

Worship Service for May 2014

Date	4	11	18	25
Morning Worship				
Announcements	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor
Prayer	Bill Winemiller	Danny Odle	Joe Reed	Don Gaw
Scripture Reading	Jimmy Clark	Adam Gors	Steve Gors	Bill Smith
Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt
Closing Prayer	Volker Jaromin	Rick Cox	Howard Goodman	Joe Reed

Communion Table				
Prayer	Rex Harper	Jim Smith	Bill Winemiller	Richard Messer
West side	Outside Larry Terrell	Carl Gilstrap	Carl Gilstrap	Larry Terrell
	Inside Matthew Terrell	Nick Qualkenbush	Jay Kellow	Jimmy Clark
East side	Inside Jacob Martin	Sean Bobo	Rick Cox	Chris Schombert
	Outside Sean Bobo	Bill Smith	Richard Messer	Joe Walker

Evening Worship				
Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison	Jerry Hoyt
Prayer	Don Gaw	Jay Kellow	Chad Bobo	Adam Gors
Scripture Reading	Kendall Clark	Don Allison	Howard Goodman	Rick Cox
Communion Table	Don Allison	Rex Harper	Volker Jaromin	Richard Messer
Closing Prayer	Larry Taylor	Joe Reed	Kendall Clark	Volker Jaromin
Sound Room	Jerry Hoyt	Gunnar Taylor	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison

Door Greeters: Group 2

Communion Prep: Tyann Huffman Clean Up: Group 2

Men: If you cannot fulfill the appointment contact Larry Reynolds 749-1278.

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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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Are Christians Guilty of “Brainwashing” Their Children?”

By Eric Lyons, M.Min.

The more worldly and ungodly American society becomes, the more devout Christians will be criticized and persecuted for their beliefs and actions. One popular criticism that has been levied against Christians in recent years involves the Christian home. Allegedly, Christian parents are guilty of brainwashing their kids. Before children are old enough to digest for themselves all of the evidence for God’s existence, the Bible’s inspiration, or Jesus’ deity, some Christians (though sadly not near enough) are ingraining these beliefs into their children. Faithful Christian parents regularly and systematically teach their children fundamental Christian teachings without apology. Is this not a form of brainwashing? Is it not “forcible indoctrination”? How do Christians respond to the “brainwash” accusation? First, we freely and unashamedly admit that we instruct our children in the ways of God from the time that they are born until they leave home. We sing to them about God. We talk to them about Jesus. We read to them from the Holy Spirit’s inspired Word. Moses instructed the Israelites: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:5-9). Just as “Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52), so the children of Jesus’ followers should be brought up “in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). But is this really the right thing to do? Is it not arrogant to teach kids that atheists and agnostics are wrong and that theists are right? Should we not let kids decide on their own if they want to believe in God? Is it not cultish to say Jesus “is the way, the truth, and the life”—that no one will live eternally in heaven except through Him (John 14:6)? Shouldn’t children be allowed to think for themselves? The fact is, **all** parents (even atheistic and agnostic parents) teach their children that certain things are true and certain things are false; that some things are right and other things are wrong. Think about it: Can parents teach their children that 2 + 2 = 4, or must they allow their children to learn this for themselves? Can a mother teach her children that they are not ever to crawl into a freezer and close the door, or must she allow her children to risk suffocation and “learn on their own”? Can a father forbid his son from touching his guns and knives, or should he just leave them on the floor for the child to discover on his own what he should or should not do with such things? Can parents teach their children that they are to be kind to one another, and if they bite and hit each other they will be punished? Can parents teach their children that lying is wrong? Or, must parents simply allow the children to lie whenever they want, and to make up their own minds if lying is wrong for them when they become 18? Most rational adults would never sanction such foolish “parenting.” All parents “brainwash” their children about certain things. [Furthermore, we also understand that children grow up and ultimately decide for themselves what they want to believe and how they want to act, (Cont. on page 3)]

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison- Advertise-
ment/Communication
Kendall Clark- Benevo-
lence/Visitation
Rex Harper- Building &
Grounds
Lowell Huffman-
Bible Correspondence
Course and Widows/
Widowers
Volker Jaromin- Educa-
tion
Larry Reynolds- Evan-
gelism
Todd Stults- Finance,
Lads to Leaders &
Leaderettes

MISSION WORKS

Tanzania, Africa
Christopher
Mwakabanje
plus two preaching
school students
India
Scott Richards
Russia & India
Mark Reynolds
Memphis School of
Preaching
Armand Wine
Southeast School of
Biblical Studies
Josh Taylor
Lake Regions church of
Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR April 27

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
 Scripture Reading: Carl Gilstrap
 Psalm 19:1-7
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: "Gods World, Gods Word"
 Closing Prayer: Joe Reed

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Lowell Huffman
 West Side—Outside: Larry Terrell
 Inside: Bill Smith
 East Side—Inside: Chris Schombert
 Outside: Joe Walker

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark
 Scripture Reading: Rick Cox

 Sermon: Todd Stults
 Sermon Topic: Lads to Leaders 2014
 Convention Presentation
 Communion Table: Richard Messer
 Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Sound Room: Don Allison

May

DOOR GREETERS: Group 2
COMMUNION: **Prep:** Tyann Huffman
Clean-up: Group 2
BUILDING CLEANING: Richard, Janet,
 Danny, Joan, Joe, Wanda, Brian, Tyann

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ashley, Lisa Staggs granddaughter.
Mike Bayer, Mary Ann's husband.
Betsy Cartwright, Lela's friend.
Tom Davis, Sue's husband.
Winston Chambers, Ira's dad.
Lonni Ergle, having tests.
Carl Gilstrap
Emma Gors
Brenda Huffman
Delores Huffman
Margaret Huffman
Brad Hoyt, Jerry's cousin.
Duane Latta, Howard's son
Walter Nash, Chad Bobo's uncle.
Marie Owens, Kathy's aunt.
Gail Parker
Ronda Parker, R. L. Ogletree's daughter.
Steve Reed, Joe and Wanda's son.
Brett Rutherford, missionary.
Waldo Robbins, Gail's father.
Art Selby, Carl & Martha Gilstrap's family member.
Shawna Schock
Ashley Shaw
Donnita Ward, friend of the Gors has breast cancer.

Shut-Ins:

Lana Blanchard -Albany Health Care.
Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft
Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF April 20, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	52
Sun. Worship am	125
Sun. Worship pm	69
Wed. Bible Study	66

Wednesday Night Devotionals

April
 30-Chad Bobo
May
 7-Larry Reynolds

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April —29 Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
April—29 Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
May—1 Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building
May—3 Lincolnway church of Christ lectureship in Columbia city. See news board for more info.
May—3 Men's fellowship meeting.
May—4 Bethel Pointe nursing home service 2p.
May—6 Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
May—6 Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
May—8 Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.
May—11 Family Day at West Side.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Brett Allison—April 29
 Wanda Reed—May 1
 Maliyah Allison—May 3
 Emma Gors—May 8
 Larry Terrell—May 11
 Howard Goodman—May 12
 Norma Perry—May 12
 Dorothy Potter—May 13
 Kelli Harper—May 13
 Betty Curry—May 15

Visitors—We are so thankful you are here today. We hope that you feel comfortable and welcome here at West Side. Please stay a few minutes after service so that we can meet you personally. If we can answer any questions or if you have the need for prayer or the desire to study God's word. Please let us know how we may serve you. We encourage you to come back again for our next assembly.

What's happening here...

All sermons are recorded- to request a copy fill out information card with date of sermon and your name. A basket is located on the table below bulletin board with blank cards.

Members—Please be sure to check the bulletin board's weekly for updates, information, and letters from the works we support. Please utilize the request forms for any of the following; Prayer, Announcements, Place in Bulletin, Purchase Requests, Building and Van Usage.

Are Christians Guilty of "Brainwashing" Their Children?" (Continued from page one) regardless of past influences (cf. Joshua 24:15; Revelation 22:17).] In truth, Christians teaching their children that God exists or that the Bible is God's Word is as logical, truthful, and fundamental as teaching them that 2 + 2 = 4. If parents can teach their children laws of science, such as the Law of Causality, the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics, and the Law of Biogenesis, then they are implicitly teaching their children that God exists, because all of these laws point to a Creator. If parents can teach children that no mere man knows the future, and then read from the Bible dozens of examples of fulfilled prophecies, they have simply taught the fundamental fact that the Bible is a book of Supernatural origin. Indeed, God exists and the Bible is His Word. God wants us to teach our children about Him and His Word because it is the **right** thing to do. If it is acceptable to teach our kids about reading, writing, and arithmetic, about the laws of science, and about how bad lying and murder are, it most certainly is rational to teach children about the evidence for God's existence and the reliability of His Word. After all, we would not even have reading, writing, arithmetic, laws of science, truth, the value of human life, etc. without God. He is the foundation of every good and true thing. He "is true" (John 3:33). His "Spirit is truth" (1 John 5:6). His "word is truth" (Psalm 119:160; John 17:17). And the truth will set men free (John 8:32). **Nothing** is more important to teach children. *If Apologetics Press may help you effectively "brainwash" (i.e., instruct) your children in the ways of God, please do not hesitate to call upon us. (www.apologeticspress.org)