Jessica Gors--April 17

Sue Davis--April 20

Teresa Allison--April 21

Bill Smith--April 24

Bret Allison--April 29

Looking Ahead

--April 10, Ladies Breakfast

--April 15, 2:30 Area wide singing, South Side at Portland Church of Christ. See flyer

--April 20-21, Lock-in at Camp Indogan with Director, Wayne Poe, Ages 8-18

--April 21, Movie showing at the building @ 7p, "Coco"

--April 28, Spring Benefit Dinner at Camp Indogan with speaker, Scott Reece.

--May 18-19, Men's Retreat at Ft. Hill Camp in OH. Flyer posted.

--June 17-24, Youth Camp at Ft. Hill Youth Camp in OH. Focused on L2L achievements. See flyer.

--June 24-30, All Ages Week 1 at Camp Indogan. (ages 8-18)

***...For He is the living God and enduring forever,
And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed,
And His dominion will be forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."***

Daniel 6:26-27

Remember Our Shut-ins

Lana Blanchard--Albany Health Care

Marylou Witty--At home

Joyce Popplewell--Heritage in Yorktown

What are we to honor, love and fear?

Read 1 Peter 2:17

