

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR—(ROMANS 10:17; MATTHEW 7:24-27)

BELIEVE—(HEBREWS 11:6; MARK 16:15-16)

REPENT—(ACTS 2:38; 17:30; LUKE 13:3)

CONFESS—(MATTHEW 10:32,33; ACTS 8:36)

BE BAPTIZED—(ACTS 2:38; GALATIANS 3:27)

LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO DEATH—(REV. 2:10)

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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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“Train Up A Child” — What Does It Mean

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Proverbs 22:6 is a pithy statement, but packs a powerful punch. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” This proverb solidly affirms that parental guidance plays an essential role in the spiritual maturation of children. And a probe into its meaning uncovers parenting gems whose practicality enhances their worth. Consider these: First, this is a proverbial statement, and must be interpreted in light of its literary characteristics. Frequently, Bible students approach the proverbs as direct commands that carry secure promises. Such a strict reading of this proverb has haunted parents whose children have abandoned the Christian values that they so prayerfully attempted to instill in them. Yet, biblical proverbs are neither commands nor promises. They are brief, particular expressions of general truth with the inherent possibility of exceptions. To use Proverbs 22:6, therefore, as a litmus test for one’s parental success abuses its nature, and frequently causes unwarranted guilt. Second, the proverb does offer some divine insight into the art of rearing children. This inspired saying says more than for parents to apply rules inflexibly in identical fashion to each child. Children, even in the same family unit, have differing personalities and abilities, and do not respond uniformly to instruction. The phrase “in the way he should go,” actually verifies this fact. Literally, the phrase in Hebrew is: “according to the mouth of his way.” This enigmatic expression has been the subject of much scholarly discussion. Apparently, however, the phrase is an idiomatic way of referring to a child’s specific personality and peculiar traits. The “way,” therefore, does not refer to the “strait and narrow path” mapped out by God’s Word, but to the singular characteristics of each child. Parents are to inaugurate (from *hanak*, usually translated “train”) their children in the way paved by their unique dispositions. This is the behavioral and attitudinal course from which a child, as a general rule, will not deviate as indicated in the following phrase: “When he is old, he will not turn from it.” This does not, however, endorse a humanistic approach to child rearing in which parents simply assist each child to clarify his or her own values. Since this proverb appears in the divine volume, it assumes a theistic perspective on life—a life lived in recognition of God’s sovereignty. Hence, this proverb counsels parents to apply judiciously God’s principles to each child, with due consideration to his or her individual traits. In addition, parents are challenged to help each child recognize and sharpen his or her particular abilities, and use them to God’s glory. This proverb, therefore, cautions parents that the rearing of their children often must be as unique and diverse as the number of children God has given them. (www.apologeticspress.org)

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 May 4

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Bill Winemiller
 Scripture Reading: Jimmy Clark
 Ephesians 3:14-19
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: "Love Without Measure"
 Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Rex Harper
 West Side-Outside: Larry Terrell
 Inside: Matthew Terrell
 East Side- Inside: Jacob Martin
 Outside: Sean Bobo

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 2 Timothy 4:1-5
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: "Fulfill Your Purpose"
 Communion Table: Don Allison
 Closing Prayer: Larry Taylor
 Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

May
DOOR GREETERS: Group 2
COMMUNION: **Prep:** Tyann Huffman
Clean-up: Group 2
BUILDING CLEANING:

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 Ertle
Bill Guthrie
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 -Elmcraft
Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF April 27, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	91
Sun. Worship am	136
Sun. Worship pm	92
Wed. Bible Study	70

Wednesday Night Devotionals

May

7-Larry Reynolds
14-Lowell Huffman
21-Adam Gors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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—7 Evangelism committee meeting, 7p at the building.
May—8 Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.
May—11 Family Day at West Side.
May—13 Men's fellowship breakfast, 8a at IHOP.
May—13 Ladies breakfast, 10a at IHOP.
May—15 Chronological bible reading group meeting, 10a-12p at the building.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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
 Jacob Clark —May 16
 Jessica Gors—May 17
 Kista Reynolds—May 18

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.

Members— Reminder the invites for our Family Day are located on the tables below the bulletin board. Please take as many as you need and remember to bring the tear-off section and place in the box so that we can send a personal letter to your family.

Could it Be?

....that people reject the Bible — not because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them?

....that some brethren do not attend various worship periods and Bible study classes because Christ is not really their "first love?"

....we utterly abhor the violence going on in the world, yet do not think twice about what our families entertain themselves with on television and at the movies?

....that some brethren honestly see no connection between commitment, attendance, and involvement?

Unknown